Chair's Welcome

Dear Member,

You are about to embark upon, what I regard as one of the most interesting and rewarding past times known to man. Humans have been enjoying the hard work of the honeybees for thousands of years by 'stealing' their honey and making many other products from wild colonies of bees and in more recent times keeping bees in skeps and bee hives.

Once you have purchased the relevant equipment and set up your hive with your colony safely inside, you will be amazed at the intelligence, organisation and the complexity of your Honeybee Colony. You will closely witness how your colony develops and grows from the egg laying of a single Queen Bee. Your colony will expand from approximately six thousand bees in spring to sixty thousand bees in the summer, then reduce in size again to six thousand bees in October. Be assured you will be inspired by watching your bees work with nature and how they adapt through the seasons of the year.
'It is amazing'.

To help you on this incredible journey I can assure you that you will have my support and the support of all the Association members to call on at any time.

Therefore, it only leaves me to welcome you as a new member to the West Glamorgan Beekeepers Association and hope you enjoy the many benefits beekeeping brings, from the first taste of your own honey to the pleasure you get from sitting near your hive watching your bees come and go.

Yours Sincerely
Gareth Price
WGBKA Chair