Warwickshire Beekeepers' Association 2023 Honey Show



Saturday 30th September 2023

Venue:	Kings Hill Nursery, Kings Hill Lane, CV3 6PS
Staging:	8am-9.30am
Judging:	10am-lunchtime
Show open:	2pm onwards
Presentations:	2.30pm
Removal of exhibits:	4.00pm

Schedule of Classes

Class 1	Two 454g jars of light Honey.	
Class 2	Two 454g jars of medium Honey.	
Class 3	Two 454g jars of dark Honey.	
Class 4	Two 454g jars of Ling Honey.	
Class 5	Two 454g jars of naturally crystallised Honey.	
Class 6	Two 454g jars of creamed or soft set Honey.	
Class 7	Two sections containing Honey which may be square or round.	
Class 8	Two containers cut comb Honey each containing 200g minimum.	
Class 9	One shallow frame of Honey for extraction or for cut comb.	
Class 10	Six jars of Honey (min 227g, max 454g) - all of one type & size labelled as for public sale except no lot numbers or security labels are required.	
Class 11	One 75cl bottle of dry Mead.	
Class 12	One 75cl bottle of sweet Mead.	
Class 13	One 75cl bottle of Melomel or Metheglin or Cyser – enter the name of the fruit or herb/spice used when applying on-line.	
Class 14	One plain cake of Beeswax. Minimum thickness 20mm, minimum weight 227g.	
Class 15	Five Beeswax Blocks - each 28g (+/- 5g) and uniformly shaped. The total weight to be 115g-165g.	
Class 16	Two matching Beeswax Candles of any type or size mounted in non-combustible holders for burning. One Candle may be lit during judging.	
Class 17	One Honey Cake to recipe on page 3.	
Class 18	One Honey Cake to own recipe. A written postcard-size recipe must be provided.	
Class 19	Six small cakes made or decorated with Honey. A written postcard-size recipe must be provided.	
Class 20	Gift Honey - one 454g jar of light Honey	
Class 21	Gift Honey - one 454g jar of medium Honey	
Class 22	Gift Honey - one 454g jar of crystallised or soft set Honey.	
Class 23	Composite Attractive Display - see details on page 6.	
Class 24	An item of own design/self-constructed bee keeping equipment. Quality of workmanship and utility will be looked for. A short explanatory written description may optionally be added.	
Class 25	A Work of Art to include a beekeeping subject.	

Class 26 One photographic print, colour or monochrome, mounted on card not exceeding 250mm x 300mm.

Novice Classes 27N – 32N and mandatory novice contribution to Class 33

Class 27N One 454g jar of light Honey.

Class 28N One 454g jar of medium or dark Honey.

Class 29N One 454g jar of crystallised or soft set Honey.

Class 30N One frame of Honey for extraction or for cut comb.

Class 31N One cake of Beeswax – un-patterned and having 150g minimum weight.

Class 32N one 75cl bottle of Mead (Dry or Sweet)

Branch Class 33

Class 33 Branch Composite Display - see Rules on pages 6.

Class 17 - HONEY CAKE RECIPE

Ingredients:

5oz Butter

6oz Clear honey

1tbsp Water

4oz Soft Brown Sugar

2 Eggs

7oz Self Raising Flour

Method:

Oven Temperature 180°C, 350°F, Gas mark 4

Place butter, sugar, honey and water into a saucepan and heat until the fat has melted, stirring all the time. When fat is melted, remove the pan from the heat and allow the contents to cool to blood temperature.

Gradually beat in the eggs.

Add sieved flour and mix until smooth. Do not over mix.

Pour mixture into a greased and lined 7"/18cm cake tin and bake for 1 hour or until risen and firm to the touch.

Rules

The show will be governed by BBKA honey show rules 1994 as interpreted by the Honey Show Secretary. The judges' decisions will be final.

General Rules

- All exhibitors must be paid up beekeeping members of the Warwickshire Beekeepers' Association.
- All honey and wax must be the product of the exhibitor's own bees and all items must have been produced by the exhibitor's own hands excepting that family members may, and are encouraged to, enter Classes 17-19 and 23-26 inclusive.
- Honey used as an ingredient in the cake classes can be from any source.
- A novice is a person who has not previously won a First Prize Award in a honey, wax or mead class in the County Show or won the Foster Bequest Cup.
- Exhibitors in the novice classes, 27N-32N, are invited to attend the judging of these classes.
- Exhibits can be entered up to 9am on the morning of the show. Show labels will only be sent to exhibitors entering prior to 23 September, after this date the labels will be available on the morning of the show.
- An exhibitor may not enter more than two exhibits in any one class and no exhibit may be shown in more than one class. No exhibitor or exhibit may win more than one prize in each class.
- All entries are staged at the exhibitor's own risk. The Honey Show organisers will take all reasonable care of exhibits but cannot be held responsible for their loss or damage howsoever caused.
- The Judges will use the NHS recognised BD grading glasses. Competitors are advised to do the same to determine the class in which to enter their runny honey.
- The organisers, in the person of the Honey Show Secretary, have the power to refuse any entry they consider infringes the rules and to decide in what classes competitors are eligible to compete.
- The decision of the Honey Show Secretary on any matter relating to the Show (except judging) shall be final.

