

# Letters to the Editor

*Dear Editor*

It appears from documents in the possession of his family that John Scholl of Spitalfields in London was the inventor of a barrel beehive. Five of these hives were sold to Queen Victoria in 1844 for the large sum of 30 guineas and set up at Windsor Castle. According to family tradition there is a portrait of John Scholl standing by a beehive but the whereabouts of this portrait are at present unknown.

I would be very interested to hear from any of your readers who can provide any

information about these barrel hives (or the portrait). It seems probable that John Scholl would have been eager to tell everybody about his hives, and the fact that he had such an important customer, but so far I have been unable to find any references in books or periodicals of the time.

I would be most grateful for any information sent to me via IBRA, 18 North Road, Cardiff.

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## Erratum

### **The movement of honey bee colonies for crop pollination and honey production by beekeepers in Great Britain**

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The authors regret that the title given for figure 1 (*Bee World* 78(2), page 70) was incorrect, and should read 'Map showing regions used in the survey analysis.'

Scotland does not form part of the Central Science Laboratory, National Bee Unit's administrative area, and Wales has a separate Regional Bee Inspector.

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