

## Kent Honey Show Results 2010

### Open Classes:

**Light honey** 1<sup>st</sup> Richard Blaxland 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Clapson 3<sup>rd</sup> Mark Ballard VHC John Cowan

**Medium honey** 1<sup>st</sup> John Cowan 2<sup>nd</sup> Kay Wreford 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Abbott VHC Richard Blaxland  
HC. Graham Bass

**Dark honey** 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Blaxland

**Set honey** 1<sup>st</sup> John Cowan 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Clapson 3<sup>rd</sup> Kay Wreford

**Six jars honey for sale** 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Ballard 2<sup>nd</sup> John Cowan 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Abbott

**Cake of beeswax** 1<sup>st</sup> John Chapman 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Clapson 3<sup>rd</sup> Mark Ballard VHC Paul Abbott  
HC. Kay Wreford

**Bottle of Mead** 1<sup>st</sup> Stuart Crutchley 2<sup>nd</sup> John Chapman 3<sup>rd</sup> Richard Andrews

**Photograph** 1<sup>st</sup> John Cowan 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Abbott 3<sup>rd</sup> D & B Ellis VHC Hilary Lockwood  
HC. Peter Fancote C. Valerie Cullen and Richard Cullen

**Beeswax Candles** 1<sup>st</sup> Valerie Cullen 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Ballard 3<sup>rd</sup> John Chapman

### Intermediate Classes:

**Light honey** 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Ballard 2<sup>nd</sup> Stuart Crutchley 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Clapson VHC John Chapman

**Medium honey** 1<sup>st</sup> Graham Bass 2<sup>nd</sup> John Chapman

**Dark Honey** No awards

**Set honey** 1<sup>st</sup> Richard Blaxland 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesley Fancote 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Clapson

**Novice Clear honey** 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Abbott 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Ballard 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Clapson  
VHC Stuart Crutchley HC. Graham Bass C. John Chapman

**Novice Set honey** 1<sup>st</sup> Sue Clapson

**Clear gift honey** 1<sup>st</sup> John Cowan 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Abbott 3<sup>rd</sup> Richard Blaxland  
VHC Stuart Crutchley HC. Mark Ballard

**Set gift honey** 1<sup>st</sup> Lesley Fancote 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Blaxland VHC John Chapman  
HC. Richard Cullen C. Kay Wreford

There were 78 entries altogether in the competition.

### The Agricultural Society's Trophy

Exhibitor with the highest points in open classes **John Cowan**

### Reginald Tower Rose Bowl

Best exhibit in candles **Valerie Cullen**

### Novice Cup

Overall Winner of classes Novice Classes **Sue Clapson**

### Mead Cup: Stuart Crutchley

**Our Congratulations to all the award winners. Very well done.**

**Our thanks to Francis Capener for judging the classes.**

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### New Master Beekeeper for Kent

There are very few BBKA Master Beekeepers in Kent, we believe the number is five. We are delighted to announce that Ian Stell from Sidcup Branch has recently been awarded his Master Beekeeper status, having satisfied the Examiners at Stoneleigh in July for his Advanced Certificate in Beekeeping Husbandry. Congratulations to Ian on becoming the sixth Kent Master Beekeeper. Very well done.

### Congratulations

There has also been success for other beekeepers in the BBKA Assessments. Kay Wreford (Medway BKA) has been awarded her General Certificate in Beekeeping Husbandry. This is another great achievement when two BBKA Assessors visit your apiary and examine your honey handling facilities and ask searching questions about your beekeeping methods.

We have also had further success with the BBKA Basic Assessment in Kent with the following people satisfying various BBKA Assessors:

**Ashford Branch:** Clare Curling, Anthony Keeler, Matt Porter, Jonathan Scarlett and Gary Saunders.

**Canterbury Branch:** Olivia Grove.

**Dover BKA:** Richard Bunting, Janet Cross, Chris Holdstock, John Morris, Patrick Murfet, Elvin Roberts and Jennie Wadley.

**Orpington Branch:** Richard Brook

**Sevenoaks & Tunbridge Wells Branch:** Sian Burgess, Cliff Hayward and Sarah Rapley.

**Thanet BKA:** Rowena Pearce.

**Westerham Branch:** David Lacey, Lesley Lacey, Jane Rosam, Jane Skinner and Carol Taylor.

Our congratulations to all these beekeepers.

Including the eight successful candidates from Mid Kent reported last time that is 31 beekeepers in Kent with their BBKA Basic this year - so far!

### National Honey Show

As many of you will be aware the National Honey Show is to be held at St George's College, Weybridge Surrey from 28 to 30 October this year are offering a free one-day ticket to all new beekeepers. The address details for all members who joined KBKA from October last year have been sent to the NHS (unless you requested your address details are not sent to members on the subscription form). Your 'ticket' will normally arrive by email. The schedule can be downloaded from the NHS website: <http://www.honeyshow.co.uk/download-schedule.shtml> (from August) If you wish to attend any of the workshops do book in good time as they get filled very quickly.

## CALENDAR August – October 2010

### Branch Events

#### Ashford

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1:00 pm Honey Show at Aldington Village Hall  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2:30 pm Honey Show follow up meeting  
at the South Stour Apiary, Cheeseman's Green Lane, Mersham.

