

Whitehaven Beekeepers Newsletter, October 2021

Our combined Wax Demonstration and Honey Show on Saturday 16th October. Twenty people came to watch Alan Robson's talk and demonstration of how he uses wax which he recovers from old frames with a solar wax extractor to make all his own foundation.



Beeswax melting over water



Pouring the wax into a foundation press



Trimming the edges of the sheet of foundation



Embedding the wires



Making up the finished frame

Alan has been keeping bees and making all his own equipment for many years. Many thanks to him for sharing his expertise and experience during our first event since March 2020. It was a great start to our autumn events.

As well as the demonstration we also held our Honey Show for the first time in 2 years. There were a good number of entries in all three classes, which were judged by Piers Manson and Grahame Pinches. Here are the results;



Beginners Class

1. Helen Race
2. Alan Robson
- 3 Alan Robson

Open Class

1. Alan Robson
2. Derek
- 3.The Teaching Apiary

A Frame of Honey

1. Andy Smith
2. Helen Race
3. Val Sullivan

Other news

Whitehaven Beekeepers AGM

Our AGM is coming up soon, on Thursday 11th November, starting at 7.30 pm. This year we will be at Ullock Village Hall as Lamplugh Village Hall is currently being rebuilt.

A pie and peas supper with pudding will be served after the AGM, so if anyone who hasn't replied yet and wants to come, there is still time to email Debbie Keighley at debbie.keighley@btinternet.com with your choice of pie (meat or veggie options are available).

Cancellation of Cumbria Honey Show

Just in case anyone hasn't been notified already, the Cumbria Honey Show which was planned for November 20th has been cancelled.

Feed for the bees

Val Sullivan has taken delivery of more stocks of Invertbee syrup and fondant, so both available for members to buy. We have Invertbee at £16/can, and boxes of 5 fondant slabs, at £3.50/slab or £15 for a whole box. Members wanting supplies should contact Val Sullivan at brackenwray@aol.com

Diary Date for 2022

Cockermouth Beekeepers are planning ahead for their Convention next year. It will be held on Saturday 10th September. Further details to follow in due course.