DROMORE BEEKEEPERS’

ASSOCIATION

HONEY SHOW



**Judge: Christina Bradley**

**Saturday 6th September 2025**

**Bannside Presbyterian Church Hall**

**Castlewellan Road, Banbridge.**

**(In association with Banbridge Hort. Society)**

**Staging exhibits Fri 7:30-9:00, Saturday 8:00-10:15, judging starts 10:30am, show open 2pm, prize distribution 3:30pm.**

HONEY SHOW SCHEDULE

Honey Show Manager: Cecil McMullan.

Honey Show Secretaries: Madeline McMullan & Jo Toland.

Judge: Christina Bradley.

Stewards: Malcolm Megaw & Gail Orr.

Staging: Friday 7:30 -9:00pm Saturday 8:00 -10:15am

Judging starts: 10:30am Show opens 2:00pm Prize distribution: 3:30pm

Class 1. Observation hive, with marked queen and bees. ***1st Michael Young* *UBKA Cup***

Class 2. Two containers cut comb, gross weight between 200-255g (7-9oz) . ***1st Cut Comb Shield***

Class 3. Two sections. ***1st Section Shield***

Class 4. Two 454g(1lb) jars light honey. ***1st Heathwood Nurseries Trophy***

Class 5. Two 454g(1lb) jars medium honey. ***1st Heathwood Nurseries Trophy***

Class 6. Two 454g(1lb) jars dark honey.  ***1st Heathwood Nurseries Trophy***

Class 7. One 454g(1lb) jar of honey which is judged for taste only. (a collar is provided.) ***1st Walsh Trophy.***

Class 8. Two 454g(1lb) jars chunk honey, approx. 50% cut comb. ***1st Banbridge District Council Shield.***

Class 9. Cake of beeswax, not less than 19mm(3/4in) thick and 227g(8oz) weight ***1st Campbell Trophy***

Class 10. One frame suitable for extraction. ***1st Thompson Trophy***

Class 11. Three beeswax candles made by any method. ***1st Shaw Mahogany Candelabra.***

Class 12. Six jars of honey as offered for sale. These can be 454g(1lb), 340g(3/4lb) or 227g(1/2lb) ***1st Uprichard Shield.***  Exhibitors label must conform to current legislation.

Class 13. A decorative exhibit. Can contain honey, beewax, mead, and decorative material to enhance the display. (Size must not exceed 1m x1m) ***1st STBKA Trophy.***

Class 14. Honey cake. Circular 165 – 190mm (6 ½ - 7 ½ in) Made to given recipe***. 1st Dromore Plaque.***

Class 15. One bottle of sweet mead. ***1st Cecil McMullan Trophy.***

Class 16. One bottle of dry mead. ***1st Dromore Trophy.***

Class 17. One bottle of Metheglin or Melomel. ***1st Rae Young Mether Trophy.***

Class 18. Photographic class. Any Beekeeping or Honeybee related subject. ***1st Donaghy Trophy.***

Class 19. Beekeeping invention. ***1st O’Flaherty Trophy.***

Class 20. Decorative honey pot or section container. ***1st Nugent Trophy.***

Class 21. Novice class for those who have never won a 1st prize at a honey show***. 1st Billy Beattie*** ***Trophy***

Best in Show: ***Millennium Trophy*** ( **plus £10 )**

Highest Points: ***Jonathan Lavery Memorial Trophy*  ( plus £10)**

Supreme Run Honey: ***Dromore BKA Cup*  ( plus £10 )**

Supreme Comb Honey: ***Gilbert Orr Memorial Trophy*** ( **plus £10 )**

HONEY CAKE RECIPE

Ingredients: 240g (8oz) Self raising flour

120g(4oz) Butter

180g(6oz) Honey

Two large eggs

180g(6oz) Sultanas

1 pinch of salt

1 pinch of baking soda

Method: Preheat oven 160ﹾC (fan oven) Cream honey and butter until soft add beaten eggs, mix thoroughly with little flour if necessary. Sift together flour, salt and baking soda and fold into mixture and shake some over sultanas. Fold in sultanas. Turn into prepared 6 ½ - 7 ½ tin. Bake in oven for 20 mins, then lower temperature to 150ﹾC for a further 40mins, or until baked.

