

# Harlow Bees-letter - December 2017

Upcoming Meetings - December 7 - Xmas party - January 4 - AGM



## Secretary Notices

**Christmas party** - this month is our party - please come and enjoy festive nibbles and Beekeeping chatter. Please bring small amount of food and if you can can a raffle prize to ensure a good Christmas raffle. Also we are going to have a bring and buy sale - any spare or unwanted equipment Don't forget our 'Xmas Quiz' for a bit of fun

## Subscriptions

Please find the subs form included with your newsletter - cash and cheques can be handed over at the Xmas meeting but they will not be banked before 7th January. BACS payments can not be accepted before the 1st January so details will be issued for payments *after* the new year.

*If you download the form please print double sided and in Landscape and flip pages along the short edge. If you cant do double sided, in landscape at least please*

## AGM

At the 2018 AGM in January we have the usual posts available - see attached document - for anyone interested in helping the group.

We also have a specific vacancy - Martin has found he can't make enough of the CEC meetings and so we need a new "Trustee (Divisional Voting Member)"

We are also still looking for members who would be willing to be on the inspection rota for our divisional apiary at Parndon wood - please contact Pauline.

## Beekeeping Course

Our Annual course starts again 27th February 2018 for 5 weeks 8-10pm and 2 apiary sessions, only £50 or £90 for couples - You will have a printable advert attached with your newsletter this month, please post it where you can. For Further Information ring David on 07988 595054 or email davidmccorkindale@hotmail.com

## Suddenly winter

This has been a long autumn with bees flying to bring in nectar, pollen and water.

People keep putting me on the spot, expecting me to know where do they keep getting it?

There are a lot of trees and shrubs in flower with no one plant dominating.

In the Good Old Days we used to finish feeding mid-September. Now the season is extended by a month. One young man was alarmed that he had no brood in October and was trying to buy queens. Each one of my fifty-eight years as a beekeeper is different. We can only be ready for what might come.

## Varroa

This is a mite which we imported from Asia. It is a pest in nearly all parts of the world.

It came here in 1992 when it destroyed 19 of my 20 colonies. The mites bite adult bees and sealed brood and live off the body fluids. Undersized bees are produced and many have damaged wings caused by virus which the mite spreads.

Roy Cropley

## For sale

### Buckets

- Honey buckets £2

David Tyler (01279 730228)

### Wax for sale

Roy Cropley (01992 626668)

## Division committee

**President** Danny Nicoll

**Chairman & Librarian** David Tyler

**Vice Chair** David McCorkindale

**Secretary & Web Editor** Nick Holmes

**Treasurer** Pauline Tidmas

**Divisional Trustee** Martin Cavalier

**Swarm Liaison & Spray Liaison** David Swindale

**Training Liaison** David McCorkindale

**Council Liaison** Brian Bull

**Newsletter** Nick Holmes

**Mailing Officer** Lisa McCorkindale