



### **Committee members 2020/2021**

Mike Benson	
Tim Bullock	Chairman
Stephen Greenaway	Vice Chairman, Spray and Swarm Liaison.
Clive Harris	Treasurer
Kathy Hobson	Secretary, Membership Secretary.
Andy Jones	
Nicola Perrett	
Christopher Wilkinson	Website Manager

### **APIARY NOTES Tim Bullock**

February and March are the mostly likely times that colonies could run out of food. If in any doubt feed them (fondant not syrup). As we start to get some warmer spells and the days are lengthening workers will start getting brood cells ready for the queen to lay in if she hasn't already started. This requires more energy and when she does start laying the brood temperature will rise needing even more energy so stores will be used up at a faster rate than the last couple of months.

If you want to check if you have brood, then put the mite board in for a few days and see what colour the capping are. The more 'biscuit' coloured cappings are from emerging brood. Honey/stores cappings are whiter/light beige. If you see bees bringing in pollen then that's a good sign of brood needing feeding.

Make sure entrances are clear of dead bees so that the flyers can get out. It's also worth cutting back dead vegetation that's close to the hive to give a clear flight path in and out.

If any hives need moving this is about the latest that the 3 feet or three miles rule apply. It's unlikely that bees would return to the old site if only moved a short distance.

If in any doubt feed your colonies.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

For those of you who have not yet renewed the renewal form is attached – please make sure you return it to Kathy Hobson even if you pay online so the membership records can be kept up to date with the Club and the BBKA.

**Please note that this will be the last reminder and until you have renewed you do not have BDI and will be indicated as lapsed on the BBKA database. Registered members who have renewed will have received an insurance certificate.**

**If you are going to renew it would be appreciated by 28.2.21 please.**

### **TRAINING**

We hope to be able to run Taster Days, Starting Beekeeping Course and Basic Assessment this year. As soon as we know this is possible dates will be confirmed.

If anyone is interested in taking the Basis Assessment please contact Stephen Greenaway – [stephen.greenaway@outlook.com](mailto:stephen.greenaway@outlook.com)

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

We are hoping to hold a Zoom Club Meeting on Thursday 25.2.21 at 7.30pm and hope a lot of you will be able to join the meeting. Details to follow when the speaker has confirmed.

**Anything odd or unusual (or just anything!!!) to add to the Newsletter will be gratefully received.**