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NATURE NOTES 51

Brian Davis

This is surely the high season for wasps. We have had to compete with them for our pears and pick these slightly too early when we noticed that they were attacking a new pear every day, and with 20 pairs of rasping mandibles at a time they were hollowing them out to just a skin within a few days. It's a pity they have such a sweet tooth, for most of the summer they are far too busy collecting food for their young to bother us. They rear their larvae entirely on small insects such as caterpillars and as a complete nest can contain 20,000 individuals one can only imagine the impact they must make. There are five kinds of 'social' wasps in Britain, excluding the distinctive Hornet and a parasitic 'cuckoo' wasp. I don't know which kinds are most common around here but if everyone kills just one wasp this autumn and looks at it between the eyes (or gives it to me) we may be able to discover this for ourselves. Compare these pictures: does it have small black dots on the yellow plate above the jaws? Is the upper yellow plate between the eyes small and square or rectangular, or large and Y- or X-shaped? Other, more welcome, signs of approaching autumn are hearing Tawny owls and Little owls again setting up their territories, and the sub-songs of Willow Warbler and Chiffchaff, watching a young Hedgehog exploring the churchyard in broad daylight, and House Martins in their aerial acrobatics.



Tree

German

Norwegian

Red

Common

49 CLUB

Congratulations to Mike Baker who was the winner of the July draw.

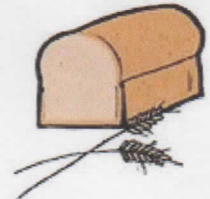
HARVEST FESTIVAL...

will be on Sunday 13th September at 6.00 p.m. and we look forward to welcoming you, your families and friends to this special village service. Children will be warmly welcomed and there will be an opportunity for them to take their contributions up to the altar during the service. Refreshments will be served afterwards. We would be very grateful for gifts of flowers, floral arrangements and produce, as well as help with decorating the Church on the afternoon of Saturday, 12th September between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. As usual, the produce will be given to the residents of The Manor Cheshire Home at Brampton, who are always very grateful for our support.

CHURCH NEWS

Services during September will be:

6 th September	- 9.30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
13 th September	- 6.00 p.m.	Harvest Festival
20 th September	- 9.30 a.m.	Eucharist
27 th September	- 8.00 a.m.	Eucharist



CHCT CYCLE RIDE / PONY RIDE / WALK – 12th SEPTEMBER

Just a reminder about the annual Cambridge Historic Churches Trust fund-raising event. Roger Silcock (890455) has details for participants in this enjoyable day out and if you cannot take part yourself, please sponsor someone who can. Details from Roger Silcock (890455). Half of any funds raised will go to the Church nominated by the participant and half to the CHCT.

