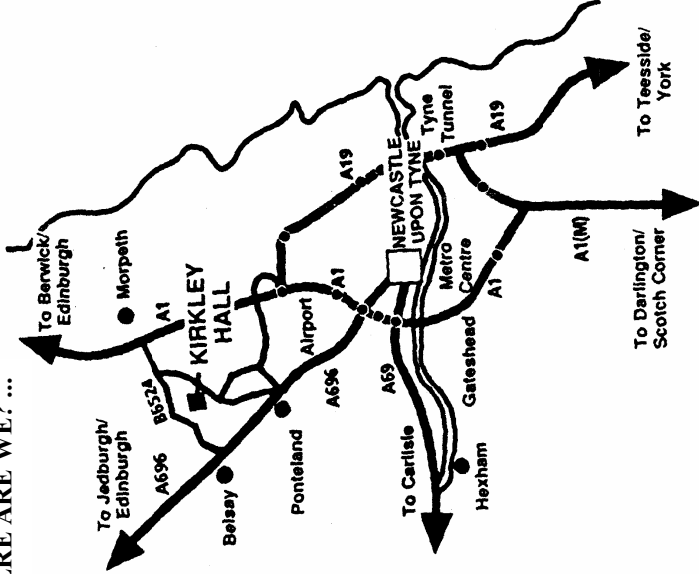


WHERE ARE WE? ...



Trade stands

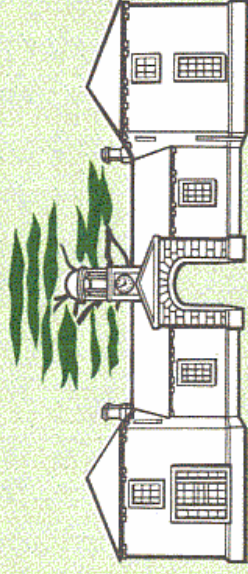
Plant sales stand

The Conference Organisers wish to thank  
**Young's Breweries**



makers of

for their kind and generous support.



# Kirkley Hall

BEEKEEPING CONFERENCE

**NORTH OF ENGLAND**  
**BEEKEEPERS'**  
**47th ANNUAL**

**BEEKEEPING CONFERENCE**

Venue

**NORTHUMBERLAND COLLEGE**

at

**KIRKLEY HALL,**  
Ponteland.

**SATURDAY**  
**5th APRIL 2003**

Sponsored by: **Young's Breweries**  
makers of

## 47 Years of Beekeeping at Kirkley Hall

The first beekeeping conference was held at Kirkley Hall in 1956 and they have been held there every year since (the only exception, due to foot and mouth disease, was in 2001). Convened by the beekeepers of Durham, Northumberland, Newcastle and Cleveland, they are renowned for their friendliness and comradeship. They have always sought to engage speakers of international as well as national stature and we feel this year is no exception.

Kirkley College has extensive and interesting gardens and as guests you will be able to wander as you please.

Please join us and contribute to our annual beekeeping fellowship.

## OUR SPEAKERS FOR THE DAY

### Mr Christer Seltorp

Christer has been working with bees for 28 years and rearing queens for 20 of them. He is secretary of the Swedish National Bee Breeders' Association specialising in raising the Italian Ligustica race of bee. For the past 20 years he has taught a beginners' class, a more advanced beekeeping class and run a queen rearing course. For the past 10 years he has been responsible for the organisation of a local queen rearing association. Two years ago Christer was at the DOL Research Institute just outside Prague working on instrumental insemination of queen bees. A Telecom engineer by profession, he manages to find time to harvest a tonne of honey per year at an average yield of 50 kilo per colony.

### Mr Mike Brown

Mike's background is commercial beekeeping in France, Tunisia and California. In France he worked for a large Apiculture firm, Famille Mary, running over 2,000 colonies for honey, royal jelly and pollen production, a very diversified and sophisticated business [<http://www.apiculture.com/famille-mary>]. In Tunisia he worked on a Food and Agricultural Organisation project for a short while, and in 1982, he was looking at various varroa controls including essential oils. During the mid 80's he worked on and basically ran a queen rearing outfit in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains in California. He joined the National Bee Unit in 1988 and currently runs the field service team of 45 inspectors in England & Wales.

### Mr Bryan Hateley

Bryan is a well known local beekeeper who has been a member of the Cleveland Beekeeper's Association since the mid 1970's. He is dedicated to education and the furtherance of beekeeping by example. He maintains three observation hives on public display in the Cleveland area and has three more at home which he uses to take to local schools and public displays. For the past 15 years Bryan has taught a beginner's beekeeping class for the local Education Authority. He has spoken on a variety of beekeeping topics at meetings of beekeeping associations in the area. He holds the BBKA Intermediate qualification, normally has six colonies of bees and gets a modest return from them each year.

