

Comments from the honey judge Peter Guthrie after the Cilycwm Show:

Honey classes

- Some exhibits were rather too freshly prepared – froth and scum on the top is not ideal for showing.
- Lids should be clean and free from damage.
- There were several exhibits with a moisture content of 21% or more. Such honey will not have a good shelf life.
- The medium honey class was my best this judging season! The first prize winner thoroughly deserved to be champion!
- The soft set honey was very variable with some rather too sugary and and poor colour at times.
- A class for clear half pound or three quarter pound jars would reflect the commercial trend of selling in smaller quantities.
- Lids for showing should not be pictorial.

Beeswax

- There should be two wax classes: one for the 1lb approx. block and one for any other product containing beeswax.

Honey Cake

- The recipe needs looking at. Orange dominated throughout.
- There should be no decoration on the cakes.

Honey Fudge

- This was excellent

Mead

- There was only one, excellent, bottle of mead and this would cope well with more competition.

My thanks to gavin and Doug for their excellent stewarding and patience and thanks to ECBKA for the invitation to judge a very friendly and pleasant show – keep up the good work!

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