



90th National Honey Show: 21st to 23rd October 2021 National Honey Show Newsletter Summer 2021

The committee are delighted to be planning a live National Honey Show this October, and to invite you to join us. With lingering uncertainty about whether there will be any restrictions due to COVID-19 this Autumn, the committee have instigated some contingency planning, so please take note: some things will be a little different this year.

Of course we hope these advance preparations will prove superfluous in hindsight, but they will nevertheless smooth the way for reduced queuing for the show to take place as we hope, just as normal.

1. Admission to the Show: ONLY by pre booked tickets / paid up membership

To reduce queuing at the show, admission to the show MUST be pre-booked.

Day admission tickets can be purchased from the website shop: www.honeyshow.co.uk from 1st September to 11 October.

National Honey Show **membership**, giving the usual admission for all three days of the show, can be bought or renewed also from the website shop www.honeyshow.co.uk

Printed Show Schedules will be posted to members and UK day ticket holders who choose to receive a posted copy.

The shop will close on 11th October to allow admission tickets and Show Schedules to be posted.

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2. Show Schedule 2021 and new classes

For our spectacular display of entries the Show Schedule of Classes, specially adapted for the 2021 show, is now available on our website:

www.honeyshow.co.uk/files/2021/Full-Schedule-of-Classes-Guidance-Rules.pdf

New for 2021 (marked ► in the Schedule)

New beeswax classes including candle from a hand made mould (52, 53, 54)

New design & exhibition classes (85, 88, 89, 92)

Additional photographic and essay classes including a poem, and a limerick (95 to 108)

New junior classes, a photograph, a short essay, and 'pollination' themed artwork (148, 149 and 150).

There are no international classes for 2021.

Closing date for show entries this year:

Completed entry forms for classes 95-108 inclusive and class 315, i.e. essays, videos, microscope slides and photographs must reach the Entries Secretary by **6th September 2021**.

Completed entry forms for all other classes must reach the Entries Secretary by **4th October 2021**.

The entry form is available on our website.

We can accept NO late entries for the 2021 show.

Junior classes for the show

We encourage young enthusiasts to enter classes at the show. We can supply leaflets with information and an entry form. Please get in touch if you can distribute leaflets to your local schools or scouts groups. Visit <https://www.honeyshow.co.uk/general-announcements.php> or contact Fiona: gensec@honeyshow.co.uk for copies of the leaflet.

3. Lecture Programme and Live Streaming

We are keen to ensure the lectures take place safely, all within the large halls as usual. But please bear with us: if we have to implement distancing and a one way system, there will obviously not be the usual amount of lecture hall and workshop spaces available.

We also plan live streaming to National Honey Show supporters who are not able to attend the show. Members can watch online using the email address lodged with the membership secretary. For non members worldwide, tickets for access to the live lectures will be on sale on our website after 1st September for £5, to cover viewing of the entire lecture programme for the duration of the show.

The main lecture programme will be available for all to view, free of charge, on The National Honey Show YouTube Channel in the usual way a few months after the show.

Provisional Lecture Programme 2021

Main Lectures

- Torben Schiffer** *"Aspects of natural conditions in comparison to modern beekeeping....."*
"Man made breeding and selection vs natural reproduction and selection....."
"How modern beekeeping enhances nectar competition and contributes to species extinction of wild pollinators"
- Mike Edwards** *"Beyond honey bees – an introduction to the rest of the 600 plus species of aculeates present in the British Isles and Ireland"*
- Kirsten Traynor** *TBA*
- Vince Gallo** *"How to build honey comb – a bricklayer's perspective"*
- Paul Hurd** *"Honey bees are what they eat: how do differing diets result in queens or workers?"*
- Jo Widdicombe** *"The National Bee Improvement Programme"*
- Lynfa Davies** *"Honeybee behaviour"*

Bee Craft Lectures Friday 22nd October

- Dr Andrew Salisbury /Helen Bostock** *"Prioritising pollination"*
- Laura Brettell** *"Deformed Wing Virus"*
- Daniel Stabler / Jeri Wright** *"The influence of ozone on nectar and pollen quality"*
- Raquel Teixeira-Sousa & Geraldine Wright** *"A pinch of salt for honey bees"*
- Catherine Thompson** *"Parasite pressures on feral bee colonies"*

Beginners' Lectures Saturday 23rd October

- Karl Colyer** *"Things I wish I'd learnt earlier"*
- Daisy** *"Wintering Well"*
- Roger Patterson** *"Swarming and what swarm prevention and control methods are trying to achieve"*
- Lynfa Davies** *"Colony Nutrition"*

Lectures from the 2020 National Honey Show

are now available to view : <https://www.youtube.com/c/NationalHoneyShowUK/videos>

- Jeff Pettis** *"Long live the queen, please Why are queens failing?"*
- Etienne Bruneau** *"The honey market in Turmoil"*
- Mike Palmer** *"A Year at French Hill Apiaries"*

alongside the many fascinating and informative lectures from previous years.

4. Workshops

Space is limited so workshops must be pre-booked. Booking opens via The National Honey Show website www.honeyshow.co.uk on 1st September. The provisional programme for this year includes:

Sara Robb: "Super Natural Cosmetics"

Andy Pedley: NEW "Food Safety for Beekeepers"

Stuart Roberts and John Goodwin: BBKA Show Judge Certificate

Oliver St John: Building a hive

Ron Hunter: Mead Making

Claire Murthy: Creating Mixed Media Bee Art

John Goodwin: Showing Wax and Showing Honey

Margaret Murdin: Exam Techniques

Gwyn Marsh: Wax wraps

Marin Anastasov NDB: Reproductive Anatomy

Chris Sweet: Making All Grain Honey Beer at Home

Anne Rowberry: Queen Rearing for the Small Scale Beekeeper

Sarah Wyndham Lewis: Sustainable planting for Honeybees

5. Traders

Many of the usual traders have already indicated they are looking forward to joining us at our live Show this year and we expect to welcome them to Sandown Park as usual. Unfortunately we will not be able to host any overseas traders this year.

6. Sponsorship

We welcome offers of sponsorship for the show, which is run on a non profit basis entirely by volunteers. If you wish to support the show in this way, please contact Bob Maurer: chair@honeyshow.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's show.
Visit our website for the latest information

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