

## HOLSWORTHY WINS THE CUP

No, not Holsworthy Football Club, but US, Holsworthy Beekeepers, and by quite a large margin.

The Divisional Challenge Cup is awarded to the Branch scoring the highest number of points overall (6points for a 1st place, 5 points for a 2nd place and so on) and I was enormously proud to accept the trophy on your behalf. At present it is being valued and engraved, but we will have it shortly, and I will bring it to all our meetings for you to see it.

What is truly amazing is that all these points were earned by just 6 of us - Reg Godwin, Pete McCabe, Ruth Neal, Andrew Sluggett, Elaine Smith and Chris Smith. However, huge congrats must go to Andrew because he actually won FIVE of the trophies, a wonderful accomplishment, and we should be so proud of him. (See later for a breakdown of the winners)

But this is not all the good news. The DBKA Bees and Honey Feature Marquee won the GOLD MEDAL (for the second year running) for the Most Attractive Showground Feature. As we had won it last year, we had absolutely no expectation of winning anything, as the Judges tend to share the accolades amongst the 30-odd features. So you can imagine our surprise and delight to be awarded it again. It was quite clear that the Big Bee, the jigsaw and the virtual hive all played their part in the Children's corner and attracted much curiosity and discussion. It was so funny to hear one little chap ask if he could actually play with the jigsaw as he had obviously been told in no uncertain terms not to touch anything!

Just for your information, Tiverton Branch won the Stevenson Trophy and Mr R Blackmore of Okehampton Branch won the Blue Ribbon (best exhibit in Show) for a beautifully worked piece of marquetry depicting the DBKA logo on a plaque.

What it is important to remember is that all this success is only accomplished by enormous hard work and commitment, so a big 'thank you' to all of you who helped, in whatever way, to bring all the elements together on the day.

Ruth Neal

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| Andrew Sluggett | 7 x 1st place<br>1 x 2nd place<br>3 x 3rd place<br>2 x 4th place |
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| Pete McCabe | 1 x 1st place<br>3 x 2nd place<br>2 x 3rd place<br>2 x 4th place<br>1 x 5th place |
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| Ruth Neal | 3 x 1st place<br>1 x 3rd place<br>2 x 4th place |
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| Chris Smith | 2 x 2nd place<br>2 x 3rd place |
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| Reg Godwin | 1 x 1st place<br>1 x 3rd place<br>1 x 5th place |
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| Elaine Smith | 2 x 2nd place |
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### Other news.....

#### Chilla Challenge Triumph

Holsworthy Beekeepers are not the only winning team. Our friends and colleagues Linda and George of Westlake Orchards showed a clean pair of heels to the opposition with their delicious

apple juices, winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes, and also 2nd prize in the Retail Cider Section. Fingers crossed they will do as well at the Bath and West Show next week.

### **President Elect Chooses DBKA**

Mrs Mary Quicke of Quickes Cheeses, the President Elect of the Devon County Agricultural Association chose to include the DBKA Bees and Honey Marquee in her official tour of the Show. She was welcomed and shown round by Ruth Neal, Chairman & Secretary of the Show Committee. Mrs Quicke was immensely interested to meet and question all the stewards and had many follow-up questions regarding our activities. It is a great honour to be included in the itinerary and be given a 30 minute slot.

### **TV Stardom**

The lovely Kirstie Allsopp, presenter of "Location, Location" is busy making a new series about country crafts and associated skills. It is to be shown on Channel 4 in the autumn. Why am I telling you this? Well, she spent a very happy time at the Bees and Honey Marquee learning to roll a candle (very well) and also nearly 40 minutes in the Live Bee Enclosure, properly suited up, where she handled the bees and asked some quite searching questions. She and her production team were charming and very interested in all we were doing in the marquee. Check the TV listings later in the year to share the buzz.