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Dorset County Beekeepers Association



Editor's note

Lockdowns and other Covid-related restrictions are ending—hooray! This is reflected in all the reports in this issue of HoneyCraft, as face-to-face instruction and meetings are once again the order of the day. Added to this the bees are flying as the weather warms up and the days lengthen. The new beekeeping season has started and there is much to look forward to in the days that lie ahead.

The season will end with the honey harvest and honey shows. It is said that honey that is to be sold should be prepared to the same standards as honey that is to be shown. So if you are thinking of selling honey later in the year, why not enter some show classes to prove that you are selling the best? Information on the Gillingham & Shaftesbury show, the Melplash show and the Dorset County show can be found in this issue, so that you can start your planning now!

The Dorset BKA AGM was held recently where heartfelt thanks for their sterling service were given to retiring chair, Lesley Gasson and secretary Liz Rescorla. The new chairman, is Ivor Kemp of East Dorset BKA, the new Secretary, Stephen Potts of Dorchester & Weymouth BKA and the new Education Officer, Sue Billington of North Dorset BKA. Reports of the meeting can be found on pp 4-6 and a full list of the current association officers and their contact details can be found on the final page of the magazine.

We have a new advertiser, Beekeeping Supplies UK, based in Minehead. So please see what they have to offer and be sure to say that the HoneyCraft advertisement was what directed you to them.

I hope that you enjoy what follows.

Tim Villiers

P.S. The cover picture shows what happens when bees get busy inside an eke left on the hive after the fondant has been finished!

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A message from Ivor Kemp

I am delighted to have been elected as Chair of Dorset BKA.

My passion for beekeeping started in 2000 when a colony of honeybees settled in a compost bin in our garden and I called the East Dorset 'Swarm Patrol' for help. Their enthusiasm and support in introducing me to the world of bees was infectious and following several years as a committee member, I took on the position of Chair of EDBKA.

It has never been so important for us as a group organisation to support the community and environment but also to encourage others to become involved in this deeply satisfying hobby!

I work for Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in Poole and have two sons currently at university. I enjoy walking in the Dorset countryside with my wife Gerri and dog Gracie.

I look forward to meeting more of you soon.

Ivor Kemp



Students at North Dorset's Introductory Day get their first look inside a hive

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Dorset BKA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

held on 20th March 2022.

It was a pleasant change to get together for the AGM and actually meet up with other beekeepers. This year the AGM was held at Sunninghill School in Dorchester and with about 28 people present in the school hall. We had windows and doors wide open on a glorious day, so we minimised the Covid risks.

Cakes and drinks were provided by North Dorset before the meeting started and it was so nice to be able to chat over a piece of cake and a cup of tea rather than over a dodgy internet connection.

The meeting approved the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate account and there were no matters arising. Reports from officers had been circulated before the meeting and were accepted without questions as were the audited accounts.

Commenting on the accounts the Treasurer, James Nalty, drew our attention to the healthy state of the accounts. This is in part due to the lack of activities in the past year due to the lock-downs. The balance has also been enhanced by moving HoneyCraft to a digital only format which has saved the printing and postage costs.

It was felt that we should keep at least two years' income in the reserve to allow for contingencies but the healthy state of the balance meant that we did not need to change the level of capitation.

We then moved on to the election of the new committee. Those who were prepared to stand again were voted in *en bloc*. There were two significant retirements from the committee – the Chair, Lesley Gasson, and the secretary, Liz Rescorla. Both Lesley and Liz have served on the committee for a considerable period of time and their presence will be sorely missed.

Ivor Kemp was elected as Chair of the committee and Stephen Potts has become the Secretary. In addition, the role of Education Officer has been taken on by Sue Billington and Chris Slade is to become an SWBKF representative.

