

(above) Tasting the results of the Cooking with Honey meeting

Cooking with Honey (continued)

Here are some more recipes from this meeting in November 2022 at the Henhurst and District Social Club in Burton.

Honeyed Sausages

1 tbsp sunflower oil 48 cocktail sausages, separated if linked 3 tbsp clear honey

3 tbsp wholegrain or Dijon mustard ketchup and mustard, to serve

Preheat the oven to 200C/Gas 6/fan oven 180C. Pour the oil into a large roasting tin and heat in the oven for 3-4 minutes. Tip the sausages into the roasting tin and toss to lightly coat in the oil. Roast for 20-25 minutes or until browned and cooked through.



Drain the sausages well on kitchen paper, then tip them into a clean roasting tin. Blend the honey and mustard together in a small bowl, pour over the sausages and stir and shake them so they become coated. Return to the oven for five minutes, turning them over halfway. Serve hot or warm, with cocktail sticks and little pots of ketchup and mustard for dipping.

Apricot, honey & pistachio flapjacks

140g butter140g soft brown sugar2 tbsp honey175g rolled oats75g chopped pistachios140g dried chopped apricots

Put butter, soft brown sugar and honey in a small pan, then heat gently until melted. Tip oats, pistachios and apricots into a medium bowl. Pour over the melted butter mixture and stir to combine. Transfer to a 20cm x 20cm greased and lined baking tray and cook at 160C/140C fan/gas 4 for 35-40 mins. Remove and cool in tin, then slice into 16. Will keep in an airtight container for up to 3 days.



Richard Matkin writes:

I am pleased to report that we have had a good crop of honey from our hives at the training apiary, around 170 pounds in all.

Thanks to some hard work by Hamish Low, some has been filtered, bottled and labelled and we were able to offer it for sale at the Honey Show.

In addition to this, we have come to an agreement with the RSPCA to offer it for sale in their reception area, with 'honey from the RSPCA site' being a good selling point. A donation from each jar goes to the RSPCA. We are pleased to have come to an arrangement which benefits us both, as Pam and all her staff have always been very helpful in setting up the Training Apiary. Also in November we were happy to have a stall at the RSPCA Christmas Fair.



Pam Pratt of the Local RSPCA Trustees with some of our honey



(above) Our stall at the RSPCA site Hillfield Lane

As I am sure most members know, Dave Coates, Bob Hurd and I have, for several years, kept a colony of bees on the roof/service deck at the Coopers Square Shopping Centre.

By agreement with the Management, in November we had a stall selling Coopers Square Honey with 50p from each jar going to Research at the BBKA.

This year we had a good pitch outside M&S and, it is a great selling point when asked, 'Where does the honey come from?', we can answer 'up there'.

It is not such good fun when the bees swarm and land in Station Street! But that is another story! §

Richard Matkin

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is on Monday 20th February, 7.30 pm start at the Henhurst & District Recreational Club, Henhurst Hill, Burton on Trent, Staffordshire, DE13 9TB.

Please make every effort to attend as important decisions have to be made about the running of our association.

We desperately need your help and assistance in all areas of management ranging from general organizing, secretarial, educational, through to gardening and general maintenance.

We need your involvement in all of these areas in a bid to spread the workload over more people to make it easier all round. Please don't be afraid to step forward if you can help; many hands make light work.

Look forward to meeting you all on the 20th. §

Dave Coates, Chair

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