

## ANOTHER TEN YEARS

### A second update of the NHS History

At the Golden Jubilee of the National Honey Show a History of the Show was published covering the first fifty years. This was updated by an insert in the Schedule for the 60<sup>th</sup> Show. (A copy of the History and the 1960 update is available from the Chairman for £1.40 including postage or at the Show for £1.20)

Because this is the 70th Show and another 10years of successful Shows have now past, a further update is appropriate.

The openers/ presenters of cups and trophies have been, respectively,

1991	Mr David Maclean, MP Minister of Food	Mr. George Knights, Former BBKA President
1992	His Excellency Mr, PLU Cross, DSO DFC The High Commissioner of Trinidad & Tobago	Mr Arthur F. Weedon, Former NHS Treasurer
1993	Councillor D Harney, OBE His Worship, The Mayor of Kensington & Chelsea	Dr. Harry R C Riches, MD, FRCP. Master of the Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers
1994	Councillor Miss Doreen M Weatherhead The Worshipful, the Mayor of Kensington & Chelsea	Mr A J Lilburn
1995	His Excellency Mr MAD Elwin The High Commissioner for Dominica	Mr Daniel J Deasy President of the Irish BKA
1996	Mr David la Niece Master of the Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers	Mrs Ann Little
1997	His Excellency Mr Edward Barrington The Ambassador of Ireland	Mr George Vickery Former NHS Judges referee
1998	Her Excellency Shelagh M de Osuna The High Commissioner for the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago	Mr Jack Holt NHS President
1999	Mr Brian Reynolds Master of the Worshipful Comp any of Wax Chandlers	Mr David Smart Past President of Cheshire Beekeepers Association
2000	Dr David Bellamy OBE, PhD, FLS, FIBiol Botanist, Writer and Broadcaster	Mrs Jean Purcell Former NHS Vice Chairman

The 1991 Show was held at the Royal Horticultural Society's Old Hall at Vincent Square, London. The associated lectures were held on the Thursday and Saturday in the Great Hall of the Westminster Lower School and on the Friday in the RHS Conference Centre at the rear of the Old Hall. This proved to be an unsatisfactory arrangement. The following year due to continuing lack of facilities and increased costs, arrangements were made to hold the Show at the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea. It was only possible that year to a Lecture programme on the Friday and Saturday of the Show and these had to take place at the Chelsea Physic Garden premises, a short distance from the Museum.

Fortunately we were able to book accommodation for the 1993 show at The Town Hall, Kensington. The facilities were found to be admirably suitable for our needs and consequently the premises are booked for the next nine years until the year 2010.

During the last ten years a number of changes have been made to the classes in the Schedule. mainly directed at encouraging exhibits from overseas Beekeepers. This has proved most successful, particularly in regard to support from Trinidad and Tobago.

A number of additional Stands have been taken up in the Trade Hall bringing the current number supporting the Show to about 30.

There have also been changes in the personnel involved in organising and supervising the Show.

The President, Chairman and Secretary have remained in Office for the whole period, but Mrs. Jean Purcell, the Vice-Chairman from 1991, relinquished the position in 1995 and was succeeded by Mr. John Hendrie. Mr. William W Jones resigned as Treasurer and Membership Secretary in 1996 due to deteriorating health. Mr William D Fildes took over as Membership Secretary and Mr Clive S Mence became the Treasurer.

After the unfortunate death of Mr. Edward Freeman in 1997, Mr. Peter Dalby accepted the post of Trade Exhibitors' Co-ordinator.

Mr. Brian Palmer ceased to be Schedule Secretary in 1992, but took over responsibility for the Lecture Programme in 1999 following the death of Mr George W Knights.

Mr. A David Charles filled the vacated position of Schedule Secretary until 1998 when Mr William W Jones accepted responsibility.

The position of Publicity Officer has seen several changes; Mr. Peter Baker continued until 1992. Mrs. Barbara Dalby succeeded to the post until 1994 when Mrs. Mary Fisher took over until 1997. Mr Godfrey Munro then assumed responsibility until 2000.

Mrs. Vivienne Brown has faithfully served as Draw Secretary throughout the entire period of this update, as has Mr Peter Springall as Show Supervisor. He was ably assisted during this time by Mr R Michael Duggan and by Mr. Jack Summers until his death in 1999. Mr. Jack Holt also ceased to be one of the Deputy Show Supervisors in 1999 and was succeeded by Mr. L.C. Hall.

Mrs. Jean Purcell handed over the cup secretaryship to Mrs. Elizabeth A Duffin in 1995 and she has continued with the assistance of her husband until the present.

In 1991 two Chief Show Stewards were appointed, Mr. B. Diaper and Mr. J. Pearce, but for health reasons, the latter resigned at the end of the 69<sup>th</sup> Show.

It was decided in 1996 to appoint a Legal Advisor and Mr. Alistair Milne kindly accepted the position of Honorary Legal Advisor.

Towards the end of this 10-year period we began to transfer some of the activity of consolidating Judges' Awards, Cup Points and Prize Lists on a computer. The Prize Cards are now also produced from the computer. This work was undertaken primarily by Mr Mike Duffin and Mr Bill Fildes to whom we are grateful for the work they have undertaken.

During the period we have received some sponsorship towards various aspects of the Show and we are particularly grateful to the Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers for the financial support given over many years. The Master of the Worshipful Company graciously agreed to be an Honorary Patron from last year's Show onwards.

As we enter another decade, we confidently look forward to the loyal support of the Beekeeping fraternity and other interested parties to ensure the continuing success of future shows.

The Officers and those responsible for the organisation of our 70<sup>th</sup> Show are to be found on page 4 of the Schedule.

William S. Mundy. Chairman.