**THE WILTSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

**COUNTY BEEKEEPERS DAY**

**21st OCTOBER 2017**

**Hosted by West Wiltshire Branch**

**At The Town Hall, Market St., Trowbridge, BA14 8EQ**

**PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

8.00 am Doors open

Staging branch displays and trade stands

8.30 am Registration of exhibits

10.00 am Judging starts

 Public come in

10.30 am Ken Basterfield NDB

“Reading Bees”

11.30 am Margaret Murden Master Beekeeper, NDB, BBKA Chairman

Answering questions on the BBKA

12.00 Mid-day Annual General Meeting

Presentation of certificates

Presentation of Howard Teal Cup

12.30 pm Lunch

There will be a Ploughman’s lunch on sale at £5

1.30 pm Dr. Robin J Wootton, PhD, FLS, Hon FRES

“Honeybees and other insects as flying machines”

2.45 pm Judge’s comments and prize giving

3.00 pm Viewing of exhibits

4.00pm Removal of exhibits and branch displays

**WILTSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

**COUNTY HONEY SHOW 2017**

**Show Secretary:** Pam Clark, Kelly Sheaff

**Show Judges:** Hazel Blackburn, Suzette Perkins

**Stewards:** Bill Clark, Ian Walters

**How to enter**

Entries can be accepted by:-

Email: beesandbells@btopenworld.com

Telephone: 01373 822892

*Email entries would be preferred*

Pre-registration closes Thursday 19th October 2017

Exhibitors are encouraged to register their entries in advance to reduce congestion on the day.

Entries will be accepted between 8.30am and 9.30am on the day but no more than two classes per person will be accepted for registration on the day.

**Honey Show Rules**

Please read the show rules carefully before entering the show.

**Preparation**

A preparation area with tables will be provided, however space is limited and exhibitors are encouraged to do as much preparation as possible prior to arrival.

**Honey Grading Glasses**

A set of grading glasses will be provided on the day for use by all entrants. The organizers/stewards cannot assist in determining the correct class. Exhibitors must decide whether the honey is light, medium or dark.

**Static displays by the Branches**

What have the Honeybees ever done for us

The Social life of Honeybees

**Trade Stands**

The Bee Depot

Beenucs

Meadow In My Garden

Hive originals

Bratton Plant Centre

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**Schedule**

1. Novice Class, one 454g (1lb) Jar Run Honey any colour *see note 1*
2. Young Member, one 454g (1lb) jar of Honey any type *see note 2*
3. Light Run Honey, one 454g (1lb) jar
4. Medium Run Honey, one 454g (1lb) jar
5. Dark Run Honey, one 454g (1lb) jar
6. Soft Set Honey, one 454g (1lb) jar, creamed or naturally granulated
7. Two 454g (1lb) Matching Jars of Honey, any colour, set or run
8. Chunk Honey, one 454g (1lb) jar
9. Cut Comb, one container, minimum gross weight 227g (8oz) *see note 4*
10. One Section (round or square)
11. Shallow Frame of Honey for extraction
12. Jar of Run Honey to be judged solely on taste and aroma (opaque sleeve will be provided)
13. Bottle Dry Mead approx. 75cl (26fl oz) *see note 3*
14. Bottle Sweet Mead approx. 75cl (26fl oz) *see note 3*
15. Bottle Fruit Melomel approx. 75cl (26fl oz), fruit used to be declared *see note 3*
16. Beeswax Furniture Polish, *see note 5*
17. Beeswax Furniture Cream, *see note 6*
18. Three Wax Blocks, approx. 27g (1oz) each *own display stand*
19. Cake of Beeswax min. 227g (8oz) *own display stand*
20. Six Bee Products on a tray to be judged on quality.
21. Counter Display of Six Bee Products with own labels as for shop sale. Size to be no more than 60cm x 60cm (2ft x 2ft) square. Judged on quality and artistic appeal *may be staged by exhibitor*
22. Pair of Natural Beeswax Candles, any method, one to be lit by the judge
23. Twelve Honey Biscuits, own recipe to be displayed with exhibit. *see note 7*
24. Twelve Honey Sweets, own recipe to be displayed with exhibit
25. Honey Cake. *Recipe attached, see note 7*
26. Photograph - 1. Honeybees on plants. *see note 8*
27. Photograph - 2. Beekeepers about their business. *see note 8*
28. Photograph - 3. Hives and apiaries. *see note 8*

