



Newsletter

Hi Everyone

Newsletter time again.

The bees are making use of the good weather which we have experienced over the last two weeks, but I think it is coming to an end for a week or so. I have looked into my hives over the last couple of days and have found brood, larvae and eggs, so I expect the hives will be expanding rapidly over the next few weeks (this is the time when we realise that all the work we did over the winter, getting the hive bits cleaned and ready, was worth it !!!!) or are we still trying to catch up?

Swarms will be happening soon so get the swarm boxes ready and spare hives in place. ITS ALL ABOUT TO HAPPEN.

The meeting we had last month was interesting, listening to what we should be doing to our products for the bee show at Tractorfest, its now down to us!

I would ask everyone to make the effort to come to our next meeting on stings and bites as it is not easy to get speakers on specialist subjects and it is up to us all to make it worth their while. The meeting is in the St Georges hall (where we had the Xmas lunch) Sissinghurst. See you there.

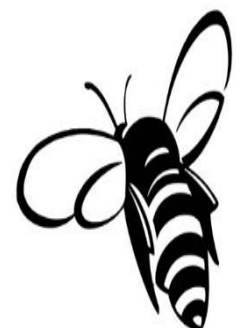
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Bee Shed News

The bee shed is up and running from 4pm until dusk on every Wednesday evening. So please come along.

John P



Notes from Our Meetings Member

March 2019

Thank you to those that came to the March talk by John Chapman, hopefully you learnt a few tips and tricks to give you a better chance at this year's honey show. We only had 16 of us at the March talk, which is disappointing and not financially viable, making a loss of about £60 which we will hopefully recoup this month.

April 2019

Aprils talk is being given FREE and is part of a national effort to educate people about bites and stings and how to treat them, there will be an emphasis on bee stings, but others will also be talked about. So, we have booked the larger hall at The St. Georges Institute, Sissinghurst. so that non-members can come along and get an input. There will be a fee of £3 for non-members including a free tea or coffee, there will be charge for cake (cake makers if you could please bring along some of your tasty treats). It starts at 3pm on Saturday 13th April, please arrive early so that you can park and get there in time.

Dr Patrick Yong works as a consultant in the Allergy and Clinical Immunology departments in the Royal Surrey County and Frimley Park Hospitals. He will be talking about bee venom allergy - how it can affect beekeepers, what symptoms it causes, how it is diagnosed, and what treatments are available for it.

May 2019

May 18th - Visit to Kim Fletchers Apiary.

June 2019

June 1st – Managing the Asian Hornet Threat – See Flyer

June 15th Now provisionally a "BEE SAFARI", again let me know if you would like a visit on the day

July 20th

Branch BBQ

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Managing the Asian Hornet threat Practical advice from France

organised by [Weald Branch of Kent Beekeepers Association](#)

Date and Time: Sat, 1 June 2019, 14:00 – 16:00 BST

Location: [Lenham Community Centre](#), 12 Groom Way, Lenham, Kent, ME172QT [Click for Directions](#)

Description:

There is growing concern amongst beekeepers and government officials about the invasion of the Asian Hornet as a non native species to the UK.

In 2018 there were 4 nests destroyed in the UK, with additional sightings of dead or single hornets - two of the sightings were in Dungeness, Kent. 2019 may see an increase in these numbers and we should be prepared.

Robert Moon is a professional pest controller and beekeeper living in France. In 2018 Rob removed more than 100 Asian Hornets nests. During the talk Robert will tell us about his pest control experience of Asian Hornets but also his view as a beekeeper. He will show us pictures as well as videos of some of his encounters.

Learn how to set up monitoring traps and what to do in the event of a sighting, how to report such sightings to whom.

This event will be helpful for ecologists, nature lovers, members of the public and beekeepers alike and our intention is to create awareness to nip any invasion in its early stages. We hope to also have a Defra presence and a bee inspector.

The event (2pm-4.00pm) costs £10/head up to 25th of May, £11 afterwards.

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