At this point the new officers stepped up to their new roles and there was a discussion about North Dorset's request for funding. The funding request is to assist with the development of their new apiary site which as well as having hives will have a teaching room and further facilities to improve the knowledge and understanding about bees and beekeeping both amongst current beekeepers and the wider public. It was generally agreed that North Dorset's aims were laudable and there was general agreement that their intentions satisfy the objectives of the Dorset Beekeepers Association. The ensuing discussion was on the wording of the proposition and how we ensure that all Associations could enjoy the same access to funds as that being discussed for North Dorset.

After a full and lively discussion the following propositions were passed:

1. *Dorset BKA set up a capital fund to allocate grants to our Associations which can be disbursed by the Council up to a maximum of £2,000 per Association to further the aims of Dorset BKA.*
2. *Dorset BKA grant £2,000 to North Dorset BKA to support their apiary building in Shillingstone and encourage other branches to make application to Dorset BKA for projects that support the objectives of Dorset BKA.*

Under A.O.B. it was agreed that though many of us do not like to use Zoom it has nevertheless proved to be a useful tool and it was agreed that the annual contract, due for renewal in September, would be renewed.

Concern was expressed at the way some Associations were using the swarm map on the BBKA website. It appears that in a few cases a swarm collector appears on the map but is not prepared to collect a swarm. This will be looked into.

The Hambro Cup was awarded to Dorchester and Weymouth BKA and the meeting closed at 15:49.

Report of the Annual General Meeting of Dorset Beekeepers Association

Date: 20th March 2022 at 14:30. **Location:** Sunninghill School, Dorchester. **Attendees:** 28

Minutes of previous AGM held by Zoom 21st March 2021

These were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposer: Terry Payne, Seconded: Stephen Potts. Approved unanimously.

Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.

Council Reports. There were no questions over the reports circulated before the meeting.

Adoption of audited accounts

Proposer: Terry Payne, Seconded: Stephen Potts. Approved unanimously.

Matters Arising from the Accounts

James Nalty (Treasurer) recapped the report and drew attention to the following:

- Honeycraft being digital means there are no printing or postage costs
- Last year's expenditure was low due to a lack of activities such as the Dorset Convention.
- We should keep a contingency fund of approximately 2 years' income.

Capitation to be kept at £2.

Proposer: Sue Billington, Seconded: Chris Slade.

Committee Appointments:

Position	Current Officer	Elected Officer	Proposer	Seconded
President	Richard Norman	Richard Norman	Nem con	
Vice-president	Chris Slade	Chris Slade	Nem con	
Chair	Lesley Gasson	Ivor Kemp	Terry Payne	Sue Billington
Vice-chair	Trevor Ford	Trevor Ford	Nem con	
Secretary	Liz Rescorla	Stephen Potts	Carole Brown	Peter Crabbe
Treasurer	James Nalty	James Nalty	Nem con	
Education Officer	Geoff Buckland	Sue Billington	Tim Villiers	James Nalty
Examinations Sec.	Terry Payne	Terry Payne	Nem con	
Membership Sec.	Roland Benjamin	Roland Benjamin	Nem con	
Honeycraft Ed.	Tim Villiers	Tim Villiers	Nem con	
Website Manager	Stephen Potts	Stephen Potts	Nem con	
AHAT Coordinator	Mark White	Mark White	Nem con	
Accounts Examiner	M. Clarke	M. Clarke	Nem con	
BBKA Delegate	Lesley Gasson			
SWBKF Reps.	Roland Benjamin Stephen Potts Liz Rescorla	Roland Benjamin Stephen Potts Chris Slade	Nem con Nem con Stephen Potts	Roland Benjamin
BeeCraft Trustees	Geoff Buckland R Camping Liz Rescorla	Geoff Buckland R Camping Liz Rescorla		
National Honey Show Delegate	Lesley Gasson	Lesley Gasson		

North Dorset BKA request for a grant towards their new apiary building on a new apiary site:

Tim Villiers spoke to the proposal drawing attention to the role of Dorset beekeepers and their associations to educate new beekeepers and the general public.

