



## National Honey Show Spring Newsletter 2019

This year's National Honey Show will be held, once more, at our fantastic venue: Sandown Park, Esher, from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

**The lecture programme** is now complete, though as always, subject to last minute contingencies, so do check lectures and times on the day. Topics planned for this year's lectures include: **Ralph Büchler** on varroa resistance, varroa sustainable management, environmental adaptation and selection, and the link of honey bee complex biology to its health; **John Donoghue** on managing bees for the honey crop; **Mary Montaut** on bees & plants; **Shona Blair** on honey against superbugs; **Jo Widdicombe** on bee improvement; **John Chambers** on basic honey bee genetics; **Irene Power** on efficient beekeeping and Simon Rees on the Langstroth story, and how bees fly.

The lecture programme details can be found at:

<http://www.honeyshow.co.uk/lectures-and-workshops.php>

If you have a timetable clash, you can catch up with any of the main programme lectures as videos on The National Honey Show You Tube channel in the new year, courtesy of our generous sponsors. Last year's lectures are all uploaded now, and previous years' still available as well.

**The younger generation** are the future, for beekeeping as well as all else, and we love to encourage the next generation to take part in all our beekeeping events. It would be great to see more youngsters at, and taking part in, The National Honey Show.

The National Honey Show is held at the end of October, which for many areas, is half term week. We usually have some activities for children and this year will there will be quizzes plus some drawing and colouring activities on stands throughout the whole show, with our main day for children's activities on the Saturday. There will be a dedicated area with candle rolling ('big' kids are allowed, too) and other activities on offer for your children and maybe grandchildren to enjoy.

You may be aware the [International Centre for Young Beekeepers organises a meeting: The International Meeting of Young Beekeepers \(IMYB\) http://icyb.cz/](http://icyb.cz/). This is an annual meeting for young people interested in beekeeping. The event started in 2010 as an initiative from the Czech Republic and has become the largest international meeting for young beekeepers worldwide. It is designed for participants aged 12 to 17 who compare knowledge and skills, establish new friendships and find out more about other countries and cultures during the four day meeting. There will

be opportunities to talk to some of the young beekeepers who have attended the IMYB meetings during this year's National Honey Show.

As well as the usual National Honey Show leaflet, we are producing a special leaflet highlighting activities on offer for children and detailing the variety of competitive entry classes for juniors. We'd love to see more youngsters at the show, and entries in these classes.

**Raffle** For this year's National Honey Show raffle as well as having four cash prizes to be won, we have also four gift vouchers from traders at The National Honey Show - to be redeemed from the respective companies. The draw for all the prizes will take place on Saturday 26th October, just before the prize giving for show entries.

**Entry Classes** We have three new entry classes for 2019:

**Braggot.** (in the beer section)

2 bottles, minimum 330ml, not commercially available. Honey must be an ingredient.

**Branch or Association Newsletter.** Three latest editions of a branch or association newsletter, to be submitted in electronic format.

**Beeswax Wrap,** two matching pieces. Each 30cm square. One piece will be used to wrap a food item which will be supplied by the Show on Wednesday. Exhibits must therefore be entered on the Wednesday.

There's still time to organise a coach or minibus outing to the Show. There's plenty of interest at The Show and nearby for beekeepers and gardening clubs (Windsor, Wisley, Kew and Hampton Court). Sandown Park has ample free parking.

Do please request National Honey Show leaflets for distribution to your local association and to take to your local and county shows. Please contact us [publicity@honeyshow.co.uk](mailto:publicity@honeyshow.co.uk) to let us know how many of each leaflet you need (the usual, and/or that aimed at the younger generation), the address to send them, and we will post them to you.

Digital copies can be found at <http://www.honeyshow.co.uk/publicity.php>

Look forward to seeing you, and lots of enterprising young beekeepers, at this year's show. We hope you'll enjoy it as much as we do.