Address for postal entries : Honey Show Secretary. Mrs Madeline McMullan 33 Glebe Road, Hillsborough BT 26 6NE

Postal entries to arrive by Saturday 30th August 2025.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**All honey and wax must be the bona fide produce of the exhibitor’s own bees.**

1. Extracted honey must be exhibited in plain, clear 454g(1lb) honey jars, with matching lids.
2. Honey for sale class – may be exhibited in 454g(1lb), 340g(3/4lb) or 227g(1/2lb) honey jars.
3. Comb honey a) Cut comb honey must be shown in cut comb containers.b) Sections must be enclosed in commercial sale section cases. c) Frames must be shown in a protective case, and the comb visible from both sides.
4. Wax may be exhibited polished or unpolished. If a show case is used it must not exceed 300mm (12in).
5. Mead must be shown in clear glass, slightly punted bottles approx. 750ml(26fl oz) with rounded slightly- sloping shoulders, without lettering or ornamentation of any kind. White “T” or flanged corks must be used.
6. I.D.Labels – Exhibitors must label every item with DBKA Identification labels supplied by the Honey Show Secretary. These must not be altered in any way, and are to be fixed on jars and bottles 10-15mm(1/2in) above the base. On sections and shallow frames, I.D. labels are fixed at the right-hand corner of the vertical face of the case, and the duplicate on the top horizontal bar of the frame or section. I.D. labels for cut comb shall be fixed, one on the right-hand side of the lid and the duplicate on the right-hand side of the container. If a show case is used for wax, one label must be fixed on to the right-hand side of the glass, and the duplicate on the surface of the wax. Small blocks of wax shall have a label affixed to the base of each item in the class. For display classes one I.D. label should be fixed clearly at the front of the base. Cakes displayed on a white paper plate, shall be placed together with the I.D. label, in a clear plastic bag provided by the honey show secretary, a second label should be affixed to the outside of the bag. Class 12 should also carry the exhibitors own label, which should conform with current legislation. On candles the label is to be affixed near the base. Labels for other miscellaneous classes should be displayed in a prominent place.
7. Staging of the exhibits will be carried out exclusively by the stewards, except for classes 1 & 13, which may be staged by the exhibitor. Collection of exhibits may only take place after the distribution of prizes after the show closes at 4pm. Honey Show Committee shall not be responsible for loss or damage of exhibits.
8. Entries must be made on the form provided, these should be posted to reach the Show Secretary by 30th August 2025. Entries fees will be £1 per exhibit. Entries in the Novice Class are restricted to those who have not won a 1st prize at any honey show.
9. Awards. Exhibitors may make more than one entry in a class, but shall not be entitled to more than one placed award in any one class. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st 6 points, 2nd  5 points, 3rd 4 points, VHC 3 points, HC 2 points, C 1 point.
10. Judging. Only Honey Judges and Stewards are permitted in the Hall during judging. The Honey Judge is empowered to : a) withhold awards in cases of insufficient merit of entries b) submit for analysis any exhibit c) retain any exhibit for analysis if a protest has been made d) disqualify any exhibit without a reason being given e) decide any question as to the interpretation of the rules and regulations.
11. Objections. A protest by an exhibitor must be made in writing to the Show Committee, on the Saturday of the Show for consideration by an Appeals Panel. It must be accompanied by a deposit of £20. Should the protest be sustained or be considered reasonable, this deposit will be returned.

**ENTRY FORM NAME:**

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| NUMBER OF ENTRIES |
| CLASS 1 OBSERVATION HIVE |
| CLASS 2 CUT COMB |
| CLASS 3 SECTIONS |
| CLASS 4 LIGHT HONEY |
| CLASS 5 MEDIUM HONEY  CLASS 6 DARK HONEY  CLASS 7 HONEY FOR TASTING  CLASS 8 CHUNK HONEY  CLASS 9 CAKE OF BEESWAX  CLASS 10 FRAME FOR EXTRACTION  CLASS 11 BEESWAX CANDLES  CLASS 12 HONEY FOR SALE  CLASS 13 DECORATIVE EXHIBIT    CLASS 14 HONEY CAKE  CLASS 15 SWEET MEAD  CLASS 16 DRY MEAD  CLASS 17 METHEGLIN OR MELOMEL  CLASS 18 PHOTOGRAPHIC CLASS  CLASS 19 BEEKEEPING INVENTION  CLASS 20 HONEY POT  CLASS 21 NOVICE CLASS |

**ENTRY FEE £1 PER ENTRY TOTAL ENTRY COST**