



National Honey Show Newsletter October 2016

2016 Venue: Sandown Park Racecourse

Thursday 27th, Friday 28th and Saturday 29th October 2016

This year's Show is fast approaching, and there are some last minute opportunities and requests. If you can help with publicity for the Show by sharing National Honey Show Facebook posts, please do.

Competitive Entries

The first deadlines have passed, but there is still time to get late entries entered for the Show.

Workshops

There are still some places left on the Workshops, so please book now. There are a wide range of workshops available covering: learning a practical skill; progressing your formal training with the BBKA; understanding how to identify diseases with the Bee Inspectors; and learning more about showing and judging. There are limited places on these workshops so please book now to avoid disappointment.

We also need volunteers to Chair the workshops, which basically entails taking the register and helping the Workshop leader. As Chair of a workshop you are entitled to free entry to the show on that day and given £5.00 towards refreshments. Please let the newsletter (nationalhoneyshownews@gmail.com) know which workshop you'd be interested in Chairing.

Call for Stewards

It takes a large team to make the show run smoothly. If you can help with stewarding, we'd be glad to hear from you. Stewarding may be watching over a room full of exhibits, answering questions, ensuring the exhibits are not touched or stolen; or stewarding a lecture where you would be available to show people out in the event of a fire; or standing by a doorway making sure only people with a valid wristband enter.

As a Steward, you are entitled to free entry to the show on that day and given £5.00 towards refreshments.

Please let Bill (chiefsteward@honeyshow.co.uk) know which days (mornings, afternoons or both) you can be available to help. It's fun, and rewarding to feel part of the team that makes it all happen.

Distributing leaflets and posters for the Show

With our larger venue, lots of attractions, and many non-beekeepers interested in the subject, there is a lot this year for the casual visitor, especially with it being an indoor event over half term. If you are fairly local and can help with leaflet distribution, have a paper round, or a child or neighbour who does one if you can put up poster(s) if you are a teacher or work in a school and can help spread the word, do please contact Val: publicity@honeyshow.co.uk

Trade & Educational Exhibition Hall

It's a big hall and we have some space still if you want to make a last minute booking: contact tradestands@honeyshow.co.uk.

Planning your visit

There's plenty of free car parking. Wifi and good phone coverage. The food hall will be open throughout the Show. Try to allow plenty of time to get to lectures and workshops as entrance to these is at the far end (>100m) of the building. A trek, but with plenty of interesting things to see along the way, and no chilly car parks to cross.

Enjoy the Show!

Val Rhenius
Fiona Matheson
Helen Cave