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# The Monthly Bee

The Weald Bee-keepers' Branch Newsletter

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## From the Chairman:

And so it comes to my last newsletter. Our AGM is at the Sissinghurst Parish Room, details below. For the last time I encourage you to attend, I would love to see you there. This is a bumper edition of the newsletter with reports from offices, agenda and minutes of the 2015 AGM. Please have a look at them.

## From the Secretary:

Some months ago I gave notice to the WBKB Committee of my intention to stand down as Secretary at the AGM. That time is now upon us and so this is my last newsletter to members. It has been a great privilege and a pleasure to work with Chairman Nick Mengham who is a great energy and a brilliant intuitive Beekeeper. I suspect that Nick is also looking forward to spending more time with his bees as I am with mine, outside of the day to day business of our lives which keeps us both so busy. In my case, too busy sadly to continue working voluntarily for so many hours every month for the WBKB.

Attached you will find the Agenda for the AGM on the 19th November and to go with it the Reports from our Weald Branch Committee Members.

Kristina Avery



### Plants for Bees:

*I'm planning what to do with a bare patch in my garden next year and a summer "green manure" has been recommended to help the site for a season. Coincidentally, a bee forum I follow, speaks of late sown Phacelia blooming gloriously in these late autumn days and covered in honey bees. Phacelia is often mentioned in "green manure" mixes and is normally recommended for sowing between March and September and may last all winter!*

## From the Honey Show Secretary:

This year's honey show was a resounding success. Thanks to everyone who supported the event. We delivered a show to be proud of. For full report please see attachment.



## Meetings programme and other events:

### *19th November 2016*

Weald Beekeepers' Branch AGM

Sissinghurst Parish Rooms 3pm (map link below)

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1AmUR-tKxqNkkw67xL3FvvfjAONs&usp=sharing>

### *10th December 2016*

Christmas Lunch at The Goudhurst Inn at 12.00 noon

The menu is 2 courses £24 and 3 courses £29

Please let Trudie know by 15th November if you would like to attend:

accounts@trudiethomas.co.uk or 01233 771934

### *21st January 2017*

Members forum.

### *18th February 2017*

A talk by Beegone.

### *18th Marc 2017*

Swarm control, by Bob Smith.