Kent

Bees and Honey Show

Organised by the Kent Beekeepers’ Associations

Incorporating Dover, Kent, Laddingford, Medway and Thanet Beekeepers’ Associations

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

5th, 6th & 7th July 2024

(Entries close 21st June 2024)

Kent County Showground

### Detling, Maidstone

Judge: TBC

Show Secretary: Mr. John Chapman

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***CAN YOU HELP AS A STEWARD AT THE SHOW?***

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***Or at 28 Well Hall Road, Eltham SE9 6SF***

**RULES**

1. All exhibitors must be members of Dover, Kent, Laddingford, Medway or Thanet BKAs and the honey and wax must be the produce of the exhibitor’s own bees.
2. Entry forms with **S.A.E**. must reach the Show Secretary by the Friday 21st June.
3. Exhibitors may make more than one entry in any class, but will **only receive** one award per class. Awards for classes 1 to 15 will be counted for points for Challenge Trophies.
4. Honey must be exhibited in clear 454g (l lb) squat jars of British Standard Pattern with standard lacquered or plastic screw tops (gold or white).
5. Labels will be supplied and must be affixed to exhibits as follows:

**jars and mead bottles** – 15mm (½ in) from the bottom

**cut comb** – one label on the lid and the other on the side of the side of the container

**sections**- one label on the front of the commercial box and the other on the top of the

section

**frame** – one label on the top bar and the other on the glass of the case.

**candles** – one on each candle fixed near the base of the candle.

**blocks of wax** – a label on the top of the block and one on the container.

**photographs** – mounted colour print photograph about bees or beekeeping,

for the general public (non-beekeeper). There should be a title or caption.

Photographs to have been taken by the exhibitor and mounted on plain

card of any colour (160gsm grade), A4 size. Photographs to be labelled on the

bottom left-hand corner of the mount.

**cakes** – a label on the top of the cake and the other on the plastic bag.

**biscuits** – a label on the plate and the other on the plastic bag.

1. Beeswax must be plainly moulded and not exhibited in boxes. All entries will be placed in a display case.
2. Mead to be shown in a clear punted bottle with little or no lettering or ornamentation containing approximately 750ml (27 fluid oz). Only cork stoppers with white plastic flanges to be used (supplied at the show).
3. Candles must be displayed upright in a suitable holder.
4. Cakes and Biscuits will be exhibited on a white paper plate in a plastic bag.
5. Junior Classes are open to young beekeepers up to the age of 18, whose parents or themselves are members of either Dover, Kent, Laddingford, Medway or Thanet Beekeepers Association.
6. Exhibits will only be accepted at the Show from 2pm – 6pm on the day prior to the Show opening or delivered to the Show Secretary during the week. They will be staged by the appointed stewards. **Judging starts promptly at 10.00am on Friday and exhibits** **may only be removed after 5.30pm on the last day of the Show.**
7. All exhibits except those in the Gift Classes will remain the property of the exhibitor. All reasonable care will be taken with the exhibits but the Show Committee cannot be responsible for any loss or damage.
8. Any points not covered in the above rules will be referred to the rules applying to the National Honey Show. A copy of these rules will be available for scrutiny.
9. Any appeals should be addressed to the Show Secretary by 4pm on 7th July 2024.
10. A Novice is any exhibitor, who has never won a First Prize at the Kent Honey Show.

Points awarded: First – 6, Second – 5, Third – 4, VHC – 3, HC – 2, C – 1

**SCHEDULE OF CLASSES**

OPEN TO ALL BEEKEEPERS

## Entry forms must reach the Show Secretary by Friday 21st June 2024.

Place Cards and Rosettes are awarded for First, Second, Third, VHC and HC winners in each class.

## OPEN CLASSES.

1. Two jars of Light Coloured Honey. First -£10.
2. Two jars of Medium Coloured Honey. First - £20, Second - £15, Third - £10.

***Clive Watson Memorial Trophy is awarded to the best exhibit in class 2.***

1. Two jars of Dark Coloured Honey. First -£10.
2. Two jars of Naturally Crystallised or Soft Set Honey. First -£10.
3. Six jars of one type of Honey (Light, Medium, Dark, Crystallised or Soft Set), labelled as offered for retail sale including country of origin and best before date *(Rule 4 does not* *apply. If used tamperproof labels will be broken for judging).* First - £20
4. One Frame of Honey, any size, suitable for extracting. Must be on wired foundation. First - £10.
5. One bottle of Dry Mead *(Rules 5 & 7)*
6. One bottle of Sweet Mead *(Rules 5 & 7)*

***Mead Cup is awarded to the best exhibit in classes 7 and 8.***

1. 3 Beeswax Candles. Candles need not necessarily be the same size or style. The display will be judged on its artistic merits. They will **not** be lit. *(Rules 1 & 6 do not apply)*
2. Three Plain Beeswax Candles, not patterned, up to and including 38mm (1.5in) in diameter. One candle will be lit by the judge. First - £10,

***Reginald Tower Rose Bowl is awarded to the best exhibit in classes 9 and 10.***

1. Two Beeswax Models, moulded, matching in all respects. First - £10.
2. One cake of Beeswax, weight between 200-255g (7-9oz) and not less than 20mm (¾ in) thick.
3. Six 27g (1oz) Wax blocks.
4. Exhibition Class. A display of Honey and Hive Products. – 4 items to be selected from the following list – 2 jars of Clear Honey of any colour, 2 jars of Naturally Crystalised Honey or Soft Set Honey, one container of cut comb (200-255g). one section (approx. 454g), Frame for Extraction, one cake of Beeswax (as for entry to class 12), 3 candles as in classes 9 and 10, 2 beeswax models, bottle of Mead, Honey Cake, Polish or Furniture Cream and Cosmetics. Displayed flat on the bench in an area not to exceed 500mm X 500mm and 350mm high.

