

Here in Ealing, we have had a quiet year – we did not run a beginners course, nor our summer b-b-q, but we did manage a Christmas social and AGM which was held at the Greenford Community Centre, which is where we plan to hold our beginners course for 20122 (having considered zoom and video options and decided against.). The Committee consists of myself as Chair, Llyr Jones as treasurer, Kathy Binysh as secretary and Bruce Marquart as Education Lead with John Chapple, Catherine Grey and Stan Miller additionally. We were pleased to welcome Johan Ditmar as an additional committee member who is a bit of a computer whizz and has already ready updated our website – we will be making great use of his skills I can see. We also welcomed Alan Gibbs as the new apiary manage and again, he has also made impression headway in clearing up the apiary and getting rid of rubbish – Andy Pedley who visited us recently from Oxford declared it “unrecognisable” – quite a complement to Alan’s hard work. The snowdrops are now appearing and look lovely – a true sign that spring is only just around the corner.

We had moderate success in the National Honey show with the following prize winners –

**EDBKA Prize winners**

Class 26: **Two Jars Medium Honey VHC:** *Mrs Vivienne Cane- Honeysett*

Class 111: **Two Jars Medium Honey (gift) 3rd:** *Mr Dale Gibson C*

Class 152: **Two Jars Medium Honey (NHS member only) 2nd:** *Mr Dale Gibson*

Class 282: **Two Jars Medium Honey 3rd:** *Mr Dale Gibson. C: Mrs Vivienne Cane- Honeysett*

Class 283: **Two Jars Dark Honey (Middx members only) 2nd:** *Mr Dale Gibson*

Class 286: **One Frame Suitable for extracting (Middx) HC:** *Mrs Sara Ward*

Class 288: **One Jar Honey (Gift) (Middx members only) VHC:** *Mrs Vivienne Cane- Honeysett. HC: Mr Dale Gibson*

Class 290: **Three 28g (1 oz) Blocks Beeswax (Middx) 2nd:** *Mr Llyr Jones*

Class 292: **Sweet Mead, one bottle (Middx members) 3rd:** *Mr Llyr Jones*

Class 294: **Three Moulded Candles (Middx members) Mr Llyr Jones**

Class 77: **Two bottles of Honey Beer VHC:** *Dinesh Bharkhada*

We continue to hold weekly tea and chat sessions at the apiary, when we also sell equipment – trade has been brisk recently for frames and foundation and the iZettle app set up by Llyr Jones is working well. Our weekly meetings are generally well attended plus a few generally well-behaved dogs who are adept at scrounging biscuits for performing tricks.

Next year we hope to be much more active and have more news for you – wishing you all a happy and success season of beekeeping in 2022.

Best wishes  
Clare Vernon  
Chair EDBKA