



# Newsletter

## *Hi Everyone*

There are several things I need to cover in this newsletter so please suffer me and read it all, thanks.

First, I would like to thank all the volunteers and helpers at our honey show at Tractorfest, without your help we would not have been able to put on such an interesting and fabulous show. I think our marquee looked fantastic and so did a lot of other people according to the excellent comments we received, so thank you all. Our judge complemented us on the standard of entries and has agreed to come to one of our winter meetings to give us a few tips on how to improve even more the standard of our entries. He will also be our judge again next year, so we had better listen to his comments as we will then know what he is looking for!!

I do know that two other branches came to see what we were up to and went away feeling very dissatisfied with what their own branch were doing.

It was sad to see the damage caused by a few senseless people to one of the large marquees. Unfortunately, the cost of repair will come out of the money Tractorfest give to charities, I hope they are caught.

It has been necessary to make a change in our program for September. We will now be having a meeting on the 15th of this month and the auction of beekeeping equipment on the 29th.

As most of you know Bob Appleyard has given up beekeeping due to poor health and he has asked that we auction off his equipment and the money raised is kindly being donated to the branch, thank you Bob. It is also due to his poor health that he is unable to host the auction, but Robert Lewis has been good enough to let us use one of his sheds.

To find the auction;

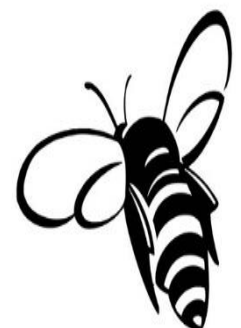
For anyone with sat nav; it is, Park Farm, Frittenden, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent, TN278LG. Otherwise, if coming from Headcorn, go past the air field on your left and continue to the cross road signed Pluckley to the left and Cranbrook to the right. Turn right to Cranbrook and after 0.6 miles you will see Park Farm on your right, its also signed J M Interiors.

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### **Bee Shed News**

Still lots happening at the Bee shed so please keep coming.

John P



If coming from Sissinghurst direction, turn left at the Three Chimneys Pub and with the pub on your left continue for approx. 1.7miles and Park Farm is on your left.

GO DOWN THE CONCRETE ROAD AND THE AUCTION SHED IS AT THE BOTTOM ON THE RIGHT.

There will be signs out.  
If you wish to sell anything contact me beforehand.

Viewing will be from 2pm on day of sale, auction will start at 3pm and everything sold is to be paid for on the day and all items are to be removed from site on day of sale, sold or unsold.

There are lots of items for old and new beekeepers so please come along. Cash, Cheques and Cards all taken so there is no fear of not being able to pay.

E-mail me on [jjpriestley@msn.com](mailto:jjpriestley@msn.com)

*John*

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## Note from Our Meetings Member

### **September**

Unfortunately, we are now approaching winter and our outdoor meetings have now come to an end and we return to the Parish rooms at Sissinghurst starting on Saturday 15th when John Osbourne is going to give his advice as to what to do with your bees to prepare them for winter. The meeting will start at 3pm and any cakes for afterwards would be greatly appreciated.

We then have the auction on the 29th of September, details elsewhere in this newsletter.

### **October**

There will be a talk at the hall on the 20th October, topic to be confirmed.

### **November**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the hall on 17th November.

*Gavin*



## Note from Media Member

1) "Our branch has a new domain and webpage at: <http://www.wealdbeekeepers.com>

Please visit the page!

Additionally, please also visit our Facebook page at: Weald Beekeepers (@wealdbeekeepers) and "like" and "share" our Facebook page.

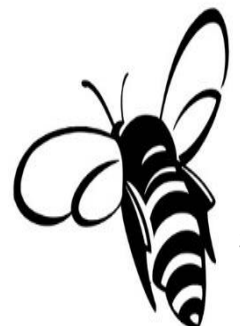
Moreover, you can also follow us on twitter at" @wealdbees

Please also share the following QR code to promote our web and social network presence.



Regards,

*Erik*



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# FOR SALE / WANTED & SERVICES OFFERED

## **BEE SYRUP FOR SALE**

*Api-invert Syrup with very high sugar content (gravity 1.25kg/Ltr.) from Belgium*

*from organic sugar:*

*2x5L containers = £14 together.*

*Contact Erik at: [erik.uebel@gmail.com](mailto:erik.uebel@gmail.com)  
or **07484120586***

*With a few days advance notice Erik can deliver the syrup to the Bee Shed.*

## **FREE FRAME CLEANING**

*Free frame steam cleaning service offered for frames WITH foundation in exchange for the wax harvested.*

*Contact Erik at:  
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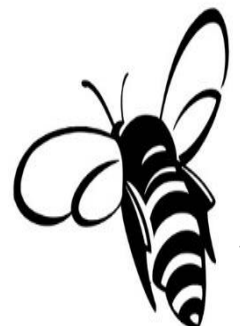
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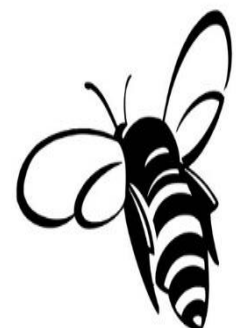


## **ASIAN HORNET FOUND IN FOWEY, CORNWALL**



**Government announce the National Bee Unit has confirmed a sighting of the Asian hornet in the Fowey area of south Cornwall.**

[Please see here for full details](#)





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