# Programme

## *Morning Session*

9.00 - 9.20	Registration and Coffee.
9.20 - 9.30	Official Address and Conference Opening.
9.30 - 10.25	<b>Bryan Hateley</b> Stocking and maintenance of observation beehives.
10.25 - 10.45	<i>Morning Coffee.</i>
10.45 - 11.40	<b>Christer Seltorp</b> Principles of successful over-wintering of bees.
11.45 - 12.45	<b>Mike Brown</b> NBU working for you.
12.45 - 14.00	<i>Luncheon</i> During the lunch break Alan Swan will sell a variety of bee plants, the proceeds of which will go to support the conference.

## *Afternoon Session*

14.00 - 15.00	<b>Christer Seltorp</b> Rearing good queens on a small scale.
15.00 - 15.30	<b>Tricks of the trade.</b>
15.30 - 15.50	<b>Tea break.</b>
15.50 - 16.50	<b>Bryan Hateley</b> Building an observation beehive. (The hive will be auctioned afterwards with the proceeds going to support the conference).
16.55 - 17.25	<b>Discussion</b> Discuss the day's topics with our panel of speakers.
17.30	<b>Close</b>

—————||—————  
*Thank you for coming. We do hope you have enjoyed your day  
and we look forward to seeing you again next year.*

*Have a safe journey home.*

**NORTH OF ENGLAND BEEKEEPERS'  
ANNUAL BEEKEEPING CONFERENCE  
NORTHUMBERLAND COLLEGE  
KIRKLEY HALL, PONTELAND.  
SATURDAY 5th APRIL 2003**

Venue: \_\_\_\_\_  
at: \_\_\_\_\_  
When: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FORM** (Please print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel. No: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

A hot sit-down meal will be provided and the bar will be open at lunch-time.  
Please state the following requirements;  
Dietary requirements (Please tick):-.....Vegetarian,.....Non-Vegetarian,  
Mobility requirements.....

**Total cost including meals on the day £28-00;** but £23-00 for those who have not attended the last two conferences.

Persons under the age of 18 years and those in their first year of beekeeping £18-00 total.  
Please reserve.....N° tickets @ £28-00 each or.....N° Tickets @ £18-00  
For someone who has not been for the last two years, **one** Ticket @ £23-00  
New\* beekeepers (People who started beekeeping after May 2002) £18-00

\* To be certified by Association Secretary; Name \_\_\_\_\_ Association \_\_\_\_\_  
I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ in payment and made payable to: \_\_\_\_\_

**'Kirkley Hall Beekeeping Conference'**  
Please return with your payment to:- Stuart Johnson, Conference Secretary,  
(To arrive by **Mon. 24th March 2003**) 7, Shaftoe Close, Ryton, Tyne & Wear.  
NE40 4UT. 'Phone, 0191 4132672

Following the popularity of last year's event there is to be another 30 minute 'Tricks of the Trade' session this year.  
Do you feel you have an idea that other beekeepers would benefit from or enjoy knowing about? If you do please send details of it to the Conference Secretary. They must be received by Monday the 24th of March. There will be a maximum of five minutes available for presentation by each speaker.

The Committee reserves the right to choose the ideas regarded as most suitable.

Sponsored by:- **Young's Breweries** makers of **'Waggle Dance'**  
Honey Beer

Reminder form, Please retain for future reference.  
KIRKLEY HALL CONFERENCE Date:- 5th April 2003  
Returned to Stuart Johnson, Date returned \_\_\_\_\_  
Conference Secretary, Fee sent \_\_\_\_\_  
7, Shaftoe Close, Ryton, Meal Requested; \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian, Non-vegetarian  
Tyne & Wear. NE40 4UT Mobility Requirements \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: 0191 4132672

**NORTH OF ENGLAND BEEKEEPERS'  
ANNUAL BEEKEEPING CONFERENCE  
NORTHUMBERLAND COLLEGE  
KIRKLEY HALL, PONTELAND.  
SATURDAY 5th APRIL 2003**

Venue: \_\_\_\_\_  
at: \_\_\_\_\_  
When: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FORM** (Please print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel. No: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

A hot sit-down meal will be provided and the bar will be open at lunch-time.  
Please state the following requirements;  
Dietary requirements (Please tick):-.....Vegetarian,.....Non-Vegetarian,  
Mobility requirements.....

