



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Hello Members,

I hope this Month's newsletter finds you well. With the mild weather I've still plenty of bees flying around at home but now that the clocks have moved back the bees should begin to really cluster over the next few weeks. As a new beekeeper I've been reminded by more experienced members that while its quieter in the apiary there are still jobs that require your attention, these include periodically removing your mouse guards to gently remove dead bees and to lightly insulate (if you're somebody who insulates their hives over winter).

The committee would like to remind everyone that the AGM is being held on the 28th of November at The Meadow Rooms in Cobham. I think my mention of the AGM in last months letter was a little opaque so in an attempt to correct that now - all members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas to the meeting that, if adopted, will be built into next years program. It's a good opportunity to let the committee know whats gone well and what could do with a tweak or two. If you were fortunate enough to get any honey this year please bring along a sample in a plain unlabelled jar for everyone to taste and vote for their favourite, there will be a modest prize for the winner. The committee thanks you for your support in advance and looks forward to hearing your ideas.

Honey Jars

Lesley will be putting in the club's annual honey jar order shortly so please get your orders to her no later than the 10th of December. Delivery will be made to Jeskyns at the end of January. Pricing information as as follows, payment information will be made available in due course.

- Box of 72 1lb jars with gold screw top lids - £24.00
- A tray of 41 x 8oz hexagonal jars with lids - £10.50
- A tray of 33 x 12oz hexagonal jars with lids - £10.00
- A bag of 72 gold closures for 1lb jars - £8.50

National Honey Show

While the national honey show was smaller and less well attended than usual there was plenty of interest. All of the lectures from this and previous shows can be viewed on the National Honey Shows youtube channel, which can be found here <https://www.youtube.com/user/nationalhoneyshow>

Wax Moths

Finally this month, apiary manager Michelle has put together a really useful guide on wax moth, specifically how to store your comb to avoid it being infested. I've attached this to the email containing the newsletter. If any member wants to contribute in a similar way to the newsletter then please do let me know .

Please also note that this and all previous newsletters are available on the clubs website (thanks Phil!). Our website address is <https://www.gravesendbeekeepers.org.uk>