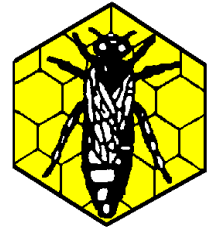


# Cardiff and South East Wales Beekeepers' Association



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## Newsletter July 2008

Where are all the swarms? There have been very few around and certainly no where near the bait hives in the teaching apiary. However, last Friday I was sitting in my office at work on the top (4th) floor of a building on the Heath Hospital site, when I saw a large swarm outside the window coming from Heath Park. They passed very close to the roof and seemed to stop near the lift shaft of the building. I was not too keen to climb out onto the rather unsafe flat roof to find where they had gone, so another swarm bites the dust! The weather has been wet, damp and miserable the last few weeks but in between the rain drops on the 5th July we looked at one hive with a few new beekeeping beginners.

The meeting at Harold's apiary in the orchard of Fonmon Castle was quite a highlight of the year for Barbara and the other attendees. The weather behaved and so did the bees. They all had an interesting, informative and enjoyable afternoon with the most wonderful refreshments served up in the kitchen. Harold had made sandwiches, scones, cakes etc. for the beekeepers and from the photographs they look as though they're enjoying the fantastic spread and the bee talk. (See photos over page).

Don't forget the Royal Welsh Show at Builth next week from Monday to Thursday where the WBKA have a honey show and display. Bronwen and Barbara baked a honey cake today (which will be entered in the show) and they were recorded doing this on Radio Wales.

Dinah Sweet

### **Out Apiary and Training Meetings**

**Saturday 19th July and August 2nd at 2.30pm.** beginners sessions at training apiary, Graig Fawr Lodge, Caerphilly, CF83 1NF Phone 02920 869242

**Saturday 26th July at 2.30pm** Summer apiary meeting at the beautiful garden apiary of David Corrick at Greystone Cottage, Graig Llwyn Rd. Lisvane. CF14 0PP. (02920765109)

**August 16th at 2.30pm** Training Apiary Open day with plenty of sandwiches, cakes and mead to celebrate its official opening one year ago.

Our **Honey Show at the Rudry Show** on Saturday 13th September (Schedule see over)

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## Honey Show Schedule Saturday 13th September at Rudry Show

All honey should be exhibited in standard honey jars with gold lids (screw or twist)

To ensure consistency of weight no light should be visible between the lower edge of the lid and the top of the honey. It is up to the exhibitor to enter the honey in the correct class but grading glasses will be available for guidance.

There is an entry fee of 25p for each entry in each class.

Prize winners (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>) will receive a certificate.

There is a first prize of £2.00 for each class.

Classes 1 and 2 are open to bee keepers who have been keeping bees for less than 3 seasons. (ie started bee keeping after March 2006)

Class 1. 1 x 1lb jar of light honey

Class 2 1 x 1lb jar of medium or dark honey

The following classes are open to all

Class 3 2 x 1lb jars of light honey

Class 4 2 x 1lb jars of medium honey

Class 5 2 x 1lb jars of dark honey

Class 6 A 1lb jar of chunk honey (approx 50% of the honey should be cut comb)

Class 7 A section of cut comb presented in a suitable container. (Minimum gross weight 200g or 7 ounces)

Class 8 A honey fruit cake made to the following recipe.

Ingredients: 200g/7oz self raising flour, 175g/6oz honey, 110g/4oz butter, 175g/6oz sultanas, 2 medium eggs, 110g/4oz. glace cherries (halved).

Preparation; Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F /gas mark 4. Cream butter and honey together. Beat eggs well and add them alternately with sifted flour then fold in sultanas and cherries. A little milk may be added if necessary.

Bake in a buttered circular tin, 6½-7½ inches in diameter, for approximately 1½ hours

The cake should be placed on a white paper plate and remain covered with cling film until judging.

**Bring exhibits to show for staging before 11 am that day**

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**Peter Shaw, 19 St. Basil's Crescent, Bassaleg, Newport NP10 8PH**

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**Tel. 01837 880625**

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20p paid for returned boxes.

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