

CUMBRIA BKA HONEY SHOW SCHEDULE

Newbiggin Village Hall Newbiggin
Saturday 12th November 2011

JUDGE: Bill Mackereth.

STEWARD: Stuart Beattie

Classes:

1. Two Jars Light Honey
2. Two Jars Medium Honey
3. Two Jars Dark Honey
4. Two Jars Granulated Honey
5. Two Jars Creamed Honey
6. Two Jars Chunk Honey
7. Two Jars Heather Honey
8. One section, free from heather honey
9. One section, Heather Honey
10. Two Cartons Cut-Comb Honey
11. One Shallow Frame, (not heather) suitable for extraction
12. One Shallow Frame (heather)
13. One cake of Beeswax – Plain
14. One cake of Beeswax – Decorative
15. Two Beeswax candles – Dipped
16. Two Beeswax candles – Moulded
17. One Apiary Product ready for sale (jar, cut-comb, section etc.)
18. One bottle of Mead – dry
19. One bottle of Mead – sweet
20. Six Honey Biscuits:
Recipe: 2.5oz margarine; 1 dsp honey; 1oz castor sugar; 4oz plain flour; 1 tsp grated lemon rind; pinch of salt
Method: Cream margarine, honey, sugar together to a smooth paste, add flour and lemon rind; mix. Prick and cut into rounds. Place on greased baking tray and bake at 350°F/Gas 4 for about 10 minutes or until pale yellow.
21. One Honey Cake:
Recipe: 5oz butter or marg; 4oz soft brown sugar; 2 tablespoons milk; 5oz clear honey; 2 eggs; 7oz self-raising flour; flaked almonds to decorate.
Method: Melt the butter or margarine, sugar, honey and milk over a low heat. Stir in the eggs and flour. Decorate with flaked almonds before baking in a 7in cake tin for 45mins at 350°F/Gas 4.
22. Open Confectionery class
23. Beginners Class – One Jar of Honey

Rules:

1. Only one entry in each class.
2. No entry fees.
3. Metal or white plastic lids on honey jars permitted.
4. Prize cards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.
5. Entries to be numbered – numbers to be obtained from Show Secretary BEFORE staging. Please allow time for this on arrival.



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Chairman's remarks.

I know I'm running the risk of being repetitive and boring but what Carlisle BKA needs badly is an apiary manager. It is not the case that if no one steps forward Syd will carry on because he won't. Ideally this person will have a few years experience of beekeeping and live within, say 15-20 minutes of Walby.

It must be emphasised that this person is not expected to do everything on their own. If they don't have a bee buddy already, a rota could be organised to assist in the busy times.

The main reason for having a manager (male or female) is to have one person putting their own methods into practice and not having several people not really knowing what is required.

A less experienced person could even take it on with a mentor for the first year until they felt confident to go solo. I'm sure a mentor could be found from within the association.

The AGM is getting close and with so many new members it would be fantastic to see a good turn out, such as we get at most other meetings. There are several positions up for grabs and it's important for the health of Carlisle BKA that we get a few new members with new ideas on the committee.

Please contact me or any of the committee if you would like to enquire about getting more involved in Carlisle Beekeepers. We can't go the way of so many social clubs and organisations these days, can we?

Charlie (Savage)

Diary

Thurs 27th – Sat 29th Oct *National Honey Show, Weybridge.* As well as the honey show (over 1200 entries so far) there are lectures from world renowned experts and workshops on subjects such as mead from making to drinking, making your own toiletries and candle making plus a trade show. See www.honeyshow.co.uk for details

Saturday 12th November Cumbria Honey Show and Conference
See opposite

Saturday 3rd December Cumbria Wax Day at Braithwaite Village Hall,
Braithwaite. Registration 09.30hrs. Start time 10.00hrs finish at 16.00hrs

- 1 Recovery of Wax from cappings, old brood combs.
- 2 Filtering and cleaning of wax.
- 3 Making foundation. (Hertzog Press, Herring Press etc).
- 4 Candle making (dipped, moulded and rolled).
- 5 Toiletries.

To book your place telephone or email Stephen Barnes
Email: braithwaitebee@sky.com tel: 01900824872
Bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Indoor meetings are held at Houghton Village Hall, Houghton at 7.30pm

Monday 31st October *Honey Show*
Judge: Christine Matthews. Bring entries on night. Schedule in previous
newsletter. The show will be judged in front of you and you are encouraged
to ask questions and get tips to improve your presentation. The bees
produce a perfect product and it is the beekeeper who spoils it.

Monday 28th November *AGM*
This is your club and it is up to you whether it goes from strength to strength
our goes down the pan. Do come to the meeting and give your views, ideas
for speakers, events etc. Perhaps you have special skills and could help the
club in some small way.
The job of newsletter editor is open as after five years in post I feel we need
a fresh look at how we communicate with our members. Do not hesitate to
contact the officers or committee if you have any questions as to what would
be expected of you or if you would like to volunteer.

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CUMBRIA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION AUTUMN CONFERENCE AND HONEY SHOW 2011 Saturday 12th November 2011

Newbiggin Village Hall, Newbiggin near Penrith
Newbiggin Hall: signposted from the A66 approx 2 miles West of Penrith
(For Sat nav **CA11 0HT**) **Free car parking available at the hall.**

10.00 Doors Open for Exhibitors to register and stage entries.

11.00 First Talk Ms. Dinah Sweet will talk about "Simple Queen rearing using local talent!" Dinah is currently President of the Welsh Beekeepers Association and a past Chair of BIBBA. Successful queen rearing is becoming more and more important as evidence from recent seasons suggest that some colony failures can be attributed to poor quality queens.

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch This year lunch is bring your own and during the lunch hour the afternoon speaker is going to demonstrate a device for extracting wax

13.30pm – 14.30 Conference Session: Chair: Ms Val Sullivan

- 1 Branch Reports: a. Carlisle; b. Cockermouth; c. Keswick;
d. Penrith; e. Whitehaven
- 2 Comments on the season from the floor.
- 3 Explanation/demonstration of gadgets displayed by members.
- 4 Developments in Bee Disease (particularly American Foul Brood) Seasonal
bee Inspector S. Beattie

14.30 – 1500 approx: Tea and chance to view results of Honey Show

15.00 Second Talk: Peter Watt talking about Poly hives and other related beekeeping matters. Originally from Scotland now living in Derbyshire, Pete has kept bees since 1989 and looked after up to 80 colonies for ten years. Pete now use poly hives and is a great exponent of the advantages of polystyrene hives. Pete is a regular contributor to the Beekeeping Forum and has some interesting if controversial views on beekeeping. The talk promises to both interesting and entertaining.

**16.00 Announcement of Honey Show Awards
Presentation of Trophies (Peter Watt)**

5.00pm Closing Remarks. Val Sullivan

Donation of Honey: We again plan to donate honey to the Eden Valley Hospice Carlisle, your contributions will be greatly welcomed; they should be left on the show bench after the Conference closes.

Display: Please bring any interesting gadget or exhibit, which you may feel, would be of interest to others.

A CHARGE OF £10.00 PER PERSON WILL BE MADE TO COVER EXPENSES.