POINTS TO BE AWARDED

- 1st prize = 6 points
- 2nd prize = 5 points
- 3rd prize = 4 points
- Very Highly Commended prize = 3 point
- Highly Commended prize = 2 points
- Commended prize = 1 point.
- NO exhibit may be removed before the Prize Giving and then only with supervision and permission of the Stewards.

Container and Staging Rules

- Extracted honey must be exhibited in standard clear glass 454g squat jars with plain gold-coloured screw lids. To ensure a full 1lb weight, no air gap should be visible below the lid.
 - o Classes 10, 23 & 33 are exempted from this rule.
- Mead must be exhibited in clear glass wine bottles, without decoration or fluting, and closed with a cork stopper with a white plastic flange.
 - Classes 23 & 33 are exempted from this rule.
- For standardisation of display and to protect the exhibits in classes 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 31N, a plate (or similar) and cover will be provided for staging.
- Frames for extraction or cut comb must be in a dust-proof display case with frame easily removable for judging.

Attachment of labels

- Labels affixed to Honey jars and Mead bottles shall be no less than 12mm and no more than 15mm from the bottom of the container to the lower edge of the label.
- Classes 7 & 8 a single label on each of the right-hand top corners of the lid or seethrough part of the dust-proof containers.
- Class 10 So not to influence judging, the honey labels affixed to the 6 jars should not be on view and should be rotated to the rear of the display. On staging, the jar with the class label on should be turned so that it is to the front.
- Classes 9 & 30N one label shall be affixed to the top right-hand corner of one of the side viewing glass panes and the second on the top bar of the frame itself.

- Class 14, 15 & 31 To be displayed on a board provided by the show. Dome/case covering preferred. The two labels shall be affixed to:
 - the provided display board
 - the protective cover / the exterior of the exhibitor's own protective dome/case (if any).
- Class 16 the four labels shall be affixed to each of the candles and the holders.
- Classes 17, 18 & 19 where a plate (or similar) and cover is provided, one label is to be affixed to the plate and one to the cover.
- Classes 20-22 one label is to be attached to the jar as prescribed above and one on the envelope.

Class Specific Rules

- Classes 20-22 Gift Honey
 - Each entry MUST be accompanied by a label suitable for public sale / meeting labelling regulations in a closed envelope bearing the entry label provided.
 - Gift Honey will become Show property on staging for subsequent distribution to a local charity, excepting that it may be bought back by the exhibitor at £5 per pound at the close of show. Proposed buy back to be previously advised to the Show Secretary. Please bring cash to buy back.
- Class 23 Composite attractive display.
 - The base size of the display is not to exceed 600mm by 600mm and may be of any reasonable height consistent with stability and safety.
 - o FIVE constituent items for display to be chosen from the list of nine as follows:
 - a. One container of liquid honey.
 - b. One container of creamed or crystallised honey.
 - c. One container of heather honey.
 - d. One container of chunk honey.
 - e. One container of mead.
 - f. One cut-comb 200g 300g weight.
 - g. Five beeswax blocks each minimum 28g.
 - h. One plain beeswax block minimum 150g
 - i. One beeswax candle of any shape to be lit. The candle must be in a holder.
 - o Any containers utilised must be transparent but need not be uniform in shape.