**Clarification Notes**

1. A novice is defined as having less than 3 years’ experience.
2. Young members class, under 16 years on day of show.
3. Mead and Melomel are to be presented in a clear, punted bottle with white plastic topped flanged cork.
4. Cut comb presented in a white container with a clear lid
5. Metal container, well filled, no hazard label required.
6. Furniture Cream presented in glass, metal, or ceramic container.
7. Cake/biscuits to be presented on plain paper plates – can be supplied by organisers.
8. Photograph size; between 10cm x 15cm (4in x 6in) and 25cm x 33cm (10in x 14in) unframed but may be mounted. Black and white or colour. Must have been taken by the exhibitor.
9. All classes to count towards Branch points.

**Honey Cake Recipe for Class 25**

**Ingredients**:

 150gm butter or margarine

 100gm light soft brown sugar

 175gm clear honey

 15ml water

 200gm self-raising flour

 2 eggs (size 2)

**Method:**

 Grease & line a round cake tin 15-20cm (6-8in) diameter Place sugar butter honey & water in a pan and heat gently, stirring until the sugar has dissolved Sift the flour over surface and stir in. Beat well with a wooden spoon to remove lumps Beat the eggs lightly then add to mixture distributing evenly Turn the mixture into the prepared tin bake for 40 minutes at 180oC, 160oC fan, Gas Mark 4.

Leave to cool in the tin for 5 minutes and then turn out onto a wire rack until cool. Cooking time and temperature may vary to suit the type of oven used so have a trial run before competition day. To be displayed on a plain white paper plate, with doily.

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**Rules**

1. Entry is open to Members of Wiltshire BKA and its Branches, i.e. those who have subscribed to a Branch and paid the capitation for Wiltshire BKA membership. The County Membership Secretary must have received notification of any such subscription paid.

2. There are no entry forms or cash prizes. No exhibitor may enter more than one exhibit per Class. All exhibits shall be judged in accordance with National Honey Show Rules where applicable. In classes 1 to 8 a jar shall contain at least 454g (1lb) of honey.

3. Each Exhibitor shall be responsible for ensuring that his/her exhibit is registered in the correct class, and for labelling the exhibit correctly before passing it to the Show Steward. (NB. Each Branch has a set of Grading Glasses to assist an Exhibitor to place an exhibit in the correct class for run honey)

4. An exhibitor who wishes to register more than two (2) entries shall inform the show secretary by the Thursday before the event of their intended entries. Entries may be registered by email or telephone.

5. An exhibitor who has registered in advance may register not more than two (2) additional entries on the day. Exhibitors registering entries on the day shall arrive early enough to do so.

6. A WBKA Member attending the honey show may submit entries (for registration or for placing) on behalf of no more than two other Members who are unable to attend in person. Each absent member shall provide a signed statement listing his entries in order as in the show schedule.

7. Each exhibitor shall retain their duplicate entry label(s).

8. Any plates, candle sticks etc. used for displaying exhibits shall be the property of the exhibitor and shall have been brought with him/her for that purpose.

9. An Exhibitor may use one of the designated tables for preparation of exhibits. Consideration should be given for the needs of other exhibitors.

10. Only the appointed stewards shall be permitted to place an exhibit on the show benches, with the exception of class 21, where exhibitors may set up their own display. Exhibitors shall not handle any exhibit on the show benches, including their own. Exhibits shall not be touched during the viewing period except by the Judge or a Steward.

12. Exhibits shall not be removed until after the viewing period following the presentation of prizes. To redeem an exhibit the exhibitor must present the duplicate entry number label to a show steward who will then collect the exhibit from the show bench and return the exhibit to the exhibitor.

**Trophies to be awarded**

The King Shield – awarded for the best jar of honey.

The Norman Lovegrove Memorial Trophy – awarded for the best bottle of mead or melomel.

The David Wicks Cup – awarded for the best frame for extraction.

The Methuen Cup – awarded for the highest number of points in all Classes

The Applegate Trophy – awarded to the Branch gaining the most number of points.

Kennet Perpetual Trophy – Best Branch Display

The BBKA Blue Ribbon – awarded for the best exhibit in show, subject to a minimum of 100 entries.

Teal Cup – Awarded to a Branch or individual by the Chairman for service or achievement