



Honey & Bee Schedule 28th, 29th & 30th July 2026

The New Forest and District Beekeepers Association

Every Beekeeper should be a BBKA member

Show Judge: Bridget Knutson

Assistant Judge: John Bunting

Honey Show Secretary: Graham Collins

Experienced Beekeepers will be present in the Honey Tent to give advice to those wishing to start Beekeeping and to give advice on any beekeeping issue you might have.

Demonstrations with live bees will be given (Weather permitting - see notice in the tent for times)

Bee Suits supplied by B. J. Sherriff

Honey and Bee Produce Classes

(Organized by the New Forest & District Beekeepers Association)

Cups and Awards

(Cups and Trophies awarded only to NFDBKA members)

The 'A J Hickman' Silver Challenge Cup (Perpetual) presented by the New Forest Agricultural Show. Society will be awarded to the competitor gaining most points in Classes 2 to 9

The New Forest Beekeepers' Association Silver Challenge Bowl (Perpetual) presented by Miss H Fair will be awarded to the competitor owning less than ten hives who gains most points in honey and beeswax classes.

The 'A. F. Wheeler' Silver Memorial Rose Bowl (Perpetual) to be awarded to the exhibitor and member of the New Forest Beekeepers' Association, gaining most points in the Show.

The 'Salter Trophy' (Perpetual) presented by Miss M Salter will be awarded to the winner of Class 11.

The 'Burnhan Trophy' (Perpetual) presented by Mrs P Burnham will be awarded for the most points in the wax classes.

The Novice Trophy (Perpetual) presented by T & M J Davies. To be awarded to the novice with the most points in the honey and beeswax classes in the Show.

The 'Wauton Vase' (Perpetual) presented by Mr and Mrs E W B Wauton will be awarded to the best Mead in the Show.

B.B.K.A. Blue Ribbon for the Best Exhibit in the Show.

The Blue Ribbon may only be awarded by National Honey Show approved judges at shows that attract over 100 entries in all beekeeping classes. The Blue Ribbon is designed as the premier award at Honey Shows around the country. It is awarded to one entry that the judge feels is prepared to the highest standard within the show.

Points will be awarded as follows:

First prize 5 points.

Second prize 4 points.

Third prize 3 points.

Fourth prize 2 points.

Very Highly Commended 1 point.

Special Prizes: tba

If you need assistance please contact our teams:

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OPEN CLASSES

Class Description

1. Novice one 454g jar of Honey – any type. (see rule 10)
2. Two 454g Jars of Light Honey.
3. Two 454g Jars of Medium Honey.
4. Two 454g Jars of Dark Honey.
5. Two 454g Jars of Set Honey.
6. Two 454g Jars of Ling Heather Honey.
7. One Shallow Frame of Comb Honey (suitable for extraction). To be displayed in a bee proof case.
8. One Bottle of Dry Mead. (see rule 7)
9. One Bottle of Sweet Mead. (see rule 7)
10. One mounted colour print photograph on any topic connected with beekeeping. Maximum size including mount shall be 8"x10".
11. Two plain beeswax candles, matching in all respects, made by mould. No colouring permitted. Displayed on suitable holders so that candles may be displayed erect and safely lit by judge.
12. Two decorative beeswax candles, matching in all respects, made by mould. No colouring permitted. Displayed in suitable holders, so that candles may be displayed erect and safely lit by the judge.
13. Two decorative beeswax candles, made by rolling, colouring permitted, matching in all respects. One to be lit by the judge. No flammable decoration other than beeswax permitted.
14. Wax Mould. To be made from pure beeswax (not a candle) colouring not permitted.
15. Three beeswax blocks matching in all respects, weighing between 27g and 29g.
16. Two pieces of Cut Comb. Blossom honey (not Ling Heather) presented in standard plain fully transparent commercial containers. Minimum net weight of 227g (8oz) per piece.
17. Sultana & Apricot Cake (as per recipe see attached).
18. 6 Honey and Coconut Biscuits (as per recipe see attached).

RECIPES

Sultana & Apricot Cake

Ingredients:

227g (8oz) Self-raising Flour	113g (4oz) Sultanas
113g (4oz) unsalted Butter	60g (2oz) dried Apricots, soaked overnight and chopped
227g (8oz) Honey	1 teaspoon of Lemon zest
2 Eggs	3 tablespoons of whole Milk
Pinch of Salt	

Method:

1. Cream the butter and honey together. Start oven to pre heat, 160c, Gas Mark 2 ½ -3.
2. Beat the eggs well, alternately adding with sifted flour and salt to mix.
3. Add Sultanas, the softened 'ready to eat' chopped apricots, lemon zest and milk.
4. Beat in well and lightly.
5. Bake in buttered deep 16.5 – 19 cm (6" - 7") round tin for 1 ½ - 1 ¾ hours.

