

THE 135th
HONITON AGRICULTURAL SHOW
Thursday 6th August 2026
BEEKEEPING SECTION

Sponsored by East Devon & Exeter Beekeepers

THE HONEY JUDGE

JACK MUMMERY

COOKERY JUDGE

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PRIZES: First £5.00, Second £3.00, Third £2.00 will be awarded except for classes 12, 19 and 26 for which special awards will be made.

POINTS: Awarded in each class on the basis of First: 6, Second: 5, Third: 4, HC: 3.

RULES: Exhibits will be judged in accordance with the DBKA Show Rules (<http://www.eastdevonbk.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Rules.pdf>) which are equivalent to the BBKA Show Rules (1994). Open to ALL DBKA members.

THE BLUE RIBBON AWARD, offered by The National Honey Show, will be awarded for the best exhibit in the Beekeeping Section of the Show, should entries exceed 100.

PRIZE ANNOUNCEMENT & DISTRIBUTION will be made by David Packham.

ENTRY FEE: 50p per class. No entry fee for Victoria Sandwich (21) & Bee Creative Class (26).

PLEASE EMAIL COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS TO:

Sophie Benger - burrowfarmhoney@gmail.com - using the Competition Entry Form, along with confirmation of your bank transfer fee payment. Full details available on your branch website

ONLINE COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS & BANK TRANSFER FEES APPRECIATED BY TUESDAY 4th AUGUST OR BRING YOUR COMPLETED PRINTED FORMS AND CASH WITH YOUR ENTRIES. Labels will be provided for staging of your exhibits in the Bee Marquee.

STAGING - It is free to enter the Honiton Show Ground via the Orange Gate on Wednesday 5th August. You can even park right next to the honey tent. Exhibits can be staged between **3.00 pm and 6.30 pm** on Wednesday 5th August OR between **8.00 am and 9.00 am** on the morning of the show (**Stewards and Show Team only**).

Late entries will only be accepted from stewards and Show Team on the morning of Thursday 6th August in the Bee Marquee, and by **9am latest**.

SECTION A: HONEY CLASSES

CLASSES 1-15 INCLUSIVE ARE OPEN TO ANY MEMBER OF DBKA
Except Class 8, exhibits should be without labels apart from the entry number label supplied during staging with its lower edge affixed 2cm above the base.

1. Two matching 454g (1 lb) jars of Light English Honey.
2. Two matching 454g (1 lb) jars of Medium English Honey.
3. Two matching 454g (1 lb) jars of Dark English Honey.
4. Two matching 454g (1 lb) jars Set English Honey.
5. One comb (wired or unwired) of English honey for extraction.
6. One container of cut comb honey, gross weight 200-250g (7oz-9oz).
7. One section of comb honey.
8. **The Evelyn Pelham Memorial Salver:** Six matching transparent jars of English honey min jar size 345g (12oz), labelled as for sale, to comply with current regulations. **Multiple entries are not permitted.**

SECTION B: WAX, COMPOSITE, MEAD, AND ART CLASSES

9. One piece of beeswax not less than 454 g (1 lb) in weight and 2.5 cm thick.
10. Six blocks of beeswax each 28 g (1 oz) in weight.
- 11a. Ornamental beeswax creation, moulding and colouring is permitted.
- 11b. Pair of matched candles made by any method. Colouring is permitted. Candle holders *must* be provided by the entrant.
NB candles will be tested/lit.
12. **The Griffin Cup:** three 454 g (1 lb) jars of English honey, one each of light honey, medium or dark honey (excluding ling) and soft set honey and a beeswax block, not less than 227 g (8oz) in weight and at least 10 mm thick. First Prize only, of £10.00 presented by **East Devon & Exeter Branches of DBKA.**
13. One bottle of mead labelled "sweet" or "dry", in a clear punted Sauterne-type bottle of approximately 75cl capacity. White plastic flanged stoppers only must be used.
14. A single photograph not less than 150mm x 100mm (6" x 4") and not more than 300mm x 200mm (12" x 8") of a subject of beekeeping interest. Must be rigid, i.e. mounted/laminated. **This class will be judged by the public and voting closes at 3.30pm.**
15. ART: Coloured picture or craft-work/sculpture in any medium. Subject of interest to Beekeepers. A suitable translucent protective covering may be used.

SECTION C: CLASSES 16 -19 INCLUSIVE – FOR NOVICES of DBKA ONLY

NB A novice is anyone who has not won a prize at any Honey Show.

16. Two 454 g (1 lb) jars Light English honey.
17. Two 454 g (1 lb) jars Medium or Dark English honey.
18. Two 454 g (1 lb) jars soft set English honey.
19. **THE ROBIN KIRKCALDIE MEMORIAL CUP:** three 454 g (1 lb) matching jars of English honey. First prize only of £5.00.

SECTION D: COOKERY CLASSES

CLASSES 20 - 24 INCLUSIVE ARE OPEN TO ANY MEMBER OF DBKA. Paper plates and plastic bags will be supplied upon arrival.

IMPORTANT – COOKERY ENTRIES MUST BE BAKED IN CORRECT SIZE TIN/TRAY TO BE JUDGED FOR AWARDS.

Please remember the temperatures quoted are only a guide – honey can burn quickly!

