



### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2020/2021**

Mike Benson

Tim Bullock

Stephen Greenaway

Clive Harris

Kathy Hobson

Andy Jones

Nicola Perrett

Chairman

Vice Chairman, Spray and Swarm Liaison.

Treasurer

Secretary, Membership Secretary.

Website Manager

Christopher Wilkinson

### **APIARY NOTES - Tim Bullock**

Beekeeping in December is mostly about checking; are the bees/hives safe and secure, have they got enough feed, are they warm and dry enough, are pests (mice, badgers, woodpeckers etc), being kept out, is your bee suit(s) clean and secure ready for use in the spring, etc. etc. The real key bits are to check that hives are secure enough so they can't blow over or get knocked over and have the colonies got enough stores to see them through. It's worth hefting your hives every couple of weeks to estimate the amount of stores left. If in doubt strap down hives and give them fondant. With November being far warmer than normal, it's likely that colonies have used more stores than usual.

It's likely that we may well need to feed fondant earlier this winter. If spares are stored outside it's worth checking that they are secure, watertight and wax moth free. Do the cleaning of spares now so they are ready for use next spring/summer. If you're planning on using oxalic acid for varroa treatment, it might get cold enough by the end of the month to treat between Christmas and new year. The key is to treat when colonies are brood less. Follow the instructions to the letter including the use

### **AGM**

The agenda for the meeting is attached. **Please email your Proxy Vote if you cannot attend the meeting – the wording will be shown in the email.**

The Archives will be available after the AGM for members to have a look at prior to them being taken to the Wiltshire Archives at Chippenham for storage.

### **COMMITTEE**

We are still looking for two or three new committee members – any volunteers? We need more Committee Members to run the Club. We only meet every two months for around 1- 2 hours. Please let Kathy Hobson know if you are interested asap.

### **MEMBERSHIP – REMINDER**

Membership Renewals were due 1.10.21. Please find attached the form. **Please note that the completed form should be returned to Kathy either by post or email.**

## **MEETINGS**

Meetings are held in the Skittle Alley at the Haydon Wick Club, Blunsdon Road, Swindon SN25 1JD, start time 7.30pm.

### **Future Meetings :**

25.11.21      AGM  
16.12.21      Skittles evening  
27.1.22      Tony Awdry from WDBKA

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

