



KENT BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

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Kent Beekeepers Associations Tent 2016

The beekeepers from the four associations in Kent (Dover, Kent, Medway and Thanet) came together to provide an exhibition showing how we keep bees and the range of the activities that covers. We aim to introduce the general public to bees and beekeeping and to explain some of the importance of bees to the economy and our diet.

The stands inside the tent for the general public covered the products of pollination, examples of bee friendly plants, hive to jar covering where honey comes from and how the honey is extracted, candle making, Sheppey Honey Products (group that involves prisoners in beekeeping activities) and opportunities to purchase honey and wax products. Our two observation hives were, as ever, very busy. The Bumble Bee, Wasps and Hornets display always draws a lot of interest and we were again pleased to have the assistance of the Bumble Bee Trust volunteers. We aim to provide activities for all groups so include candle-rolling, badge-making and solitary bee house building primarily for young people but we found that people of all ages had a go. The beekeepers and potential beekeepers are not left out as our Education and Information stand was very busy.

Outside the tent, we have two activities. Next to the entrance to the tent was our skep-making demonstration. In the fenced area at the end of the tent was the area used to run a series of "live bee demonstrations" during the day. All the demonstrators are from our local associations and Sheppey Honey Products and all the four demonstrations per day were very well attended. The committee that puts the exhibition together includes – David Wood, John Hendrie, Terry Clare, Lesley Fancote, Ronnie Eagle, Jacki Tonks, Brian Wood, Roger Thompson, Bill Mundy, Bob Smith, Michael Wall, Patrick Murfet and John Chapman. We are supported by Jennifer Spon-Smith, James Cash and David Bragg. An especial thanks must also go to Paul Endacott, for transporting the equipment that we hired from the National Honey Show and for all his assistance during the 3 days of the show. We rely on volunteers to set up the exhibition and to man the stands during the 3 days of the show. If you are interested in helping next year, look for information about stewarding at the show in your newsletters.

Kent Honey Show 2016

The Kent Honey Show was held, as part of the Kent Agricultural Show, in the Kent Beekeepers Tent. The show attracted 84 exhibits from 13 exhibitors, which considering the lateness of the year provided a good looking show. This year, the show was judged by Enid Brown, who stepped in at short notice to cover for our original judge who was ill. The first, second and third place winners of the classes in the show are on the attached table. The Winners of the cups are shown on the list below: -

The Agricultural Society's Trophy (highest points in classes 1 to 15) – Paul F Abbott (Sevenoaks).

Clive Watson Memorial Trophy (winner of Class for Medium Honey) – Mark Woollard (Whitstable and Herne Bay).

Mead Cup (Overall winner in the Mead Classes) – Paul F Abbott (Sevenoaks).

Reginald Tower Rose Bowl (best exhibit in candles) – John F Chapman (Medway).

Subscribers Cup (winner of the Exhibition Class) - John F Chapman (Medway).

Best Exhibit in Honey (Certificate of Merit) - Mark Woollard (Whitstable and Herne Bay).

Margaret Calder Plate (Best Exhibit in Cookery Classes) – Lesley Fancote (Gravesend).

Central Division Cup (Branch or Association Winning the most points in the open classes) – Medway Association.

The Novice Cup and Geoffrey Dixon Trophy were not awarded this Year.

Prize Card Winners and Branch/Association

Class	Description	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
1.	2 jars light honey	Mark Woollard Whitstable	Lesley Fancote Gravesend	James Cash Westerham
2.	2 jars medium honey	Mark Woollard Whitstable		
3.	2 jars dark honey	Not awarded		
4.	2 jars set honey	Not awarded		Paul F Abbott Sevenoaks
5.	6 jars for sale	Not awarded	Paul F Abbott Sevenoaks	
6.	Comb for extraction	Paul F Abbott Sevenoaks		John Chapman Medway
7.	Cake of wax	John Chapman Medway	Mark Woollard Whitstable	Lesley Fancote Gravesend
8.	Bottle of dry mead	Simon Marshall Medway		John Chapman Medway
9.	Bottle of sweet mead	Paul F Abbott Sevenoaks		John Chapman Medway
10.	3 wax candles	Mark Woollard Whitstable	John Chapman Medway	Paul F Abbott Sevenoaks
11.	3 plain candles	John Chapman Medway	Mark Woollard Whitstable	
12.	2 wax models	John Chapman Medway	Mark Woollard Whitstable	Paul F Abbott Sevenoaks
13.	6 (27g) 1oz	Mark Woollard Whitstable	John Chapman Medway	Paul F Abbott Sevenoaks
14.	Exhibition Class	John Chapman Medway	Paul F Abbott Sevenoaks	
15.	Photograph	Pauline Beach Gravesend	Paul F Abbott Sevenoaks	Mark Ballard Medway
16.	Novice – clear honey	Not awarded		
17.	Novice – set honey	Not awarded		
18.	Gift – clear honey	James Cash Westerham	John Chapman Medway	Paul F Abbott Sevenoaks
19.	Gift – set honey	Paul F Abbott Sevenoaks	James Cash Westerham	
20.	Gift – honey cake	Lesley Fancote Gravesend	John Chapman Medway	Paul F Abbott Sevenoaks
21.	Gift – 6 biscuits	Not awarded	Caroline Lechev Dover	Paul F Abbott Sevenoaks
22.	Branch/Association Honey	No entries		

JOHN CHAPMAN

COUNTY AND OTHER EVENTS

BROMLEY AND ORPINGTON HONEY SHOW

Saturday 17th September 2016
Emmanuel Church, The Grove, West Wickham BR4 9JS

Staging: 9.00am - 9.45am. Open to the Public: 10.00am - 4.30pm.

Refreshments and honey testing

Show schedule can be downloaded from the Honey Show page

at www.kentbee.com/bromley

MID KENT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Talk by Simon Croson

The Close up World of Bees and Bee related Pest Diseases & Disorders

8.00pm Tuesday 11th October 2016
Detling Village Hall, Pilgrims Way, Detling, Kent ME14 3EY.
Free entry

You are welcome just to turn up on the evening but
I would appreciate an e-mail or phone call for catering purposes.
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85TH NATIONAL HONEY SHOW SANDOWN PARK

**Portsmouth Road, Esher KT10 9AJ
27th 28th and 29th October 2016**

For lecture programme, workshop booking and
show schedule go to www.honeyshow.co.uk

LENHAM LECTURE

Sunday, 6th November 2016

Lenham Community Centre

Speakers: Phil Stevenson and Dave Goulson

Topics to be confirmed

BBKA SPRING CONVENTION

7th to 9th April 2017

Harper Adams University,
Newport, Shropshire TF10 8NB

**INTERNATIONAL MEETING
of YOUNG BEEKEEPERS
6th to 9th July 2017
Marlborough College**

SUBSCRIPTION 2016-2017

The Annual Delegates Meeting held in January 2016 voted in favour of "a one off levy of £1.00 per member being paid by associations to specifically contribute to the cost of hosting the 2017 International Meeting of Young Beekeepers". Council has agreed this levy will be paid out of County funds. The subscription for the coming year will remain at £46.00.

DON'T FORGET to advise your Branch Secretary and the County Membership Secretary of any change to your e-mail address, postal address or telephone numbers.

If you have any branch information or articles you would like included in the Newsletter, please e-mail jennifer@spon-smith.com