- Class 33 Branch composite display
 - Open to Branches only and will score points for the Nuneaton cup only.
 - The names of the members exhibiting, and details of their respective exhibits must be submitted to the Show Secretary in an envelope marked with the Branch name, 'Class 33', and authorising signature of the Chairman of the submitting Branch.
 - Entries for this Class to be staged at the Show before 09:30hrs and must comply with the special rules below:
 - The THEME for 2023 is Royal or Republic, The Coronation.
 - The exhibit must have a base not exceeding 600mm by 600mm and be of any reasonable height consistent with stability and safety.
 - The display must consist of only FIVE different items from the list of eight below and be submitted by at least THREE members of the Branch. At least ONE of these members must be a NOVICE.
 - The exhibit will be judged primarily on the quality of the items shown. Each item will be marked out of 10 points, and up to a further 20 points may be awarded for overall presentation.
 - The FIVE constituent exhibits are to be chosen from the list of eight below:
 - a. One container of liquid Honey containing at least 227g gross weight.
 - b. One container of soft set or granulated Honey containing at least 227g gross weight.
 - c. One container of Mead containing at least 50cl.
 - d. One Beeswax candle in a holder. This candle may be lit during judging.
 - e. One cut comb, round or section of at least 200g weight.
 - f. Five Beeswax blocks of any shape each having a minimum weight of 28g
 - g. One moulded block of Beeswax exceeding 150g weight.
 - h. One exhibit related to Beekeeping which is not listed above.
 - Categories (a), (b) and (c) must use clear containers.
 - All items submitted by novices in Class 33 must be identified on the show bench by the attachment of a label bearing the word 'Novice'. Other than this no item should be marked with a label or other identifying mark which could indicate the Branch or Beekeeper. Fictitious labels may be created indicating, for example, 'English' or 'Warwickshire' honey.
 - o The items entered must be recorded on the Judges Score Sheet (page 9).

Awards for 2023

Awards and, where the exhibits merit, Prize cards to 6th place are at the Judges' discretion and dependent on the number of entries in a class.

SUTTON COLDFIELD CUP Awarded for most points in Classes 1 - 26 inclusive. In the event of

a tie, the cup will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the greater

number of first prizes.

CONGRESS CUP Awarded for most points runner-up in Classes 1 - 26 inclusive.

W. PRESTON CUP Awarded for best exhibit in Class 2.

MARGARET ALLEN CUP Awarded for **best exhibit** in Comb Honey Classes 7 - 9 inclusive.

NUNEATON CUP Awarded to the Branch whose members win most points.

BBKA BLUE RIBBON Judges' award for the best exhibit in the Show.

CENTENARY TROPHY Awarded to best exhibit in Class 20.

TUDOR GOBLET Awarded to best exhibit in Classes 17 & 18.

FOSTER BEQUEST CUP Awarded for most points in Classes 27 – 31 inclusive.

Winning the prize of an entry ticket to the 2023 National Honey

Show.

National Honey Show NHS entry ticket to First Prize winners in Novice Classes 27N - 32N

inclusive.

Class 33 – the Branch Composite Class will attract an award of £50 for First Place, £20 for Second Place, and £10 for Third.

All trophies remain the property of Warwickshire Beekeepers' Association. The winner of a trophy may retain it until the following year and should take all reasonable care whilst it is in their possession. It should be returned cleaned, polished, in good order and condition and put in the hands of the Honey Show Secretary prior to or at the show for presentation to the next recipient.

Class 33 Branch Composite Display ENTRY FORM Theme for 2023 is Royal or Republic, The Coronation.

Summary of Rules

- Open to Branches only and will score points for the Nuneaton cup only.
- Please fill in the form below, the names of the members exhibiting against the respective exhibits, this form must be submitted to the Show Secretary in an envelope marked with the Branch name, 'Class 33', and authorising signature of the chairman of your branch.
- Entries for this class to be staged at the show before 09.30 hrs and must comply with the special rules below.
- The exhibit must have a base not exceeding 600mm x 600mm and be of any reasonable height with stability and safety.
- The display must consist of ONLY FIVE different items from the list of eight below and be submitted by at least THREE members of the Branch. At least ONE of these members must be a NOVICE.
- The exhibit will be judged primarily on the quality of the items shown. Each item will be marked out of 10 points, and up to a further 20 points, 10 points for overall presentation and 10 points for topic interpretation.
- Categories (a), (b) and (c) must use clear containers.
- The item submitted by novices in Class 33 must be identified on the show bench by the attachment of a label bearing the word 'Novice'. Other than this no item should be marked with a label or other identifying mark which could indicate the Branch or Beekeeper. Fictitious labels may be created indicating, for example, 'English' or 'Warwickshire' honey.

Item Chosen	Description	Members Name	Novice Members Name
A.	One container of liquid honey containing at least 227g gross weight		
В.	One container of soft set or granulated. Honey containing at lease 227g gross weight		
C.	One container of Mead containing at least 50cl		
D.	One beeswax candle in a holder. This candle may be lit during judging		
E.	One cut comb, round or section of at least 200g weight		
F.	Five was blocks of any shape each having a minimum weight of 28g		
G.	One moulded block of Beeswax exceeding 150g weight		
Н.	One exhibit related to beekeeping, which is not listed above		

above	
Chairman signature	 Branch: