

GOWER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST 2025

Penrice Castle Park, Reynoldston Gower SA3 1LA



HONEY SECTION

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Entries will be accepted up to 8pm Thursday 31st July 2025.

No entries will be accepted after this date.

The DOROTHEA DANIEL-JENKINS CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest aggregate points in the show on Sunday 3rd August 2025 at 5pm and is to be held for one year only.

The Joe's Novice cup will be awarded to the best novice entry and is to be held for one year only.

The Honey Show is a Blue Ribbon Show (accredited by the National Honey Show and the BBKA)

Judge & Stewards

SHOW SECRETARY : Gill Lyons

JUDGE : Ms D Smith

JUDGE'S STEWARDS : T.B.C.

CHIEF STEWARD : T.B.C.

BEE TENT STEWARD : Martin Davies

SALES STEWARD : T.B.C.

FINANCE STEWARD : Karen Squires

Points for classes awarded as follows:

1st - 4 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 2 points

OPEN CLASSES

Entry Fee: £1 for each entry

CLASS		PRIZES		
1	One Observation Hive, labelled and stocked with bees and a queen.	£25	£15	£10
2	Composite Class. A display of 4 different classes from classes 3 to 21, except for class 10.	£12	£8	£4
3	Wax Table Decoration (Flower or Other), staged in an area 0.6m by 0.6m max.	£8	£4	£2
4	Two jars of Light Honey.	£5	£3	£2
5	Two jars of Medium Honey.	£5	£3	£2
6	Two jars of Dark Honey.	£5	£3	£2
7	Two jars of Naturally Granulated Honey.	£5	£3	£2
8	Two jars of Soft Set Honey.	£5	£3	£2
9	Novice Class. Two jars of honey, either Light, Medium, Dark or Granulated.	£5	£3	£2
10	Commercial Class. Six jars of Honey, any single variety, labelled with the exhibitor's own label for the retail trade, including tamper evident seals fixed to jars.	£12	£8	£4
11	One Shallow Comb of Honey suitable for extracting.	£5	£3	£2
12	Two Standard Containers of Cut Comb Honey, weighing approx. 227g each	£5	£3	£2

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13	One Cake of Beeswax, plain mould. To be 400g to 500g in weight and between 25mm (min) and 35mm (max) depth.	£5	£3	£2
14	A Pair of Beeswax Candles to be displayed erect. One to be lit by the judge.	£5	£3	£2
15	Novice Class. Pair of Beeswax Candles to be displayed erect. One to be lit by judge.	£5	£3	£2
16	Six 28g moulded Beeswax Blocks.	£5	£3	£2
17	Novice Class. Three 28g moulded Beeswax Blocks.	£5	£3	£2
18	One bottle Dry Mead.	£5	£3	£2
19	One bottle Sweet Mead.	£5	£3	£2
20	One bottle Metheglin.	£5	£3	£2
21	One bottle Melomel.	£5	£3	£2
22	Honey Fruit Cake, made according to this recipe: 113g butter or margarine, 113g honey, 170g plain flour, 85g castor sugar, pinch of salt, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon each baking powder, lemon juice, mixed spice, 454g mixed dried fruit, milk as needed. Cream butter or marg and honey. Mix flour, baking powder, sugar, spices and salt together and add alternately with eggs and lemon juice to the creamed mixture. Add fruit and enough milk to make a fairly soft consistency. Put mixture in a 175mm round tin lined with greased paper and bake for approx. two hours in a moderate oven. (Do not decorate.)	£8	£4	£2
23	Plain Honey Cake, made according to this recipe: 113g butter or margarine, 227g honey, 2 eggs, 227g self-raising flour, pinch of salt. Milk as needed. Cream the butter and honey together. Beat the eggs well & add alternately with the sifted flour and salt. Beat the mixture well but lightly together adding a little milk if needed. Bake in a well buttered 175mm round tin in a moderate oven for three-quarters to one hour. (Do not decorate.)	£8	£4	£2
24	Honey Snickerdoodle Biscuits, made according to this recipe: 198g self-raising flour, 142g butter, 85g caster sugar, 2 large tablespoons honey, 1 egg yolk. Plus 43g caster sugar for rolling the dough balls in. Cream sugar, butter, honey and egg yolk and sift in the flour mixing well. Form the dough into walnut size balls, roll in the caster sugar and place on a baking tray covered with silicone or greaseproof paper. Flatten with a fork and cook in a medium oven, 180°C/ (160°C fan)/ 350°F/ Gas mark 4 for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. The recipe makes 20 biscuits, please enter your best 7. (Timing is for conventional ovens and is a guide as appliances vary).	£5	£3	£2
25	One jar of Honey Preserve/Jam.	£5	£3	£2
26	One jar of Honey Chutney.	£5	£3	£2
27	Children's Class A Picture of a honey jar label (11 years and under. Please put age on front but not name)	£5	£3	£2
28	Children's Class A Picture of a 1LB honey jar label to include correct legal labelling (12 to 16 years and under. Please put age on front but not name)	£8	£6	£3
29	A Bee Related Craft Item.	£5	£3	£2

HONEY SHOW RULES

1. Entry forms, accompanied by entrance fees made payable to The Gower Agricultural Society, must be returned to the Honey Show Secretary **NO LATER THAN 8pm ON Thursday 31st July 2025. No refunds will be made.**
2. It is expected that the tent should be ready to accept entries for staging by approx 12 Noon on Saturday 2nd August 2025. All exhibits are to be staged by 1.30pm. Judging to commence at 2.00pm.
3. Every entry must bear a numbered label supplied by the Show Secretary. On every shallow comb, label to be attached at top right hand corner of the display case. On every container of cut comb, label to be attached on the lid. On every jar of honey, honey preserve or honey chutney, and every bottle of mead, methglin or melomel, number must be affixed about 12 mm from the bottom of the bottle or jar. Cakes of wax must have the label fixed on the underside and also on the plate. In classes, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24 the label should be fixed to the disposable plate supplied by the Chief Steward.
4. Extracted honey must be exhibited in 454g squat unlabeled jars, with gold screw top lids. In the commercial class (Class 10) any type of jar and lid can be used as long as the minimum total weight of honey is 3lb, the exhibitor's own label will account for 10% of the total marks. Chutneys and preserves must be exhibited in a 340g hexagonal jar with a gold twist top lid. Light, medium and dark honey will be defined using B D grading glasses as used at the National Honey Show.
5. Meads, methglin and melomel to be shown in clear glass bottles, 75cl approx, with white flanged stoppers which can be obtained from the Chief Steward if required.
6. Methglin, melomel, preserve and chutney labels are to be plain white and are supplied by the Show Secretary, no other labels will be allowed. The labels are to be written in block capital letters and the preserve and chutney labels are to mention honey.
7. Exhibitors may enter more than one exhibit in a class, but no single exhibit may be shown in more than one class and an exhibitor shall not be entitled to more than one award in any class.
8. The judge reserves the right to withhold prizes in case of insufficient merit. The decision of the judge is final.
9. Exhibitors and Stewards may bring honey and hive products for sale on a sale or return basis (max. 22.5 kg), an approved commission being charged. Honey to be sold only by stewards appointed by the committee. Any deemed to be sub-standard will be rejected. The honey offered for sale must conform to existing regulations including being registered as a food business.
HONEY PRESENTED FOR SALE MUST BE FITTED WITH TAMPER EVIDENT SEALS.
10. All objections to be made in writing to the Show Secretary before 2.00pm on the day of the show, with a deposit of £10 which will be forfeited if the Committee declares the objection frivolous.
11. The Committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage done before, during or after the Show.
12. No exhibit may be removed before 5.30pm except with the permission of the Show Secretary. Any person found interfering with the exhibits will be liable to expulsion and the forfeiture of any prizes won.
13. No person shall be allowed in the Marquee during the time of judging, except those officially engaged.
14. The Judge's Steward is not allowed to exhibit.
15. Entries must be produced by the exhibitors, except wax used in classes 3 and 29, seed honey used in class 8 and also honey used in baking, preserves, chutneys, meads, craft etc. These need not be the produce of exhibitors.
16. The Novice Classes are open to exhibitors who have not previously won a prize for honey/wax/candles (as relevant) at any honey show.
17. The craft in class 29 is to be one not covered in other classes.
18. Prize money to be paid on Show day.
19. The Dorothea Daniel-Jenkins Challenge Cup and The Joe's Novice Cup are to be held for one year only.
20. Payment for honey and hive products sold under Rule 9 will be made within 30 days of the Show.

THIRD PARTY LIABILITY

The Society, its Officers or Servants, shall not be responsible to any person whatsoever while on the Society's premises or while entering or leaving same, for any damage or loss however caused, to the property of any such person or for any injury fatal or otherwise to any such person.

The Society, its Officers or Servants shall not be responsible for any accident, damage or loss, however caused, that may occur to any exhibitor or his servant, or to any animal, article or property, brought into the Showground, or while entering or leaving or being carried into or out of the said Showground. Each exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may be done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal, article or property exhibited or brought on to the Showground by him, and he shall indemnify and hold harmless the Society from and against all actions, suits, expenses and claims on account of or in respect of any such damage or injury which may be caused or occasioned.

The Society has a responsibility to maintain the Park's high standard. Therefore entrants bringing their entries on Saturday and early Sunday morning may have to park their vehicles a little further from the marquee, there will be help available from volunteers for multiple entries.

ENTRY FORM



NAME:

TEL:

To be forwarded to the Honey Show Secretary by no later than **8pm Thursday 31st July 2025.**

Mrs. G. Lyons (Tel: 01792 233169), 2 West Cliff, Southgate, Swansea, SA3 2AN

Entry fee of £1 per item must be enclosed or form is invalid. No refunds.

Please write in **BLOCK CAPITALS.**

Make cheques payable to **GOWER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY** or by BACS Payee: Gower Agricultural Society Sort code: 404331 A/c no: 44029399 using ref **ENTRANT'S NAME AND HONEY.**

(ENTRY FORM MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SCREEN SHOT OF BACS PAYMENT)

Class No	For Sec Use	Description of Exhibit	Entry Fee

NB: Entries totaling £10 needed to qualify for an exhibitor's

