

MIDDLESEX NATIONAL HONEY SHOW REPORT 2021

The NHS went ahead in person again this year. Numbers of attendees and entries were down a little with the absence of Irish input and wider international support due to Covid. Despite this it was a great success with a good spread of lectures and workshops, trade fair and supporting events. We must thank all involved in the organisation for pulling together a fantastic event after very difficult times.

The lecture by Paul Hurd, 'Honey bees are what they eat', which Middlesex Federation, sponsored was well received. I hope we shall be able to repeat sponsorship next year as a contribution to the NHS. This lecture and others will be available to see on line soon.

The Middlesex show bench was well supported with some very impressive entries. Congratulations to Harrow BKA who once again won the Dr Gregg Cup, to Bill Fitzmaurice who won no less than 5 Middlesex cups and to Kevin Geheran who won the John Wilson cup for most points gained by a male novice. The Alec Day cup was not awarded since no female novices entered.

The AGM of the 90th NHS was held on Thursday 21/10/21. The accounts showed a surplus with both income and expenditure lower than usual. New Articles of Association were discussed. The originals were devised in 1932 and have not been revised since 1934. The advice of a lawyer has been sought to bring them up to date and these will be available on the members area of the NHS website. Awards for long service to NHS were made to John Hendrie(40yr), Steve Turner(20yr), Becky Champion(15yr) and Enid Brown(10yr).

Following this the National Council met to appoint officers as follows:

Chair Bob Maurer, Vice Chair Sue Carter, Secretary Fiona Matheson, Treasurer Clive Mence. Bernard Diaper is now Patron of the NHS.

It would be good to see even more entries from Middlesex in 2022. Perhaps we can have a concerted effort at encouraging this through the year.

Pat Morgan (NHS rep)