



BEEKEEPERS

## October 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:**

Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> September at Haydon Wick – The AGM, please try to attend as this is your opportunity to voice your opinions over how the association is run.

Mike Benson will be stepping down as chairman and we will have to elect someone!

Do you want to be on the committee?

### **Apiary tasks**

A work party is required for the 17<sup>th</sup> of November at the Twigs apiary, starting at 1030.

Kathy Hobson will send out a flyer early November asking for volunteers.

Feeding of all colonies has now ceased at both sites. No Varroa treatment was needed as the mite counts were extremely low!

### **Training and Education**

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.com](mailto:nicola.perrett@btinternet.com)

### **Membership**

Don't forget return your form and pay the subscription if you want to be entered in the WBKA Year book by 31.10.18

## Royal Wootton Bassett Historical Society

For the 2019 agenda the society would like a speaker to talk about beekeeping through the ages. If you can do this you would be able to charge a fee plus expenses, please contact me [ian.cowdy@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.cowdy@btinternet.com) or 07711046922 and I will put you in touch with the organisers.

## Honey Bee Times Editor and other posts becoming vacant!

Is anybody interested in taking over the editor's role for this prestigious beekeeping publication? Please contact Mike Benson.

Jennie Hawkins who currently maintains our website would like to hand over the reins to somebody else, anyone with IT skills who is interested should contact Jennie: [jennieb2008@hotmail.com](mailto:jennieb2008@hotmail.com)

## SDBKA Honey Show

A well turned out event, enjoyed by all! There were lots of entries some of which were very tasty.

### SDBKA HONEY SHOW RESULTS 2018

CLASS	1ST	2ND	3RD
1lb Light run honey	<i>MICK CARTER</i>	<i>MIKE BENSON</i>	<i>PETER HINTON</i>
1lb Medium run honey	<i>SHIRLEY STONE</i>	<i>JENNY HAWKINS</i>	<i>MIKE BENSON</i>
1lb Dark run honey	<i>MIKE BENSON</i>	-----	-----
1lb Soft set honey	<i>PETER HINTON</i>	<i>MIKE BENSON</i>	<i>MIKE BENSON</i>
Blind Taste Honey	<i>SANDRA CARTER</i>	<i>IAN COWDY</i>	<i>STEPHEN GREENAWAY</i>
Bottle of mead - Dry	<i>STEPHEN GREENAWAY</i>	<i>MIKE BENSON</i>	<i>MIKE BENSON</i>
Bottle of mead - Sweet	<i>JENNY HAWKINS</i>	<i>MIKE BENSON</i>	<i>MIKE BENSON</i>
Bottle of flavoured mead	<i>MIKE BENSON</i>	<i>MIKE BENSON</i>	-----
Display of bee products	<i>JENNY HAWKINS</i>	<i>MIKE BENSON</i>	-----
A5-size photograph	<i>MICK CARTER</i>	<i>IAN COWDY</i>	<i>IAN COWDY</i>
Honey cake to recipe	<i>SHEILA RUMMING</i>	<i>SANDRA CARTER</i>	-----

### TROPHIES

Best in Show	<i>JENNY HAWKINS</i>
Highest Points	<i>MIKE BENSON</i>
Best mead	<i>STEPHEN GREENAWAY</i>
Novice	<i>MICK CARTER</i>
Best Cake	<i>SHEILA RUMMING</i>

Thank you to all who made my Australian cousin welcome, she enjoyed the evening and even being conscripted into the role of blind honey tasting judge.

Thanks also to Geraldine Lenert from West Wiltshire branch of the WBKA who was our Judge for the evening.



## 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

25 <sup>th</sup> October	SDBKA AGM and open forum
29 <sup>th</sup> November	DVD and open forum
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Skittles (TBC)

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  
This Newsletter is more than list of events and needs input from members so 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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