A “How-to” Note from your Show Secretary, especially for 2025, involving **changes to entry forms**.

The Association **Honey Show** is scheduled at Alresford, on **Saturday September 6th** this year.

For 2025: In the Newsletter, and probably elsewhere, there will be a link to the Show Schedule, giving all the rules of the game, and details like the recipe for each honey cake. As part of this Schedule, there will **not** be a version of the paper form, used in previous years to notify entry classes. Instead, there will be a link to a form which, when you’ve filled and submitted it, will send details to me of your chosen classes.

If you are unable or unwilling to use this form, contact me separately via email or phone.

Here’s a reminder (for everyone) of the processes involved in entering, all intended to ensure your labelled entries are put onto the Show bench before Judging begins.

*You need to* READ the Schedule, and choose which Classes you want to enter.

*You need to* tell me about yourself and what those chosen entries are *(by form this year)*, so I can create a place card for each entry, to go under your jars etc. when they are exhibited on the Show bench.

I will also create some labels, used to keep entries anonymous. There is one label per entry item, eg a Class of two jars or two candles needs two labels. Those labels need to be attached to the items before the Show.

I can get the labels to you beforehand (for the cost of a stamp) or via other negotiation.

*You need to* pay me (50p per entry class; A and 12 are free) Many folk pay “on the day, at the Show”.

*You need to* make provision to get the entries to the Showground, before 9:30 on Show Day!

*You need to* make provision to remove the entries from the Showground, when the Show closes at 5pm.

So, please tell me what you want to enter - via the new form, by email, by phone or … negotiate.

I will email you, confirming the classes and how much you owe, and talk about how to get labels to you.

**How to get jars and other entries to and from the Show**

**If** you’re a **morning volunteer** in the Show Tent, much can be done before 9am; ie you bring your entries and your entry fee with you, and you receive and attach labels. **Speak to Jean** about volunteering.

If you’re **not** an early helper in the tent, you must either get the entries to the exhibition tent via someone who **is** coming to help early, or pay for entry at 9am and run to the Bee tent! If your labels still need attaching, I will bring them along to be affixed. ***But there is not much time*** – don’t try this at 9:25!

Once the labels are on your jars or other exhibits, you will need to find your named place card, already out on the Show bench where your entry goes. Turn the card upside-down, then put your exhibit(s) on it.

The reverse needs to happen at end of day, of course. If you’re an **afternoon volunteer**, you can take your entries when the Show closes at 5pm. If you’re not, find someone who is, and negotiate handover later!

**For folk who have never shown before**

Even if you've never shown a jar of honey before, there are 2 classes for MVBKA novices. If you haven’t won a First prize for honey in any honey show (anywhere), you can put a jar into each of these classes, and only compete against similar non-prize-winners. But if you have what you consider “good honey”, enter in the normal classes too. Several Show Virgins (indeed Novices) have won “Best in Show” for Class 2 honey, never having entered a Show before. That means “you can too”!

If you’re unsure what to do, ask…

Good Luck, and Have Fun!

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