NDBKA's current site has difficult access including a couple of stiles. They have been granted planning permission for the development on one of the county farms In Shillingstone, but are held up by delays by Dorset Council in finalising the lease. The lease is for 25 years term with an option on another 25 years.

Should Dorset BKA offer the money which NDBKA seek, the demonstration of active support from their home county association will strengthen thier position in their application for further funds from other bodies.

There was concern from the floor that some of the more eco-friendly components could fall victim to a limited budget but the aim is to make it as eco-friendly as possible – including rainwater capture and grey water recycling.

There was concern over the word "allocate" in the original proposition and it was agreed to change this to "grant".

Concern was expressed over the distance of Shillingstone from some parts of Dorset but it was pointed out that associations cannot say what members would do as regards travel to Shillingstone for meetings.

The new centre will have very good internet access as there is to be a repeater mast within 50 metres of the apiary. Thus lectures could be shared over the internet in real time.

There was considerable concern over the amount that North Dorset were asking for and the feeling of the meeting was that any surplus county funds should be made available to all who can show a use for it to further the objectives of Dorset BKA.

On that basis, is was proposed that:

The Dorset BKA grant £2,000 to North Dorset BKA to support their apiary building in Shillingstone and encourage other branches to make applications to Dorset BKA for projects that support the objectives of Dorset BKA.

Proposer: Tim Villiers Seconded: Angela Harper. Carried unanimously with one abstention.

Dorset BKA set up a capital fund to allocate grants to our associations which can be disbursed by the council up to a maximum of £2,000 per association to further the aims of Dorset BKA.

Proposer: Peter Crabbe, Seconded: Carole Brown. Carried unanimously with one abstention.

Any Other Business:

1. The Zoom contract was reviewed and it was proposed that it should be renewed for another year.

Proposer: Roland Benjamin, Seconded: Carole Brown. Carried unanimously.

2. Concern was expressed at the way some associations are using the swarm map on the BBKA website. It appears that in a few cases a swarm collector appears on the map but is not prepared to collect a swarm. This is against the spirit of the map and is to be looked into by Roland Benjamin.

3. The Hambro Cup was awarded to Dorchester and Weymouth BKA

The meeting closed at 15:49. *Stephen Potts, Hon Secretary*



Liz Rescorla

With some 'thank you' presents



Chris Slade

With the Hambro Cup

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BeelInfo - A new venture on the Dorset BKA website

“What am I going to teach the beginners in the Spring?” “How am I going to distribute their notes for the course?” “How can I further my own knowledge of bees and beekeeping?”

It was pondering these questions that led me to start a new section on the Dorset beekeepers website - BeelInfo.

The aim of the new area of the site is to produce something that is easily navigable, quickly read and full of useful information for beekeepers of many abilities. Each page contains information on a specific area of beekeeping. A full list of pages written, and some that are yet to be written is on the front page:

<https://dorsetbka.com/BeelInfo>.

The aim of the pages is to put all the facts I know about a specific topic into bullet points. Research indicates that when reading web pages the average concentration span is of the order of eight seconds. We all know what it is like. We see a page and start to read it. Then we wonder if there is something out there more in tune with what you seek. Then we are distracted and follow a link which will lead us far from the original task. It is for this reason that I have attempted to reduce all the points to bullet points. Short, sharp and to the point.

Google statistics show that our visitor numbers are increasing and so is the time visitors are spending on the site. Hopefully this will lead to a greater understanding about bees and beekeepers. I do receive feedback via the site on what visitors think of the site but I am always interested in making improvements so any comments, positive or negative are gratefully received.

At present I am adding a page every few days and hopefully this will build up to a comprehensive site for beekeepers from Dorset and beyond.

