



September 2016

Newsletter

Letter from the Chair

We are now moving into autumn and there is still work to be done in the hive. Firstly remove all your honey, and remember to leave plenty of stores for the winter, then you need to do a varroa check and treat as required. I have inspected the hives at the Swindon Apiary and the three new colonies that were purchased in May are very strong so we could see the results of our labours next season. We have the Swindon Honey Show next Thursday evening; please bring along some of your hive products, the more that take part makes it a successful event. I look forward to seeing you all on the night.

Mike Benson

Invasive Asian Hornet spotted in Britain for first time, experts confirm – see BBC News 20.9.16



Swindon Honey Show

You should have all received the Schedule for Thursday's Show. As mentioned in the July Newsletter it has been decided not to have open judging this year. The committee discussed what to do whilst the judging is taking place and Jennie Barnes suggested a Quiz. This will be general knowledge with one round "bee related". There will also be a candle rolling competition and the blind taste class will be judged by Club Members who have not entered the class. Our Honey Shows in the past have been successful but it is down to members to enter as many classes as they can. **If you haven't entered before please give it a go**



EQUIPMENT

A big thank to Terry Knight who has looked after the Club's equipment for the past few years. Sadly for us he is moving out the area and can no longer do this. If you need an extractor please let Kathy know for the present.

THE CLUB APIARY AT TWIGS

As Mike said in his report the three new colonies are settled and doing well. The other colony is now strong.

The apiary at TWIGS is **your** apiary and it would be great to see members coming to either help or just to "have a look".

Next Saturday (1.10.16) Kathy will be there at 10.30am and could do with some help – with the bee inspection and to tidy up the apiary etc if you help please let her know.



*Nicola Perrett holds a small stock of fleeces,
polo shirts and sweat shirts
If you would like to purchase one please contact her
nicola.perrett@btinternet.com*

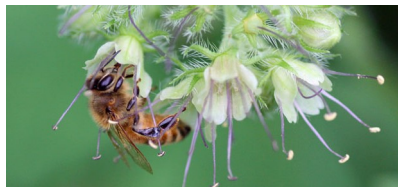
FUTURE MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER	29	HONEY SHOW & QUIZ
OCTOBER	27	AGM & OPEN FORUM
NOVEMBER	24	DVD - THE YEAR CYCLE OF THE BEE

Our annual Skittles evening is on Thursday 8th December

The AGM will be held on 27.10.16 – if you would like to join the committee please let Kathy know asap.

The committee has started planning the 2017 meetings but always welcome suggestions. Please contact Kathy with any ideas or suggestions



**Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month throughout the year (except December) in
The Skittle Alley, Haydon Wick Club,
Blunsdon Road, Swindon SN25 1JD
Meetings start at 7.30pm**