***Subscribers Cup is awarded to the best exhibit in class 14.***

1. Mounted Coloured Print Photograph with Title relating to Bees or Beekeeping, not a close-up. Picture can be of any size, but must be taken by the exhibitor and mounted on plain card any colour (160gsm), A4 size. Digital images are permitted. First - £10
2. Mounted Coloured Print close-up Photograph with title of a bee related activity. Picture can be of any size, but must be taken by the exhibitor and mounted on plain card any colour (160gsm), A4 size. Digital images are permitted. First - £10.

**NOVICE CLASSES.**

**Open to Beekeepers who have never won a First Prize Card in the Kent Honey Show.**

1. Clear Honey. Two jars of Honey, any one colour
2. Naturally Crystallised or Soft Set Honey. Two jars of Honey.

***Novice Cup is awarded to the best exhibit in classes 17 and 18.***

**JUNIOR CLASSES.**

**Open to any Junior member of any of the five Beekeeping Associations in Kent or to the children of a member of the Beekeeping Associations in Kent up to the age of 18.**

1. Honey. One jar of clear honey of any colour. First - £10.
2. Any Artistic, Decorative or Instructive Exhibit, relating to Bees and Beekeeping. (Open to young people who are at junior school during 2024) A written explanation to be included. Dimensions to be not larger than 84 x 60 cm (A2 size). Age to be stated on the entry form. First - £10, Second - £5, Third - £2.
3. Any Artistic, Decorative or Instructive Exhibit, relating to Bees and Beekeeping. May include photographs. (Open to young people who are at secondary school during 2024) A written explanation to be included. Dimensions to be not larger than 84 x 60 cm (A2 size). Age to be stated on the entry form. First - £10, Second - £5, Third - £2.

*Prizes in the form of vouchers will be awarded for classes 20 and 21.*

**SCHOOLS CLASSES.**

1. An artistic, Decorative or Instructive Exhibit relating to Honeybees and Beekeeping. Open to Junior School Classes as either a class project or an entry from a group of pupils at the same school.

Size of the exhibit to be not larger than 84 X 60cm (A2 size). Written explanation can be included with pictures and photographs. Exhibits will be judged for the correct scientific content and for general interest to the general public.

Prizes will be awarded for the winners of the First, Second and Third places and will be in the form of Book Tokens for use in the school library.

**HONEY GIFT CLASSES.**

1. Clear Honey. One jar of clear honey of any colour.
2. Naturally Crystallised or Soft Set Honey. One jar of either.

(For classes 22 and 23. Please supply one of your own labels in an envelope with your entry number, labels will be applied when the honey is sold.)

1. Gift Class. Honey Fruit Cake. Exhibits must be made to the recipe below. Cakes will be donated to catering after judging.

**Honey Sultana and Cherry Cake. Ingredients.** 200g self-raising flour, 175g honey, 110g butter, 2 medium eggs, 175g sultanas, 110g glace cherries.

**Preparation.** Wash the sultanas and cherries to remove any syrup and dry them. Halve the cherries. Cream the butter with honey until light and fluffy. In a separate bowl, beat the eggs together and gradually add the eggs to the butter mixture a little at a time, beating between each addition. Sieve the flour and mix with the fruit to ensure the fruit is dry. Gradually fold in the flour and fruit add a little milk if necessary to achieve a dropping consistency. Put the mixture into an 18cm lined round cake tin. Bake at 160oC/325oF/gas mark 3 for approximately 1hr 30mins until the cake is firm. (Timing is for guidance as ovens vary).

1. Gift Class. Honey Biscuits. A plate of six biscuits made to the exhibitor’s own recipe. The recipe to be displayed with the biscuits.

***Margaret Calder Plate is awarded to the best exhibit in classes 25 and 26.***

**BRANCH OR ASSOCIATION APIARY CLASS.**

1. Branch or Association Apiary Class. Two jars of honey of any one colour. First - £10.

***Geoffrey Dixon Trophy is awarded to the best exhibit in class 27.***

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

## The Agricultural Society’s Trophy.

Exhibitor with the highest points in classes 1 – 15.

**Clive Watson Memorial Trophy.**

Winner of Class 2 for Medium Coloured Honey

## Mead Cup.

Overall Winner of classes 7 and 8

**Reginald Tower Rose Bowl.**

Best exhibit of candles

(Classes 9 and 10)

**Subscribers Cup**

Exhibition Class (Class 14).

## Novice Cup.

Overall Winner of classes 17 and 18

**Geoffrey Dixon Trophy.**

Winner of Branch or Association Apiary Class.

**Best Honey Exhibit in Show.**

(Blue Ribbon may be awarded for the Best in Show if there are 100 entries)

**Best Exhibit in the Cookery Classes.**

Margaret Calder Plate.

**Branch or Association Winning the Most points in Classes 1 – 15.**

Central Division Cup.

**Trophy Presentation is on Sunday 7th July at 3.00pm.**