Stephen Potts



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BBKA courses

BBKA have announced that they are putting on an additional BBKA training course to be held at Stoneleigh:

Honey Bee Health Course - Stoneleigh, Warwickshire - Saturday 30th July 2022

Qualification to attend the course – Preferably possess the BBKA Basic Certificate and have kept bees for at least 2 years

Aims of the Course

This course is tailored to the BBKA Honey Bee Health Assessment and will be delivered by Master Beekeepers; tutors who have expertise in this area. They are designed to give beekeepers confidence in their skills and knowledge which will be useful for assessments. They will provide practice in manipulations (without bees), a forum for discussion; and recommend relevant reading, in addition to improving individual recognition of honey bee pests and disease. The course will equip individuals with understanding of the management of honey bees diseases that may affect colonies.

Date: Saturday 30th July 2022 (1 Day)

Venue: BBKA Head Office, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2LG

Cost: £25.00 - Lunch is **NOT** provided

Maximum number of participants is 12

Also there are still a couple of places available on the following course :-

General Husbandry Assessment Preparation Training - Stoneleigh, Warwickshire

Dates: Saturday 30th April 2022 and Sunday 1st May 2022 – Theory

Sunday 22nd May 2022 - Apiary Practical

Venue: BBKA Head Office, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2LG.

Cost: £150.00 per person



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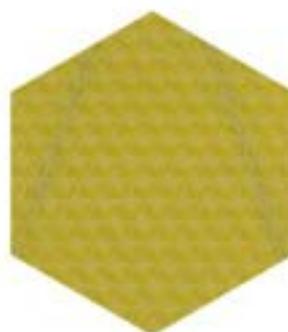
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Dorchester & Weymouth BKA



Looking back at this time last year, we were trying to get our beginners course up and running but as events turned out, we didn't actually get this started until July. What a difference this year, as we have now completed our six-week theory sessions and have already run a few practical sessions taking advantage of the recent warm weather.

As we don't have an association apiary, we are again using trainers who will run the practical sessions in their own apiaries. It worked well last year, so once again we have set up a WhatsApp group between beginners and trainers to facilitate this. We have had 22 beginners on our course this year and, as they have all completed the theory, we hope they will continue with the practical sessions.

We have also got some events lined up. We have been invited to an "Earth Day" on 23 April at Poundbury which is being run by Dorchester Town Council and is described as a "fun event with inspirational speakers, local groups, sustainable businesses and activities for all ages." There may also be another Thomas Hardy Victoria Street Fair in the summer. We have heard that there will be another Sunflower Trail event and finally, after an absence of two years, the Dorset County show will be held.

We hope to start up our monthly socials again at the Colliton Club in Dorchester. These are usually held in the first or second week of the month on a Wednesday or Thursday evening. They are our informal get-togethers to talk about bees, beekeeping and anything else we can think of. Anyone is welcome and dates will be put on our website.

We also hope to hold some apiary meetings. Just to get us in the mood, as it seems a long time since we had any of these meetings, some photos are shown below of previous meetings.

This was in 2018 at a site at the bottom of the White Horse Hill near Sutton Poyntz.



The pictures below are of a meeting we held in August 2016 where we tried to drum bees out of a barrel. It was successful and the bees were re-homed into a proper hive. We went for a cream tea to celebrate!



And talking of teas, part of the apiary meeting experience is always the 'tea' and chance to chat afterwards.



So, here's looking forward to the summer of 2022 when we can start these again.

Sally Leslie

East Dorset BKA

East Dorset Beekeepers' apiary has undergone some fantastic changes recently thanks to the devoted work of our Apiary Manager Robin Oliver. The main changes were made during the winter of 2020/2021 but continued into the 2021 season. Primarily these have been the layout of the apiary and the type of bees deployed.

The layout changed from four rails running through the centre each taking two hives, to three groups of four on numbered hive stations through the centre with two further sets of rails added to the side fence areas. The bees were changed in both number and type. Changing from five colonies of 'unpleasant' local bees to an increased number of a more docile less 'swarmy' bee.

In the Autumn of 2021 further changes were made in the type of hive being used on site. The originals were all 14 X 12 but we now have National, Langstroth Jumbo, WBC and a Flow Hive for added interest. All the hives are colour-coded to make it obvious which are being used, the four Nationals are being run with two as conventional double brood with queen excluder and supers, the other two brood boxes only with no Queen excluders. There are currently seventeen colonies on site which we hope will make for an interesting season for our members.

