



October Newsletter.

Hello Members,

The nights are now in full retreat and it'll soon be time to withdraw inside once again and begin planning for next season. The bees I hope have enjoyed the ivy in flower recently, which seems to have arrived punctually, contrary to many other sources of forage this year! Hopefully everyone's treatments have been successful and your colonies are in a strong position heading into Autumn and Winter proper.

CLUB BBQ:

A huge thanks to Charlotte and Phil for hosting this years club b.b.q, the event was well supported by members and I think I speak for everyone in attendance when I say that you were both outstanding hosts and that the food and setting were both fantastic. Below are just a couple of photos I managed to take on the day:





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Membership renewal forms should now have been sent out for 2021/22, prompt completion of said forms and payment is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet received your renewal forms please contact Sue Payne.

Also around the club this month, In examination success Nathan Arkless received a pass while Kerry Smith and Kevin Swindon both received credits in their recent basic examinations. Well done all! If you are interested in beginning your own journey towards 'master beekeeper' please contact Lesley or Sue who will be able to guide you as to how to go about this. Further to this, information will be sent out shortly regarding Medway Beekeepers running a study group for module 6 and the education committee running a zoom based study group which is county wide for module 1 "Honey Bee Management".

A reminder to all that this month the National Honey show takes place between the 21st and 23rd of October at Sandown Racecourse in Esher. The show is packed with workshops, lectures and tradestalls and is well worth a visit if you are free. You can find out more details at <https://www.honeyshow.co.uk> .

A note to all that our AGM is booked for the 28th of November at 2pm in the Meadow Rooms, Cobham. The club would be delighted to welcome more members onto the committee with fresh ideas, so please feel free to attend if you are interested in becoming a committee member. Entertainment on the day will be based around 'the uses of beeswax'.

And finally - we had two very small beekeepers attend the apiary to 'help' recently, so don't feel like childcare prevents you from attending. we've plenty of suits in all shapes and sizes!

