



## The County Show Results



What a wonderful turnout we had this year. 15 members entered, so well done to all of them. That, on it's own, gained us 15 points.

**Jim McNeill** 1st in classes 3-10-15-35-39-44  
2nd in classes 2-13-29-36-42-47  
3rd in classes 22-38 & VHC in class 26

**Pat Allen** C in class 2—VHC in class 3—HC in class 10

**Susan Andrews** 3rd in class 24—VHC in class 25—C in class 30—2nd in class 50

**Susan Richardson** 1st class in 22—C in class 24

**Elisaveta Sefoni** C in class 9

**Lorna Pattle** 1st in class 13

**Angela Mander** VHC in class 19—1st in class 29

**Filippo Negri** 3rd in class 9—1st in class 14—C in class 15

**Nick Messenger** 2nd in class 21—2nd in class 35—VHC in class 36

**Norman McDonald** 1st in class 19

**Romford Division** 2nd in class 51

**Simon Clementson, Michael Webb, Terry Watson; & Paul Wiltshire** also entered.



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## Romford Division

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Committee Meeting:** Tuesday 6th November 2018, 7.30pm.  
Jim's Place, Collier Row

**November meeting:** Thursday 1st 2018, 8pm, Chadwick Hall  
**Topic:** 'From Beekeeper to Bee Farmer'  
**Speaker:** Michael Coe

### INFO FROM PAT ALLEN

#### Beekeeping Taster:

The Beekeeping Taster session, held on Sunday 9th September, went very well. There were 14 people attending and after some basic information about bees, they were split into four groups to open the hives. The bees behaved very well and the session seemed to be appreciated by everybody who came along. Several of those there are likely to book on the Beginners Course in 2019.

#### Beginners Course 2019:

The Beginners Course will run from April through into June as usual and booking will be available in November.

#### Honey Extractor:

Good news is that the extractor held by Norman McDonald has been repaired successfully and is once more available for members' use – though maybe too late for this year.

## ROMFORD HONEY SHOW

Saturday 20th October 2018  
At the Ascension Church Hall  
Collier Row Road, Collier Row. RM5 2BA

Now that your busy bees have been readied for Winter you can turn your attention to showing all they have provided by entering the annual show. Take a look at the schedule, there is something for everyone, jars of honey, including novice classes, photography, candles, beeswax, mead and bakery. Everyone is welcome to enter the show and even if you do not please still join us for the supper afterwards.

I will be taking entries at the October meeting where labels will be given out for your exhibits. Or you can contact me by email, [angelam59@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:angelam59@hotmail.co.uk) with your entries and labels will be handed out on the day.

Please ensure all exhibits arrive at the venue in good time. Judging starts at 2.30pm.

RETURN OF TROPHIES. If you have one from last year please return it cleaned at the next club meeting or contact me.

The ANNUAL SUPPER will follow at 6pm.

This is a great chance to relax and socialise with fellow beekeepers. The winners will be announced and trophies given out. The evening includes a lovely buffet supper, soft drinks and wine, all for £15. To purchase tickets for the supper please contact Liz McNeill at [jimandliz44@aol.co.uk](mailto:jimandliz44@aol.co.uk).

Let's make this a great year for Romford beekeepers by impressing the judge with plenty of exhibits and by attending the supper afterwards. The more the merrier!

Good luck with your entries

**Angela Mander**

## October Beekeeping Notes—written by Pat Allen

The weather is cooling rapidly and you should have finished feeding and treating your bees by now. The floor inserts can be removed – check it and note down the varroa count.

### Remove the queen excluder!

Assuming you treated your bees against varroa, don't forget that it is a legal requirement to record what you gave them, and to keep the records for five years. For each colony note the product, where you got it, batch number, expiry date, amount used, length of treatment, and disposal of waste.

Your colony will be warmer in winter with a super below the brood box. So if you have a super above the brood box now, swap the boxes to leave the brood box at the top. Close top ventilation (if you have mesh floors) and put some insulation under the roof. Woodpecker guards and mouseguards need to be in place by the end of October.



## The Good, the Bad and the Absolutely Useless – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Jim showed us his uncapping tray. In the corner he had a piece of wood with a saw cut in it. He uses this groove to place his uncapping knife in when not in use, which keeps it well clear of all the sticky cappings.

Pat puts an eke underneath the clearer board when she is clearing the super of bees; this gives them more room. She also showed us a tool which hangs on the end of your hive so that when you take out your first brood frame you can hang the brood frame on the frame hanger to save putting it on the grass or next to the hive.



Pat showed us a half frame which is useful when checking drone brood for varroa.

Also, a tool that someone had made with a magnet on the end, is very useful for picking up drawing pins when you are fumbling around in your box wearing gloves. This is very handy when you are marking a brood frame, for instance, one with a queen cell on it.



We had a discussion of various other unusual useful items from the members.

### JILLY SPEAKMAN-BELL

