



## November 2017 Newsletter

**President: Bryan Hopper**

### **Committee members 2017/2018**

Mike Benson	Chairman
Tim Bullock	
Ian Cowdy	Editor - Newsletter
Stephen Greenaway	Vice Chairman, Spray and swarm liaison.
Clive Harris	Treasurer
Kathy Hobson	Secretary, membership secretary.
Andy Jones	
Nicola Perrett	
Christopher Wilkinson	

### **Meeting 30.11.17**

*Mike Benson and Clive Harris are letting us in to the secrets of making Mead and also Honey Brandy. There will be tastings – a meeting not to be missed!!!!*



### **Membership**

Thanks to those who have renewed already. The form is attached in case you missed the original mailing.

### **Chapel Hill**

As mentioned at the AGM there is a possibility of an apiary site at Chapel Hill. Members of the committee have visited the site and met with the site manager. We are waiting for a response from him and will keep Club members informed of progress

### **Training and Education**

If anybody wants to undertake the Basic assessment next year (March to April) please contact Stephen Greenaway asap. Starting Beekeeping course dates will be available soon

### **Club logo clothing:**

Nicola Perrett holds a small stock of fleeces, polo and sweat shirts. If you would like to purchase one please contact her at [nicola.perrett@btinternet.com](mailto:nicola.perrett@btinternet.com)

### **Club Apiary:**

A work party will be required to help clear up the apiary – the more volunteers the better – date to follow

### **Club meetings:**

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month throughout the year except December. Venue is in the Skittle Alley at the Haydon Wick Club, Blunsdon road, Swindon SN25 1JD. Start time 1930 hrs

### **Next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> December**

This is our annual Skittles evening. It is always fun and of course there is chance to win the coveted “killer” trophy !!!

2018 meetings – topics are open for suggestion, definitely for March or April we will run a swarm prevention talk with a practical demonstration.(minus bees though)

Any suggestions for talks etc. please pass to Kathy Hobson or Mike Benson

### **Miscellaneous**

If you have pictures of anything related to beekeeping or something unusual please send to me so it can be included in future newsletters.

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