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<u>Honey Show Stewarding –A</u> <u>Cautionary Tale</u>

Having stewarded for several years the procedure becomes fairly routine.

Duties:

- 1) Remind the Judge, booked months before, of the date (sometimes hunt around for a substitute if said Judge has sudden more important engagement)
- 2) On the day lay out class labels and check exhibits are in correct classes. Help Novices over their nerves.
- 3) Provide all items needed for judging: Pen, paper, spoons for tasting, torch for assessing honey clarity, large knife for cutting honey cakes, and not forgetting a small glass for mead tasting.
- 4) Provide a suitable bag for transporting the equipment.

After the Show "Thank goodness that is over" go home and look forward to a holiday but remember to empty the bag used for stewarding duties completely. Recently an experienced steward going through airport security on her way to Vancouver was apprehended, the x-ray scanner having detected a large kitchen knife in her carry-on bag. Luckily to support her protestations of innocence the bag also contained labels for various honey classes.

She was released after a short detention vowing never to steward again.

BANKHEAD BEE SUPPLIES

For all your Beekeeping Requirements Bankhead Farm, Newby East, Carlisle, CA4 8RA Telephone:01228 573289

Reminder <u>CUMBRIA BEEKEEPERS ANNUAL HONEY SHOW</u> <u>Saturday 16th November At Newbiggin Village Hall</u>

Your once a year chance to compare your Honey harvest against the rest.

There will also be talks by well known Speakers and Q&A session.

Full details will be available on the Cumbria Beekeepers website or from your Branch Secretary.



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<u>Autumn Harvest: Honey bee on a Dahlia flower</u> M. Williams

Honey Labelling

If you have a honey surplus which you intend to sell to the public this year, there are a few rules which you must follow before setting out your stall.

First of all, remember that your label **must not** mislead. That lovely picture of the Heather moors, taken while on holiday, will not be a suitable background to your label unless the honey can be guaranteed to be pure heather honey. "Floral honey" or "Blossom honey" or just "Honey" are safe descriptions.

Weight **must** be displayed in metric measures first and size matters; for a 454gm jar the font **must** be at least 4mm high. You can add imperial measures but they **must** come after the metric weight. Your name and address **must** be put on the label as well as a separate note of "Country of Origin". There **must** be a "Best before" date(choose your own!) and finally a lot number if you are selling through a third party, and not just from your own front door. Good luck!

Pennine Bee Supplies

Agents for Thorne. Honey jars at competitive prices Reasonable price paid for surplus honey (in plastic buckets) Stoney Lane, Galgate, Lancaster, LA2 0OY Tel: 01524 751347 daytime 01524 791328 evening

Vision from the BBKA: A Britain Buzzing with Honey Bees

The BBKA have unveiled their "Mission Statement"

For the next five years the BBKA will aim to create a thriving honey bee population beekeepers, achieved by better skilled working with an informed public and supported by a responsible agro-industry to the benefit of the environment and people. The BBKA abandoned the Forum Day in

favour of a Chairman's Day this year and this took place on 14th September at Stoneleigh. The Trustees expressed the hope that the

Chairman's Day would create a better conduit for the exchange of ideas between the BBKA and Area Associations.

From the CBT 50 years ago What is a Skep?

A skep is an ancient measure containing 16 pecks. A Penrith peck was slightly larger than a Winchester peck which ultimately became an Imperial peck!

Sixteen pecks of oats, Penrith measure weighed 26 stones. Sixteen pecks of oats Winchester measure weighed 24 stones.

Skeps were thus the same as quarters and prior to 1916 in these parts were sold by the Reception 9.00am quarter of 26 stones. Wheat, barley and rye were sold by the Carlisle bushel. A Carlisle bushel was equivalent to three Winchester bushels. CBT Sept 1963

But what is a Bushel? Thank goodness for Metric measures. Ed

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Cumbria Beekeepers Association

Cockermouth Branch AUTUMN CONFERENCE Sponsored by Pentagon Chemical Specialties Limited

26th October 2013 **Embleton Village Hall** Admission £5.00

10.00am

Coffee 9.30am

Talk by Archie Ferguson "Simple Queen Production" Q&A

11 .00am Talk by Alan Riach 11.15 am. 'Beehives & Frames through the Ages'

> LUNCH 12.30pm

2.00pm Talk by Alan Riach "My Beekeeping and Experiments"

3.15pm. TEA 3.30pm Talk by Archie Ferguson "Wintering Bees"

FINISH 5.00pm.