Honey & Coconut Biscuits – Six to be displayed

Ingredients:

170g (6oz) Self-raising flour	85g (3oz) unsalted butter
A pinch of salt	85g (3oz) golden caster sugar
½ tsp bicarbonate of soda	3 tbsp clear Honey
	1 tbsp desiccated coconut

Method:

1. Set oven at 200c, Gas mark 6.
2. Sift together, flour, salt, bicarb. Rub in butter until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
3. Stir in sugar followed by honey and coconut.
4. Work the dough together then shape the mixture into even-sized balls the size of a walnut.
5. Place well apart on greased baking tray and bake for 7 – 10minutes.
6. Leave to cool on a tray for a few minutes before transferring to wire tray to cool completely.

RULES PAGE

- 1. Entries** can be made on the form provided and must reach Honey show Secretary on or before **Monday 20th July 2026**. Please provide SAE for return of labels, please allow for return postage delivery. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the show secretary. Please email the show secretary, grumpybees@hotmail.co.uk for arrangements. Emailed entries, Labels will be available at the Showground (7am – 8am) on the first day of the show.
- 2. Exhibitors** may make more than one entry in any one class, but no exhibitor can enter more than two entries per class and cannot take more than one prize in any one class. Joint owners are not allowed to make separate entries.
- 3. Deliveries of Exhibits.** Personal delivery must be made between 2.00pm and 5.00pm on the day before the Show, or between 7am and 8am on the first day of the Show. All vehicles must be removed from the Showground by 8.00am.
- 4. Staging.** Exhibitors unable to stage their own exhibits will have them staged by appointed stewards. Judging will commence promptly at 8.30am.
- 5. Labels** will be supplied by the Show Secretary and must be affixed as following:
 - Labels for jars and bottles to leave 15mm between the bottom of the label and the bottom of the jar or bottle.
 - Labels for wax moulds to be placed underneath and where possible displayed on a labelled white paper plate and shown in a clear plastic bag.
 - Labels for Shallow Frame, must have one label at the top right hand corner of the front vertical face of the showcase and the duplicate on top of the frame, right hand side.
 - Labels for photographs to be fixed to the bottom right-hand corner of the mount, being 8"x10".
 - Labels for Candles must be placed on the holder.
 - Labels for Cut Comb - on the bottom right-hand corner of the lid of the display container.
 - Cakes and Biscuits to be displayed on a labelled, plain white paper plate, and shown in a clear plastic bag.
- 6. Bona Fide.** All honey and wax exhibited must be the bona fide produce of the exhibitors' own bees.
- 7. Mead** shall be exhibited in clear colourless rounded shouldered wine bottle, of 750ml capacity. Bottles must be PUNTED with no lettering, fluting or ornamentation of any kind. Bottles with shallow punts are acceptable. Only cork stoppers with white plastic flanges are to be used. There should be approximately 20mm from the bottom of the cork to the liquid. No alcohol may be added. No flavouring to be added to Mead. The definition of a Dry Mead is a total absence of any sweetness when tasted.
- 8. Photographs** must have been taken, but not necessarily processed, by the exhibitor.
- 9. Extracted Honey.** Except where otherwise specified all extracted honey must be exhibited in 454g clear squat jars, with standard white or gold plastic, or metal commercial screw lids. All extracted honey to be graded with standard grading glasses.
- 10. A Novice** is an exhibitor who has never won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize for any jarred honey, mead or beeswax class at a honey show.
- 11. Awards.** The judges have discretion to withhold prizes in any class.
- 12. Prize's Awarded** on last day of the show at 4.00pm.
- 13. Care of Exhibits.** All ordinary care will be taken but the Committee will not be responsible in any circumstances for loss or damage sustained in any way whatsoever.
- 14. Removal of Exhibits.** Exhibits may only be removed from the staging after 5.00pm on the last day of the Show and accompanied by a steward.
- 15. Powers of Committee.** The Committee reserve the right to decline any entry without a reason being given, to submit any exhibit for analysis, and to dispose of any damaged honey to the best advantage.
- 16. Any dispute** as to the interpretation of these rules shall be referred to the Organising Committee of the New Forest & District Beekeepers' Association.
- 17. Objections.** All objections must be made in writing and handed to the Secretary by 3pm on the 1st day of the Show, together with a fee of £10.00 which will be forfeited if the objection is not soundly based. The decision of the Committee will be final.
- 18. Re-Admission of vehicles onto** the Showground will be dictated on the day by the Showground Authority.