In January Lesley Gasson gave us an interesting talk via Zoom on apitherapy explaining about the properties of honey, beeswax and also propolis which can be made into a tincture for skin irritation and burns.

Then in February we had a talk via Zoom from Roger Paterson about his approach to queen rearing and the importance of rearing calm and good-tempered bees. Roger, of course, was very close with Dave Cushman and now looks after his website. Then in March, EDBKA had its first face to face meeting, since the outbreak of the Pandemic, in Broadstone where Kevin Pope talked about the weather and how the change of seasons is affecting our bees. Both Kevin and Roger stressed the importance of 'reading' our bees rather than simply basing what we do on dates and textbooks.

It was good to see so many members there and asking questions which Kevin answered in his usual knowledgeable way.

This year's training is well underway with the 'classroom sessions' taking place via Zoom. Given the amount of interest we are considering running a further basic training course in the autumn. It is likely that this will be held face to face in Broadstone.

And finally, we are undertaking a recruitment drive to get our more experienced beekeepers to join the ranks of our mentors to support our trainees during their first year of beekeeping. Similarly, we will be looking to recruit more swarm collectors to make sure that we have cover across the whole of our area.

Ivor Kemp

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North Dorset BKA

This time of the year we are gearing up for the beekeeping season and so far it has been very unpredictable. There were some warm days in March that brought out the Daffodils and made the grass grow then this was followed by very cold days that made us feel like winter again. This has not helped the bees because the queens started to lay only to find there are not enough bees to keep the brood warm. I have heard stories of people losing their bees and my swarm list of people wanting a swarm is the longest it has ever been.



NDBKA have had some interesting winter talks. Marin Anastarsov gave a detailed talk about how honey is made and what is in it. Marin is a good speaker and only lives in Gloucestershire. Mark White of East Dorset BKA told us about Honey adulteration with plenty of examples. If you are looking for a speaker to explain the state of honey in the supermarkets and market stalls ask for Mark.

We have started the year with our annual Introduction Day to Beekeeping which went down very well although the weather was cold. 25 new beekeepers came as well as 7 others interested in bees. The food for lunch and tea was more than adequate and we had letters later thanking us for the day. This event is always organised by Terry and Pam Payne and they have it down to a fine art.

I had an interesting experience with a drone laying queen. I thought that if I shook out the bees and put a brood box on the original site the flying bees would all return to the brood box which I could then unite with a weak colony. We shook out the bees onto a sheet and saw the queen. About half of the bees returned to the original site but half stayed with the queen. I destroyed the queen but the bees around her did not return to the original site they simply clung to the side of the empty brood box. I put a frame of honey beside them which they climbed onto and took it across to the weak hive where they climbed in. I wondered why these bees did not return home in the first place. Did they emerge so late in the season last year that they had never taken any orientating flights and did not know where home was? Were they behaving like nurse/house bees even though they were at least six months old?

Lesley Gasson



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Sherborne BKA

Sherborne Beekeepers apiary has come through the winter with four hives, they were all flying well today , when I briefly looked at them. The shed that we keep all of our equipment in is coming to the end of its life, it has only lasted for 4 years which is not very long, so it is being replaced with one from Halstock timber which will be of a much stronger construction, any assistance erecting the new one would be welcomed ,it should be arriving in the next 6 weeks. We hope that the warm weather continues and we are able to make use of our apiary soon, we have a number of new members who are keen, and also some beginners who have signed up for the basic beekeeping course which will be held in the Mitre Inn Sandford Orcas starting on Monday 21 st of March, and then at the apiary when the weather improves

Richard Baker



West Dorset BKA

What a difference a year makes: at last we have been managing to hold our annual Beginners' Course face to face, albeit a month later than usual. Sadly, though, we have had a few absentees owing to Covid still lurking around, but they were given all the notes and presentations to catch up on.

