

Bee Mentoring report 2015

As always a special thanks to all who have given time to mentor and support our newcomers.

This has been a poor year for me with considerable swarming and low honey yield. Being part of a group such as ours has many benefits but on this occasion I took some solace in knowing I was not alone.

Mentoring can be very personal thing which can lead to long time friendships. My role is very slight in the process of finding a mentor for a new member and once this established I am happy to leave well alone. However if for any reason a new beekeeper feels that they are not receiving the support they require I want to know and am here to help.

I have said before and would like to reaffirm that your mentor is an enabling resource you should call upon wisely and not treat as an extra pair of hands every time you venture into your apiary. A mentor is an enthusiastic volunteer who is giving time to help new beekeepers in the same way as they may have received help and support.

If you would like to be a mentor or require a mentor for the forthcoming beekeeping year please contact me.

To my knowledge we have not had any shortfalls in mentoring this year. I have a couple of newcomers to contact but if you are not sure you are on the list please contact me directly.

Good luck for 2016

Tim