20. HONEY FLAPJACKS – using this recipe

Ingredients: 150g butter, 150g light brown soft sugar, 4 tbsp honey, 300g porridge oats,

Method: (1) Melt butter, sugar, honey and pinch of salt in a pan. (2) When mixture is bubbling, stir in oats. (3) Press mixture into lined 20 x 20cm baking tin. (4) Bake till golden brown at 180C (approx. 18-20 mins). (6) Cool and cut into 16 pieces. Display 4 identical squares.

21. HONEY VICTORIA SANDWICH – using this recipe

*This is a **Gift Class**- There is no entry fee but cakes will become the property of the Honiton Show Committee and will be sold for the benefit of show funds from 3.00 pm on the day.*

Ingredients: 170g (6oz) margarine or butter, 100g (4oz) caster sugar, 170g (6oz) self-raising flour, 1 tablespoon honey, 3 eggs, 2 tablespoons warm water.

Method: Cream margarine/butter and sugar then the honey. Beat in the eggs. Fold in the sifted flour, adding water, if required, to make a soft mixture. Divide between prepared 7-inch sandwich tins and bake at 325F, 160C, Gas 3 for about 30 minutes. For the filling, use 110g (4oz) icing sugar, 55g (2oz) margarine or butter and 1 tablespoon of honey.

22. HONEY BANANA CAKE – using this recipe

Ingredients: 150g/5 oz butter 150g/5 oz SR Flour, 100g/3 ½ oz brown sugar 150g/5 oz wholemeal flour, 150g/5 oz mashed banana, 1 egg, 175g/ 6 oz chopped dates, 1 tsp baking powder, 60g/2 oz honey, a pinch of salt.

Method: Preheat oven to 160C/350F/gas mark 3. Cream butter and sugar together and beat in the egg. Add the mashed banana and honey and beat well, stir in the dates. Sieve the flours and baking powder together and mix into the creamed mixture together with the salt. A little milk may be added if necessary. Bake in a greased and lined circular tin, 7 inches in diameter for approximately 1 ½ hours. Timing is for conventional ovens and is a guide only as appliances vary.

23. HONEY SULTANA SCONES – using this recipe

Ingredients: 200g self-raising flour, 65g butter, pinch of salt, 1 dstspn runny honey, 1 level tsp baking powder, 40g sultanas & 100ml milk.

Method: (1) Rub butter into sieved flour and baking powder. (2) Add sultanas. (3) Mix honey with milk and add to mixture and mix to a soft dough. If the dough is not soft add more milk. (4) Roll out to 2cm thick and cut into 5cm rounds with cutter. (5) Place on a greased baking tray. (6) Bake at 200°C, Gas 6 until risen and golden brown. (7) Display four scones.

24. HONEY SWEETENED LEMON CURD – using this recipe

Ingredients: 100g (4oz) honey, 100g (4oz) caster sugar, 2 large eggs, 60g (2½oz) butter, finely grated rind and juice of a lemon.

Method: Heat the honey, butter, sugar, lemon rind in a covered double saucepan and allow to stand in the heat for a time. Add well beaten eggs and cook very slowly, without boiling, until mixture thickens. Seal and keep cool. If lemon rind is not liked in the curd, the mixture may be strained before putting into a jar. This will not fill a 454g jar so a 227g jar may be used.

25. CHILDREN'S CLASS for DBKA Members and their families.

Decorate a cupcake on the theme of 'Beekeeping'. The cupcake can be up to 3ins in diameter and **only the decoration will be judged**. Two cupcakes to be displayed.

26. "BEE CREATIVE" CLASS for invited schools and children's organisations.

Each group to design and make a poster of 'From Flower to Honey Jar'. Maximum poster size, 1m x 1m.

The following special awards will be available:

THE FRED BARRATT SHIELD Awarded for the highest overall points aggregate in the Honey Classes 1 - 8 inclusive.

THE EVELYN PELHAM MEMORIAL SALVER Awarded to the winner of Class 8.

THE BASIL SALTER WAX CHALLENGE CUP Awarded for the highest points aggregate in Wax Classes 9 & 10.

THE GRIFFIN CUP for the winner of the first prize in Class 12.

THE ROBIN KIRKCALDIE MEMORIAL CUP – to the winner of Novice Class 19.

THE UPLYME CUP Awarded for the highest overall points aggregate in the cookery Classes 20 - 24 inclusive.

THE HONITON SHOW CUP Awarded for the highest overall points aggregate in all Classes 1-24 inclusive.

The Prestigious NATIONAL HONEY SHOW BLUE RIBBON AWARD for BEST EXHIBIT IN THE SHOW (only when entries exceed 100).

BRANCH CUP Awarded to the branch with the highest overall points aggregate in all Classes 1-25 inclusive.

JUDGING STARTS at 10 am on Thursday 6th August 2026 in accordance with the DBKA Show Rules. <http://www.eastdevonbk.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Rules.pdf>

COLLECTION - Exhibits should be collected between **5pm - 6.30 pm** on the day of the show, Thursday 6th August. Should exhibitors be unable to collect exhibits themselves, exhibits will be removed for safe keeping by Branch representatives, **ONLY** with prior arrangement. Any queries to the Competition Secretary, Sophie Bengier - burrowfarmhoney@gmail.com