



October 2019 Newsletter

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Committee members 2019

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Clive Harris	Treasurer
Kathy Hobson	Secretary, membership secretary.
Andy Jones	
Nicola Perrett	
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October meeting.

The Annual AGM where you can pretend we are a mini parliament and reach no satisfactory conclusion to any of the proposals raised. If you are really clever you may be able to postpone the AGM until next year.

Please try to attend as this is your association and your views are valuable.

Septembers Club meeting; Our Honey show was a great success, in that the most entries ever were recorded, though from fewer members. A great quiz thanks to Kathy, although some with very good memories remembered the answers!



Mike and Kathy receiving awards for their entries.



Bee keeping in the autumn

Apart from feeding, now is the time to start planning for next year. Clean and store equipment etc.

Twigs Apiary

The committee has decided to let SBC cut down the Leylandii trees at a cost of £2000. There will be further costs to repair the fencing damaged by the trees.

This will result in a much cleaner apiary, easier to maintain and a bigger space.

Park Farm apiary

All three colonies are thriving and greedily taking syrup.

Tales from the Bee Trailer

I went to my bee shed to feed the colonies and on arriving saw that masses of bees were clustering outside each of the occupied entrances. "They cannot all be swarming in September went through my mind" When I opened the trailer door I was overdosed with Apiguard fumes – I then remembered I had treated the middle colony with Apiguard three days previously. The fumes from one colony had filled the trailer and affected the other untreated colonies which now showed large mite drops. Looks like I have found a way to reduce mite treatment costs. Also a lesson in not relying entirely on mite board counts to decide whether to treat or not!

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

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.

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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