



# **KENT BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**

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## **Kent County Show 2014**

The bee-keeping presence at the Kent County Show is stewarded by members drawn from the thirteen branches that make up Kent Beekeepers' Association plus Dover, Medway and Thanet beekeepers who are affiliated. We are fortunate enough to own a Bee Pavilion with facilities and storage adjacent to the marquee provided by the County show committee, containing a wide variety of stands and demonstrations to interest and intrigue the attending public.

Outside, a seating area for watching regular demonstrations of live bee manipulations listening to the accompanying commentary, safely separated by bee proof mesh. Skep making attracted much interest as did the board with bee body pictures with holes for child and adults' heads for much laughter and amusing photos.

Inside attractions included something for everyone, the emphasis on information and education, observation hives, a fruit and veg table to show the important pollination work our bees carry out, hive to jar for extracting the fruits of our bees' labour and sales stalls with honey tasting, honey, candles and fudge for sale to encourage purchases from the producers.

A mini honey show with a wide variety of classes from honey and wax through to cakes and photos with stewards to explain the finer nuances of the entries.

The bumble bee stand was constantly surrounded by a group of visitors fascinated by the colonies temporarily housed in see through containers, together with examples of wasps nests and other solitary bees homes.

Candle dipping as practised in days gone by was popular and the children weren't forgotten with the opportunity to design and make a badge, solitary bee house or roll a candle out of sheets of coloured bees wax.

The weather was kind to us this year with only the occasional shower, proving the doom-laden forecast wrong, and the show was deemed to have been a success projecting a professional and knowledgeable show to the public.

*Lesley Fancote*

## **KENT HONEY SHOW 2014 SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS**

**The Agricultural Society's Trophy**  
Exhibitor with the highest points in classes 1-13  
**Sue Clapson**

**Reginald Tower Rose Bowl**  
Best exhibit in candles  
**Paul Abbott**

**Novice Cup**  
Overall winner of classes 14 & 15  
Sponsored by Freeman & Harding Jars  
**Lisa Wilson**

**Mead Cup**  
Overall Winner of classes 8 & 9  
**Sue Clapson**

**Best Honey Exhibit in Show**  
Sponsored by Mann Lake UK  
**Mark Woollard**

Branch or Association Apiary  
Winner of class 20  
**Medway Association**

### **County and other events**

**BROMLEY AND ORPINGTON HONEY SHOW**  
Emmanuel Church, The Grove, West Wickham  
**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014**  
See website at [www.kentbee.com/bromley](http://www.kentbee.com/bromley) for details

### **BIBBA 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE COMBINED WITH THE SICAMM BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

BIBBA (Bee Improvement and Bee Breeders' Association) is pleased to announce its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in collaboration with SICAMM (*Societas Internationalis Apis Melliferae Melliferae*) its European partner.

The conference, hosted by South Clwyd BKA, is open to everyone, with its core focus on bee improvement and the management of native and near native honey bees.

The three day event will take place from 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at the Pavilion, Llangollen, North Wales, where delegates will learn about improving their own stocks of honey bees, whilst enjoying an excellent and varied social programme.

For those wishing to extend their visit, the Llangollen area benefits from stunning scenery and a variety of activities and culture to suit all tastes.

Enquiries to: Trisha Marlow 07812 518822 or  
[bibba.uk@gmail.com](mailto:bibba.uk@gmail.com)

Pre-registration is now open at: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/8429168871](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/8429168871)

*Further details of the event, when available, may be viewed at:*

BIBBA: [www.bibba.com](http://www.bibba.com)

SICAMM: [www.sicamm.org](http://www.sicamm.org)

## **NATIONAL HONEY SHOW**

St George's College, Weybridge

**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> October to Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014**

See website for opening times, show schedule etc.

## **55<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DELEGATES' MEETING OF THE BRITISH BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

The Chesford Grange, Chesford Bridge,  
Kenilworth CV8 2LD

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

### **Reminder**

On 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 Kent Beekeepers Association will start using the Bee Disease Insurance electronic receipting system. Training will take place for Membership Secretaries/Treasurers on **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014** at the County Showground, Detling. Further details will be circulated to those undertaking training nearer the time.

**FOR SALE :** Quantity of new and used beekeeping equipment (National). For details of items available contact Dick Sharp 01732 833838 [lynnanddick@toller.plus.com](mailto:lynnanddick@toller.plus.com)

**DON'T FORGET** to advise your Branch Secretary and the County Membership Secretary of any change to your e-mail address, postal address or telephone numbers.