The 25 students started their dedicated practicals on 26th March; they have three in all. We have split them into two groups, which works well. Kevin Pope SBI is coming along on 14th May to give all the students a good insight into what he is looking for as an inspector and what they should be spotting during an inspection. After their sessions at the apiary it is opened up to all our members including the students -- so hopefully they will continue to come along to learn a bit more before getting their own bees.

The teaching apiary has been looked after by the Apiary Management Committee throughout the winter. We did our first inspection on Monday 21st March—a lovely sunny day. We inspected our nine colonies. There was evidence of brood including eggs; all are doing well. We put a queen excluder and a super on the majority to give them more space.

We as an association are trying to encourage our members, new and old hands, to raise queens from their best native stock, as we all know local bees are best.

The Melplash Show will be going ahead 25th August, so we will have to get ourselves geared up for that after a two-year gap owing to Covid. Lots to think about! The schedule and rules can be found on our website.

To enter the classes, please go to the Melplash Show website -- then click on the schedule tab: <https://www.melplashshow.co.uk> Hopefully we will have a great entry after the two-year gap.

Carole Brown

Advance notice—Honey shows



Agricultural shows will be held once again in Dorset in 2022 and honey shows will form an important part of them. It is an old but still valid adage that honey for sale should be prepared to the same standard as that for showing— so why not have a go?

Gillingham & Shaftesbury show. Wednesday 17 August . After several years of absence a “Bees and Honey” tent will once again form part of the show. The honey show will be judged by Susie Perkins and will include :

Open classes. Two 1lb /12oz jars of respectively light, medium honey, naturally granulated and creamed honey. Labelled jars of honey as for sale, two cartons of cut-comb honey, a shallow frame suitable for extracting, a piece of beeswax (6oz), two moulded candles, two patterned or decorated candles, an item of decorative beeswax (not a candle), a bottle of mead, five hive products, honey fudge, honey cake, photograph of bees, hives or honey production.

Novice classes. Two 1lb /12oz jars of respectively clear and set honey, a piece of beeswax (227 g), two identical candles, a shallow frame suitable for extracting.

NDBKA restricted classes. Two 12oz/340g jars of light, medium, crystallised and soft set/creamed honey. Two cartons of cut-comb honey, a shallow frame suitable for extracting, a piece of beeswax (6oz), two moulded candles, two candles made in any way except moulded.

The full schedule will be printed in the July issue of HoneyCraft

Melplash show. Thursday 26 August

The full Melplash schedule can be found on pp 19-22

Dorset County Honey Show Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th September



For many years it was affectionately known as the Dorchester Show but now the Dorset County Show is a two-day agricultural-themed event held over the first weekend of September. Dorchester & Weymouth Beekeepers have the use of a large marquee for their beekeeping exhibition and honey show in the Countryside Area of the showground.

Saturday is centred around the honey show with entries arriving on the previous evening and up to 8.30am on Saturday, in time for judging to start and continue through the morning. Results are usually available and prize cards displayed by lunchtime. Entries are invited from all members of Dorset County BKA. Entering more than eight classes qualifies you for an entry ticket to the show and being able to sell honey on the sales table. Exhibitors may collect their exhibits at the closing of the show on Saturday or leave them on display in a smaller display on the Sunday.

The Show schedule lists the 40 classes in three sections, -

Section A - Open – to any member of a beekeeping association,

Section B -Dorchester & Weymouth BKA members

Section C - Open only to beekeepers who have never won a first prize at any honey show.

Honey is judged on taste but it does have to be of good quality and anything that a member of the public would object to if purchased in a shop will be rejected. Rusty lids, bees' legs and underweight are not acceptable. Deciding if you have light or medium honey can be difficult to decide but help can be given with the loan of grading glasses. In classes with two jars they must be matching so should be taken from the same box if possible. Schedules will be on the Dorchester and Weymouth BKA website soon and paper copies available in June. Contact me to request a copy or you would like help or advice.

