



HONEY SHOW, AGM & SOCIAL EVENT 2017

The annual High Weald Honey Show and General Meeting was held on Saturday the 18th November on a wet, cold afternoon at the Mark Cross Community Centre.

With around 40 people attending and plenty of people entering the 11 classes at the Show, it was a lively and entertaining afternoon. Whilst the AGM was taking place our 3 judges were busy inspecting/tasting and sampling all the fantastic entries. All three found the level of entry to be excellent and I think the judge of the Mead entries almost had to lie down afterwards, as some of the entries were very strong indeed!

After the AGM (which was short and to the point!), there was a fantastic selection of cakes and biscuits along with coffee and tea, together with the chance to buy honey and bee themed cards. Attendees were also able to judge the entries in the Novice Honey Class and the homemade Hive & Beekeeping Items. It really did show the vast differences in the taste of the honey presented.

A raffle was kindly organised by Steve and Clare Adams with a variety of prizes, which was drawn whilst the final adding up of the scores for the two classes voted for by the attendees.

Presentation of the prizes was made by Brian Hopper, our President, followed by the chance to chat to the judges. Everyone was able to ask questions on their winning choices and find out how to improve with their own entries!

A very big thank you has to go to all those that helped set up and put away the whole event. To everyone who provided such an amazing spread of cakes and biscuits for afternoon tea. Thanks too for the donations of prizes for the Raffle. Finally thanks to everyone who stepped in at the last minute to take on roles they were not originally allocated! Malcolm Wilkie, Stuart Goddard and Keith Obbard for judging and Brian Hopper for Chairing the AGM.

We all hope that more of you will join in next year and enter as many classes as you can. Its time to give the stalwarts of the show a run for their money!

Samantha Bowles 2017