

## RBG Mentoring Jan 2019

Taking over from the reigns of Tim Howe, I didn't really know what to expect in my first year as Mentor.

I am still fairly new to 'beekeeping' but there is no better way to learn than to try and help others.

The idea was to encourage new members to attend the Apiary inspections at Heligan to get their first hands on experience with bees. I think it worked well. This can often be a valuable eye opener for people who haven't handled bees before.

Although I lean towards more sustainable ways of looking over the bees, its important to give a wider point of view so that new members can make their own informed decisions of how they might like to care for their bees. After all no one beekeeper looks after them the same!

I was happy to help get a number of members up and running. It was a good season for the bees last summer and I look forward to see how their bees have progressed.

Lets hope 2019 will see more new members joining up and helping our bee population thrive.