

Bees for development

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Bee Garden Party 29 June 2017

Hundreds of supporters of **Bees for Development** gathered to celebrate bees and the work of the Charity in the gardens of Marlborough House, a former Royal Palace and HQ for The Commonwealth.

The BBC's Martha Kearney hosted the Party together with Classic FM's Bill Turnbull. During the evening Martha interviewed some of the bee personalities enjoying the Party, including Peter Tompkins, Master of The Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers, artists Alex Hirtzel and Kurt Jackson, Jeweller Alex Monroe, author Laline Paull, *Idle* beekeeper Bill Anderson and stockbroker-turned beekeeper Dale Gibson of Bermondsey Street Bees.



*Guests enter the bee-friendly gardens of Marlborough House, bordering London's Mall, past magnificent tree echiums (*Echium pininana*) full of foraging bees*



The Bee Garden Party was opened by Secretary General of The Commonwealth, Baroness Scotland



Guests were entertained by the panache of *Artizani's* stylish and fun bee theatre, displays including bee hives from all around the world, and Chris Park's skep making. They could sample Dr Sara's latest Bath Potions, taste honey with The London Honey Company and mead with New Quay Honey Farm. Chef Elizabeth Parker served fantastic veggie food featuring only bee-pollinated delicacies, with

sparkling wines, organic gin fizz, mimosa cocktails and honey beer. Meanwhile, self-styled *bad beekeeper* Bill Turnbull auctioned a range of exclusive bee-related luxuries, fabulous holidays, hampers and jewellery, including a jar of his own honey which raised £350 for the cause!

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Martha Kearney interviews Frances Quinn, winner of The Great British Bake Off, who created these special bee-decorated Lemon & Gin Cakes for the Party!

The silent auction was a huge hit too, with guests bidding for treats from champagne teas to bee-themed jewellery and artwork.

Political Guests included Government Ministers Michael Gove and Lord Alli, while bee researcher Professor Dave Goulson promised that topical new findings on neonicotinoid pesticides would feature in the following day's news.



The Bee Garden Party was a great success. We thank everyone who bought tickets and the many companies and individuals who gave their time, produce and skills to create a unique and fun evening.

Bees for Development works in the world's poorest countries, enabling people to become self-reliant through beekeeping and to protect habitat for bees. Thank you for supporting our work.

Adnams Southwold
 Alan Titchmarsh
 Alex Hirtzel
 Alex Monroe
 Anna Wright
 Artemis
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 B Chocolates
 Baroness Anita Gale
 Baroness Patricia Scotland
 Bath Potions
 Bee Good
 Beefayre
 BeeHaven Flower Farm
 BeeInspired Creams
 Ben Rothery
 Bermondsey Street Bees
 Bill Turnbull
 BJ Sherriff
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 Brian Melton
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 Chaplin Family
 Chris O'Brien

Chris Park
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 Eastman family
 Emma Bridgewater
 Fi Ritchie
 Filberts of Dorset
 Fortnum & Mason
 Frances Quinn
 Gardman
 Green & Blue
 Green and Gorgeous
 Flowers
 Hatch Mansfield
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 Hiver Beers
 Humble by Nature
 India Jane
 Jackman Photography
 Jessica Irena Smith

Jill Stein
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 John Chapple
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 Laline Paull
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 International Ltd
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 Lorna Syson
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 Monty Don
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 Natasha Passmore
 Neal's Yard Remedies
 New Quay Honey Farm
 Noble Isle
 Northumberland Honey Co.
 Perowne International
 Plant Theatre

Rainbow Productions
 Rickety Bridge Winery
 Robbie Lyle
 Rowse Honey
 Shirine Vincent
 Steven Falk
 Sting
 Stroud Brewery
 Stuart Gardiner Design
 Thatchers Cider
 The Jockey Club
 The Kensington Hotel
 The Ritz London
 Therapi Honey Skincare
 Timorous Beasties
 Tregothnan
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 Waitrose
 Whizbee
 Wildflower Favours
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 Willow Pottery

