

As our Centenary Year comes to an end, I thought it was time to look back at the enormous effort our members have put into our Centenary celebrations !

Summary of CBK Centenary Year

Our motto for the Centenary Year was '100 Years of Education and Pollination' and our focus was to encourage our members to meet the public and encourage them to think about the life and the role of honey bees.

The results have been amazing and are reflected in the following, of which we are very proud:

- We have spoken to **6,800** people who visited our stands, not just the shows, of these **4,200** were under 18 years old.
- A record number of Beekeepers were trained: **38** attended Beginners Theory training courses; **23** at Practical training courses and **28** attended Taster Days.
- We used **45** different member volunteers, this number rises to **50** when training is included. Some of our members made over **10** appearances.
- A new Observation Hive was commissioned and installed at Chelmsford Museum, designed by one of our members and a new brass plaque recently added.
- A full-size model hive was also presented to Chelmsford Museum and installed outside in their 'Bee friendly' planted garden.
- We attended **8 major events** with our Centenary Stand: Norsey Woods Open Day; Hylands National Flower Show; Billericay Mill Meadows Show; Writtle Food & Farming Day; Oaklands Museum's 'Find the Honey' half-term week; Oaklands Museum Reception attended by Chelmsford Mayor and other dignitaries; Hylands Apiary Day attended by WI and Vicky Ford MP; Essex Honey Show.
- Our Centenary Demonstration Stand was customised with picture boards, equipment, a special cut-away hive, as well as some historic books and

equipment - plus 'John', the beekeeper model.

- We have sold honey at every Hylands House monthly Farmers market since January 2018.
- We have given away **400** packets of bee-friendly wildflower seeds.
- We set up 2 school visits, attending 1 assembly and 1 hands-on session for pre-school children. More sessions are scheduled for 2019.
- We have created a special Centenary 'sew on' logo for our members' Bee suits and created Centenary pin badges for members who volunteered at events.

The CBK Centenary year culminated in our Celebration Dinner at the County Hotel Chelmsford, where we gave away around 80 packets of flower seeds, presented the new 'Centenary Shield' and CBK cups to our Honey Show winners and gave each CBK member a Centenary gift.

On behalf of your committee, I would like to thank everyone who took part in our celebrations.

Kind Regards

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