On Sunday the emphasis is on a family themed day with more room around the observation hives. Butterfly Conservation have a display with lots of information on gardening for butterflies and have a fascinating selection of moths and larvae.

If you would like more information about the show please contact me.

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Melplash Schedule

Section Chairman: Mrs C A Brown

Entry Fees: Classes **470 to 500a** 50p

Prize Money: **1st** £3.00; **2nd** £2.00; **3rd** £1.50.

Judge: Suzette Perkins Langport Somerset

All exhibits will be staged in the Beekeeping Marquee with the West Dorset Beekeeper's Association display.

The M. C. Bond Challenge Shield

to be awarded to a member of the **West Dorset Beekeepers' Association** gaining the most points in the Beekeeping **Classes 470 to 500a**

The Carole Brown Trophy to be awarded to a member of the WDBKA

For most points in the Classes 492 to 500a

The M R Wood Challenge Cup to be awarded to the winner of Class 480

The Dorset Challenge Cup to be awarded to winner of Class 485

The F W Carter Cup to be awarded to the winner of Class 493

The Bob Mather Challenge Cup to be awarded for the Best Comb of Honey Ready for Extraction Classes 477 or 497

Blue Ribbon/Certificate of Merit for Best Exhibit in Show

WEST DORSET BEEKEEPING ASSOCIATION RULES APPLY

A full copy of rules will be given out with your class tickets on return of entries

Also to be found on our Website www.westdorsetbees.org.uk

Presentation of trophies and sponsorships will take place approximately 4.30pm in the marquee

Classes 470 to 491 are open to all Beekeepers.

Class

470 Two 454g/1lb. jars of clear light Honey

471 Two 454g/1lb. jars of clear medium Honey (*This class to be kindly sponsored by Felicity's Farm Shop Morcombelake Tel 01297 480930 awarding a £10 Food Voucher*)

472 Two 454g/1lb. jars of chunk Honey

473 Two 454g/1lb. jars of naturally crystallised Honey (not soft set)

(This class to be kindly sponsored by Modbury Farm Shop Burton Bradstock Tel 01308 897193 awarding a £10 Shop Voucher)

474 Two 454g/1lb. jars of soft set Honey

475 Three 454g/1lb jars of Honey any matching type labelled with exhibitors own label as for sale

476 Six 454g/1lb jars of Honey – Three Matching Pairs (1 pair of Liquid, 1 pair of Chunk & 1 pair of Granulated)

477 One frame of comb Honey suitable for extracting wired or unwired

478 One section, square or round, of comb Honey

479 Two minimum 227g/8oz of cut comb Honey in standard plastic containers

480 Two 454g/1lb. jars of clear light, clear medium or clear dark Honey. (Open to exhibitors who have never won a first prize for honey)

481 One cake of Beeswax, minimum 454g/1lb. not less than 18mm/ $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick, moulded in a plain shape.

482 Any decorative item with bees wax (not a candle) - any method

483 One bottle of Dry Mead. To be shown in a clear plain glass bottle of a round type approximately 75cl capacity. White plastic flanged stoppers only may be used

484 One bottle of Sweet Mead. To be shown in a clear plain glass bottle of a round type approximately 75cl capacity. White plastic flanged stoppers only may be used

485 Honey Fruit Cake. Exhibits must be made to this recipe:

Ingredients: 200g/7oz self raising flour, 175g/6oz honey, 110g/4oz

butter, 175g/6oz sultanas, 2 medium eggs, 110g/4oz. glacé cherries (halved).

Preparation; Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F /gas mark 4 Cream butter and honey together. Beat eggs well and add them alternately with sifted flour then fold in sultanas and cherries. A little milk may be added if necessary. Bake in a buttered circular tin, 7inch/18cm in diameter for approximately 1½ hours.

Timing is for conventional ovens and is a guide only as appliances vary. –

Fan ovens may vary.

To be displayed on a white paper plate with a doily covered with clear polythene or cling film.

