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2017/18 Programme Report .

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The winter programme meetings have all been well supported. This is pleasing to see for Group Support but equally in appreciation of the Speakers themselves . Hopefully the topics chosen have been diverse enough to be of interest to all members .

Reviewing the programme since the last AGM whilst all the speakers have given interesting talks mention should go to speakers who present talks to the group which maybe construed as controversial to us beekeepers such as the February talk by Patrick Aubery - Fletcher of the NFU who gave the talk on 'Farming and Pollinators'. An informative talk which touched on the topic of pesticides . Not a topic easily broached in beekeeping philosophy but nether-the-less a topic that needs to be aired.

The Colin Rees / Henry Kendal Annual 'Question and Answers' session as always was well received and a good way to start the winter programme.

Aside the mentions above I would thank all the Speakers for presenting talks at the Monthly Group Evenings which sometimes involves them travelling long distance on a winters evening . Support for these evenings is essential as they are a key part of our Group Activity .

With this in mind any members that have heard a speaker or a topic that proved of interest it would be helpful to advise the programme organiser



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I made comment in last years report that in order to keep these winter meetings interesting, new ideas are absolutely essential and that with this in mind a short tenure as organiser of the programme allows fresh thoughts and ideas on speakers.

We are therefore looking for an organiser for the 2018/19 programme. The post involves a little bit of phoning around in July/August but once prospective speakers have been contacted involvement for the rest of the year is minimal other than confirmations prior to the meetings .So please let me know if you are interested , it can be rewarding and a good chance to put your ideas to the monthly Meetings.

Marcus Pilling (Programme Organiser Report January 2nd 2018)



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