

Report on 18.02.2023 to Federation of Middlesex BKA from NHS 2022

Next year will be the centenary for the National Honey show which I believe was first set up at the Crystal Palace in 1923. It has been run from Caxton Hall, Porchester Hall, Kensington Town Hall, St George's College Weybridge before the present site of Sandown Park, Epsom.

Over 2000 entries were to be seen at the show this year. One extraordinary display by Joyce Nisbet was in memory of the late Queen. There were wax horses and a crown with various beautiful items reflecting HM. Middlesex benches were reasonably well covered with entries but considering there are 6 associations in the Federation, it seems that members are reluctant to enter here. If we have over 100 entries in each of our own association shows, we should be able to do so much better for the Middlesex benches.

However, it is a great show.

The workshops and lectures alone are well worth attending. You can exchange your beeswax there and there are many commercial stalls to explore.

The lectures are available online after the event for a donation (which is going mainly to the Ukrainians appeal) The next one will be released on March 3rd, and you will then be able to hear Jeff Petts' talk. Dave Goulston's was in February and thus still available.

Please make it in your priority this year to enter the Middlesex section of the 100th National Honey Show 26/27/28th October.

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