(This class to be kindly sponsored by Waitrose of Bridport awarding a £10 Food Voucher)

486 Six Honey Crunch Biscuits –

Ingredients:55g/2oz butter,55g/2oz pl flour,1 tblsp honey,55g/2oz granulated sugar, 85g/3oz rolled oats, ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda

Method: Melt the butter and honey together. Take off heat and add b/soda

In a bowl put flour, sugar and oats, mix in the liquid mixture and allow to cool slightly.

Put knobs of the mixture onto a greased baking sheet and flatten slightly

Bake at 325F/170c or Gas Mark 4 for approx 15mins

To be displayed on a white paper plate with a doily covered with clear polythene or cling film.

(This class to be kindly sponsored by Leakers Bakery Bridport Tel 01308 423296

www.leakersbakery.co.uk awarding a £10 voucher)

487 One photograph, on the subject of interest to beekeeping. Prints, no less than 100mm x 150mm (4in x 6in), must be mounted on a card of any colour, maximum size mount 200mm x 255mm (8in x 10in). A title/explanation is to be positioned centrally below the print. *(This class to be kindly sponsored Longs Fish& Chips Tel 01308 423199 Bridport www.longsbridport.co.uk) – a voucher of £5)*

488 One photograph – specifically bees- inside and outside the nest. Prints, no less than 100mm x 150mm (4in x 6in), must be mounted on a card of any colour, maximum size mount 200mm x 255mm (8in x 10in). A title/explanation is to be positioned centrally below this print.

(This class to be kindly sponsored by Footprints Bridport Tel 01308 422511 footprints.co.uk voucher of £10)

489 Two identical beeswax candles, made in a plain mould. (one candle to be lit by the judge).

490 Two identical beeswax candles, made by any means other than a mould. (one candle to be lit by the judge).

491 Twelve Pieces of Honey Fudge – Recipe 454g/1lb granulated sugar, 140ml/¼ pint evaporated milk, 2 tbsp honey, ¼ tsp salt & 55g/2oz butter. Boil sugar, salt and milk for 5 minutes. Add honey and boil to ‘soft ball’ stage 240° F. Add butter and allow to stand until lukewarm. Beat until creamy, pour into a buttered dish. When nearly set, mark into squares. Display on a white paper plate with a doily, covered with polythene or cling film.

Classes 492 to 500a are open to members only of the West Dorset Beekeepers Association.

492 Two 454g/1lb. jars of clear light Honey (*This class to be kindly sponsored by Sue & Mike English of Fruits of the Earth, Victoria Grove Bridport DT6 3AA. Tel 01308 425827 awarding a £10 voucher*)

493 Two 454g/1lb. jars of clear medium Honey (*This class to be kindly sponsored by Co-op of Bridport awarding a £10 food voucher*)

494 Two 454g/1lb. jars of chunk Honey

495 Two 454g/1lb. jars of naturally crystallised Honey (not soft set) (*This class to be kindly sponsored by Wm Morrisons Bridport awarding a £10 voucher*)

496 Two 454g/1lb. jars of soft set Honey

497 One shallow frame of comb Honey suitable for extracting (*This class to be kindly sponsored by Moore than Tea, 21 West Street Bridport DT6 3QN. Tel 01308 423072 awarding a £10 voucher*)

498 One section, square or round, of comb honey

499 Beeswax. Not less than 225g/8oz. and not more than 250g/9oz. in four or eight moulded pieces (any shape) (*This class to be kindly sponsored by Filberts users of local Dorset Bees Wax in their Balms & Salves Tel 01308 488367 website filbertsbees.co.uk awarding gifts of £5 £3 & £2*)

500 1 piece of cut comb honey in a standard plastic container minimum weight 170g/6oz (*This class to be kindly sponsored Longs Fish & Chips Tel 01308 423199 Bridport www.longsbridport.co.uk – a voucher of £5*)

500a Tasting Class - One 454g Jar of Honey any type, to be judged by the show judge on taste. No label to appear on the jar.

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