

# Harlow Bees-letter - October 2016

## Upcoming Meetings

October 6 - TBA

November 3 - A Beekeeping Trip to France, with Robert Pickford



## Secretary Notices

Last month we discussed preparing for winter with David Tyler.

This month we have had a change of event, due to some communications issues and lost materials. We had planned to have Robert Pickford come join us, but this is going to be next month now. Where this leaves us for this month is to not be able to announce ahead what we will be talking about.

## Essex Honey show results Harlow Division has won the Trophy for most Divisional points (...by quite a significant margin [Ed.]

...thanks to some fantastic efforts from just a few members - David McCorkindale, Mike & Sabina Barke, Val Jepps, Pauline & David Tidmas, Nick, Benjamin & Daniel Holmes received many top places for their efforts including a number of 1<sup>st</sup> places in areas such as honey, jar labels, wax, inventions, cakes, mead, to name but a few.

Trophies, Cups etc will be handed out at the Divisional Conference on the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Thanks to all those who part & we will need a lot of support for next year if we are to retain the cup. It is hoped we will be able to enter the Divisional Garden and many more classes.

It was a great weekend with new and experienced beekeepers from Harlow giving up their time to ensure the event ran smoothly. Due to the adverse weather threats for the Saturday the number of visitors were down on most years, but they certainly picked up for the Sunday as the weather was much warmer & sunnier.

## Harlow member wins most points in show

Ok, no prizes for guessing who, but that so in no way diminish that Mike Barke has once again romped home in the lead ahead of all other beekeepers across Essex. I know that Mike would like more competition from his fellow members and it is worth noting that Pauline Tidmas took the 1<sup>st</sup> in the quite challenging "12 jars for sale" ahead of Mike, so it can be done, we just need to try..



Jim McNeil and the honey of many colours



Mike Barke and David Tidmas rolling along



Nick Holmes, Michael Webb and Pauline Tidmas doing a honey of a jobs  
(Photos courtesy of Paul Abbott)

## Asian Hornet

**Bad news**, There has been a confirmed sighting of the Asian hornet in the Tetbury area of Gloucestershire. Well planned work is underway to eradicate this pest before it takes hold. Beekeepers are asked to remain vigilant for sightings in their own area.



## Divisional Programme

We are now coming to the end of another beekeeping season & year. Now is the time where we consider the Divisional Program for next year. So put your thinking caps on. There will be a suggestion box at the next meeting (6th October) where you can put your suggestions in readiness for the Group discussions aert the Novemb meeting (3rd November).

## Bee connected

Bee connected is a web based system that allows farmers to register when they are spraying their fields and allows you to register you hive location so you are alerted when this is near your hives

- 48hr warning (in theory) - so you can close up you hive for that day (please ensure adequate ventilation)
- Secure data (farmers are not told where your bees are and via versa - you just get told if it is in 1/2/3km of you hive locations)

...more info here <https://www.beeconnected.org.uk/faqs/>

### For sale

#### Buckets

- Honey buckets £2  
David Tyler (01279 730228)

#### Wax for sale

- recycle wax with Roy  
Roy Cropley (01992 626668)

### Division committee

**President, Spray Liaison & Swarm Liaison** Danny Nicoll

**Chairman & Librarian** David Tyler

**Vice Chair** David Tidmas

**Secretary & Web Editor** Nick Holmes

**Treasurer** Pauline Tidmas

**Divisional Trustee** Martin Cavalier

**Training Liaison** Mike Barke

**Council Liaison** Brian Bull

**Newsletter** Nick Holmes & Roy Cropley

**Mailing Officer** Lisa McCorkindale