**Total cost including meals on the day £28-00;** but £23-00 for those who have not attended the last two conferences.

Persons under the age of 18 years and those in their first year of beekeeping £18-00 total.  
Please reserve.....N° tickets @ £28-00 each or.....N° Tickets @ £18-00  
For someone who has not been for the last two years, **one** Ticket @ £23-00  
New\* beekeepers (People who started beekeeping after May 2002) £18-00

\* To be certified by Association Secretary; Name \_\_\_\_\_ Association \_\_\_\_\_  
I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ in payment and made payable to: \_\_\_\_\_

**'Kirkley Hall Beekeeping Conference'**  
Please return with your payment to:- Stuart Johnson, Conference Secretary,  
(To arrive by **Mon. 24th March 2003**) 7, Shaftoe Close, Ryton, Tyne & Wear.  
NE40 4UT. 'Phone, 0191 4132672

Following the popularity of last year's event there is to be another 30 minute 'Tricks of the Trade' session this year.  
Do you feel you have an idea that other beekeepers would benefit from or enjoy knowing about? If you do please send details of it to the Conference Secretary. They must be received by Monday the 24th of March. There will be a maximum of five minutes available for presentation by each speaker.

The Committee reserves the right to choose the ideas regarded as most suitable.

Sponsored by:- **Young's Breweries** makers of **'Waggle Dance'**  
Honey Beer

Reminder form, Please retain for future reference.  
KIRKLEY HALL CONFERENCE Date:- 5th April 2003  
Returned to Stuart Johnson, Date returned \_\_\_\_\_  
Conference Secretary, Fee sent \_\_\_\_\_  
7, Shaftoe Close, Ryton, Meal Requested; \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian, Non-vegetarian  
Tyne & Wear. NE40 4UT Mobility Requirements \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: 0191 4132672

## Kirkley Hall Beekeeping Conference 2003

Excursion to see the  
Wild White Cattle of Chillingham  
and Chainbridge Honey Farm  
**On Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2003**

On the Sunday following the Conference there will be a guided tour of Chainbridge Honey Farm, preceded by a visit to Chillingham to see the herd of wild White Cattle. These are unique survivors of the prehistoric forest cattle of Northern Europe and dangerous to approach. We will therefore be in the care of the fully insured resident ranger who will also give a short talk on the history of the herd. The visit involves a three-quarter mile walk along a muddy track, so wellies will be needed.

Lunch will be taken at Chainbridge Honey Farm, Horncliffe, near Berwick and is included in the cost. It will be followed by a guided tour of the premises with the owner, Mr Willie Robson or one of his senior staff. Mr Robson, who recently played host to Her Majesty the Queen, is renowned for his ingenuity in adapting redundant industrial equipment to the purposes of honey extraction and the manufacture of hive products.

Departure from Kirkley will be at 9.00 a.m. sharp, returning by 5.30 p.m. The cost will be around £16.50 per head, depending on final numbers attending.

Please complete the tear-off slip and return with payment in full to the Conference Secretary **by Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> 2003.**  
(NB the last date for Conference bookings is Monday March 24<sup>th</sup>)



## Booking Form

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ N° ticket/s at £16-50 each for the trip to Chillingham Wild White Cattle and Chainbridge Honey Farm on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2003.

I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ in payment and made payable to:

**'Kirkley Hall Beekeeping Conference'**

Please return with your payment to:-  
**(To arrive by 14<sup>th</sup> March 2003)**

Stuart Johnson,  
Conference Secretary,  
7, Shaftoe Close, Ryton,  
Tyne & Wear. NE40 4UT

## Kirkley Hall Beekeeping Conference 2003

Excursion to see the  
Wild White Cattle of Chillingham  
and Chainbridge Honey Farm  
**On Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2003**

On the Sunday following the Conference there will be a guided tour of Chainbridge Honey Farm, preceded by a visit to Chillingham to see the herd of wild White Cattle. These are unique survivors of the prehistoric forest cattle of Northern Europe and dangerous to approach. We will therefore be in the care of the fully insured resident ranger who will also give a short talk on the history of the herd. The visit involves a three-quarter mile walk along a muddy track, so wellies will be needed.

Lunch will be taken at Chainbridge Honey Farm, Horncliffe, near Berwick and is included in the cost. It will be followed by a guided tour of the premises with the owner, Mr Willie Robson or one of his senior staff. Mr Robson, who recently played host to Her Majesty the Queen, is renowned for his ingenuity in adapting redundant industrial equipment to the purposes of honey extraction and the manufacture of hive products.

Departure from Kirkley will be at 9.00 a.m. sharp, returning by 5.30 p.m. The cost will be around £16.50 per head, depending on final numbers attending.

Please complete the tear-off slip and return with payment in full to the Conference Secretary **by Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> 2003.**  
(NB the last date for Conference bookings is Monday March 24<sup>th</sup>)



## Booking Form

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ N° ticket/s at £16-50 each for the trip to Chillingham Wild White Cattle and Chainbridge Honey Farm on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2003.

I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ in payment and made payable to:

**'Kirkley Hall Beekeeping Conference'**

Please return with your payment to:-  
**(To arrive by 14<sup>th</sup> March 2003)**

Stuart Johnson,  
Conference Secretary,  
7, Shaftoe Close, Ryton,  
Tyne & Wear. NE40 4UT