



September 2019 Newsletter

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August's Club meeting

This meeting was held at the Park Farm apiary, members inspected the three club colonies and thanks to our hosts Frances and Sheila Rumming we spent the latter part of the meeting in the barn enjoying Sheila's tea, coffee and homemade cake and biscuits.

September meeting.

This is our own Swindon and District Honey Show - let's try and make it a really good one! Even if you have nothing to exhibit just turn up to chat with other bee keepers and look at the exhibits. There is always cake and things to taste after the judging has been completed. The agenda has been emailed to you but is attached just in case you can't find it!!!!

Bee keeping in the autumn

You should have a good idea by now of which colonies you will nurture through the coming winter, if you have any doubt please ask for help. There are plenty of experienced members who are only too willing to come and look and give advice.

Please, please keep a lookout for Asian hornets! I kept wondering why my garden willow tree was full of wasps and European hornets only to discover the tree was infested with abnormally large black aphids. Obviously at this time of the year Hornets like honeydew as well.

Swarm collection

The swarm collectors list is now on our website, if you wish to be added for next year or your names have been missed then please contact Kathy Hobson or Stephen Greenaway ASAP.

Wiltshire Bee and Honey Day 5.10.19

It's not too late to enter or to volunteer to help run the County Show which will be held again at Devizes Town Hall. If you need any information, the agenda or entry details please email Kathy Hobson

Twigs Apiary

The colonies are well and honey has been removed for extraction.

The big news is that Twigs has had quotes to remove the Leylandii border and the council gave the lowest quote for total cut down and removal all from the AWBS side of the boundary. The Committee is investigating whether we can get the trees bordering the apiary included as well.

Park Farm apiary

The last club meeting was held at the apiary and it was a success! We shall repeat this next year albeit at an earlier date to avoid running out of daylight. Two supers were removed which on extraction produced approx. 25 – 30 lbs of honey.

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

September	26th	Club Honey Show and Quiz
October	31st	Club AGM and Open forum
November	28th	tba
December	12th	Skittles

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

TWIGS

5th October Apple Fayre – we have been asked by TWIGS to take part in this so look out for the volunteer request email

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

This Newsletter should be more than a 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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