

## **DBKA County Honey Show - 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010**

The Show is held every year in May in the Bees & Honey Marquee at Westpoint, Exeter, as part of the Devon County Agricultural Show. The Show stalls include Candle Rolling, Honey Sales, Honey Tasting, Live Bee Handling, and Equipment Sales. Information on all aspects of bees and beekeeping is available, along with many other things including observation hives. There are 41 classes for the Bees & Honey Competition, including Branch entries for the Stevenson Trophy.

The Bees & Honey Marquee is highly rated at the Show. In 2008 it was voted by the organisers as being the '**Best Feature Marquee**' of the show, and also won the '**Gold Trades Stand Award**' and the '**Champion**' award for best exhibition of the Devon County Show. In 2009, the Marquee was part of the schedule for the Royal Visit of the Earl & Countess of Wessex.

Each year the Show Committee is supported in running the Show by an enthusiastic, large group of volunteer Stewards. Without that help it would not be possible to run the Marquee and to present the outstanding profile of the DBKA properly to the public. There is a large database of people who have worked as Stewards over many years and, as Chief Steward, I will shortly be contacting everyone to check their availability (or not!!). But we are always looking for new volunteers - particularly the younger ones of you out there and those new to the various Branches across the County.

The commitment need not be an onerous one. It ranges from a single half-day to a full 3 days of help - the choice is yours. There are opportunities to help on a particular stall or section, or in a general role; this will be arranged in discussion with you. An entry ticket to the Show is included, which gives you the opportunity to enjoy the show as well - for free - in return for your help in the Marquee. Parking at the Show is free.

Anyone interested in having a thoroughly rewarding and enjoyable day out, and joining a very friendly and enthusiastic team, please contact me on 01805-601715; 07789-435477; or e-mail [tupnce@aol.com](mailto:tupnce@aol.com). I look forward to hearing from as many of you as possible.

**Barry Neal**  
**DBKA County Honey Show Chief Steward**