#### Bromley

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 3:00 pm Afternoon apiary meeting. Refreshments provided.  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 11:30 am Kent House Leisure Garden Charity day and apiary meeting..  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Sept Honey Show with Orpington Branch At Emmanuel Church, West Wickham.  
Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 11:30 pm Morning apiary meeting. Refreshments provided.  
Meetings at the Branch Clubhouse, Kent House Road allotments.

#### Canterbury

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Aug Michael Cooper (Seasonal Bees Officer) Annual apiary tour.  
Ring Joan McAllister for details: 01304 824660.

#### Dartford

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 3:00 pm Apiary Meeting at Branch Apiary.  
Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 3:00 pm Apiary Meeting at Branch Apiary.

#### Gravesend

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Aug Inspection of hives and Barbecue at Hartley Bottom out apiary.  
Contact Lesley Fancote 01474 702666 for details and location.

#### Mid Kent

21 - 22 Aug 11:00 am to 5:00 pm Sissinghurst Smallholding Fair at Sissinghurst Castle.  
Contact Barbara Harris for details 01622 880440

#### Orpington

Saturday afternoons 2:30 pm Demonstrations at Beeche Centre, High Elms Country Park  
Shire Lane, Farnborough, BR6 7JH. See Branch newsletter for details.  
Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Sept Honey Show at Emmanuel Church Hall, Grove Road, West Wickham.

#### Sevenoaks & Tunbridge Wells

7<sup>th</sup> August 4<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2:00 pm Meetings at Barrwood Apiary.  
14<sup>th</sup> August 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2:00 pm Meetings at Hilbert Road Apiary.  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 7:30 pm Open discussion 'Successes and Disasters on this previous season.'  
At St Edith's Hall, , High Street, Kemsing, Sevenoaks. TN15 6NA  
Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Sept Honey Show and Exhibition at Otford Church Hall.  
See Branch newsletter for details.

#### Sidcup

All Saturdays Afternoon meetings at Ruxley Apiary, Honeydale Farm or Baldwyn's Apiary.  
Please see Branch website for details.

#### Weald

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Aug 3:00 pm Disease Treatments.  
Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Sept Annual Honey Show.  
Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 3:00 pm Meeting - subject to be confirmed.  
For details contact Nick Mengham 01233 840660 or 07884 231514

#### Westerham

Sat 11<sup>th</sup>-Sept Honey Show at The Churchill School, Westerham  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 7:30 pm Talk by Peter Tomkins "Sixty Four years Man and Bee."  
Please see Branch newsletter for details and directions.

**Whitstable** - No meetings notified.

### County and Other Events

3 - 5 Sept BIBBA Conference at Cahir in Republic of Ireland.  
**The Practicalities of Breeding Local Honeybees.**  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 10:00 am Council Meeting at Margaret Calder Pavilion, Detling.  
28 - 30 Oct National Honey Show at St. Georges College, Weybridge.  
Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Nov Lecture day at Lenham. Speakers: Pam Hunter and Clive de Bruyn.  
26 - 28 Nov Central Association of Beekeepers weekend course at Stratford on Avon.  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 10:00 am Council Meeting at Margaret Calder Pavilion, Detling.  
Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011 10:00 am BBKA ADM at Stoneleigh.  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Mar BBKA Module Examinations.

### BeeCraft and BeeMail

As well as the monthly magazine BeeCraft publish an occasional newsletter called BeeMail and this is sent by email to anyone who subscribes. This is a free subscription and is sent when there is important information to distribute. If you don't already subscribe and would like to receive BeeMail then send an email to [secretary@bee-craft.com](mailto:secretary@bee-craft.com) just ask to subscribe to beemail. You can unsubscribe at any time too.

### KENT SHOW

The Kent Show was held at Detling on 16 – 18 July 2010. We had two observation hives and each of them gained a lot of interest. There were opportunities to see in an open hive and see queens marked. Microscopy, hive to jar, bumble bees, information and education were good talking points. Children (large and small) were catered for with candle rolling and a modified 'be a bee'. We also had Mr Bumble (Nick Mengham) making skeps. Sudi Austin (Flynn's Bee Farm) came along again with examples of hive products. It showed that there is more than just honey from the hive. The honey show was back again this year (results elsewhere) and enabled newcomers to take part in the competition. John Chapman has agreed to run the show again next year, so you newcomers do put some exhibits in next time. Many thanks to all who helped 'man' the show. It was good to see some more 'volunteers' this year. Some tried new stands and 'thoroughly enjoyed' the experiences!!! There was good collaboration between the various associations in Kent and the buzzword this year was FLEXIBILITY! We were short of staff on Saturday and Sunday again so do try and help next year. If you have queries or suggestions about the show or would like to register your help for 2011 please contact me on [bsmith12@ntlworld.com](mailto:bsmith12@ntlworld.com) .

*Bob Smith Chief Steward (What a grand title!)*

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**Meetings in the next issue of the Calendar will cover October - December and please note that all details should be sent to John Hendrie, KBKA General Secretary, 26 Coldharbour Lane, Hildenborough TN11 9JT or email: [bibba26@talktalk.net](mailto:bibba26@talktalk.net) or 01732 833894, by 20<sup>th</sup> September with items for inclusion in the next issue. Many thanks.**