



BEEKEEPERS

## June 2018 Newsletter

**President: Bryan Hopper**

### **Committee members 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	

### **Next Meeting 28.6.18**

Club member Jenny Hawkin will talk to us about Bee products and health benefits. This is something we haven't heard about before so it should be a very interesting evening.

### **Apiary tasks**

Hopefully you should have colonies building up in numbers with healthy laying queens, check for Varroa now before you add too many supers. If necessary you can take the supers off temporarily to avoid spoiling the honey. This is more important than maximising your honey harvest as the Varroa vectored viruses are considered to be the major cause of colony loss!

It's not too late to consider splitting strong colonies to make increase; the half without a queen will need feeding and won't produce honey this year except for their winter stores

### **Training and Education**

The Starting Beekeeping course has just finished. A big thank you to Nicola Perrett who ran the course with the help of Ian Cowdy, Mike Benson and Andy Jones.

If you are considering any form of training or further education to improve your beekeeping skills then please contact any committee member.

### **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.co](mailto:nicola.perrett@btinternet.co)

### **Club Apiary**

We now have four new colonies at TWIGS. These were successfully transferred from their travel Nucs to National brood boxes by the current "Starting beekeeping" course members. This type of practical training far outweighs the formal classroom teaching albeit not to be discounted. Two of the new colonies will be transferred to the new club apiary at Lydiard Tregoze. This has yet to be set up, but the infrastructure will be in place before the July club meeting. The July meeting will be held at the Lydiard site and all are welcome.

The second club apiary will allow us to carry out 24/7 apiary tasks and practical demonstrations with hands on experience to any members who turn up!

## **TWIGS Open days**

24 June 2018

22 July 2018

Although these are primarily Twigs days we do open the beekeeping shed so visitors can view the apiary. This requires help from members who are prepared to answer questions related to beekeeping. You can of course sell your own honey at the same time.

## **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

28 <sup>th</sup> June	Jenny Hawkin – Bee products and health benefits.
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Visit the new apiary at Lydiard Tregoze There is no July meeting at Haydon Wick Club Full details will be in the July Newsletter
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Ron Hoskins – Small hive Beetle
27 <sup>th</sup> September	SDBKA Honey show and quiz night
25 <sup>th</sup> October	SDBKA AGM and open forum
29 <sup>th</sup> November	tba
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Annual Skittles

Above list will be subject to change depending on availability of speakers.

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

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

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## **GDPR (Data Protection)**

As you may be aware new rules came into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. All members gave permission on the 2018 membership form for personal details to be shared with the BBKA and the WBKA for entries in their year books and for SDBKA to hold the details. If you wish to be removed from this arrangement please email Kathy Hobson as soon as possible. If no instruction is received by 25 June 2018 then it will be assumed you agree to the existing arrangement.

