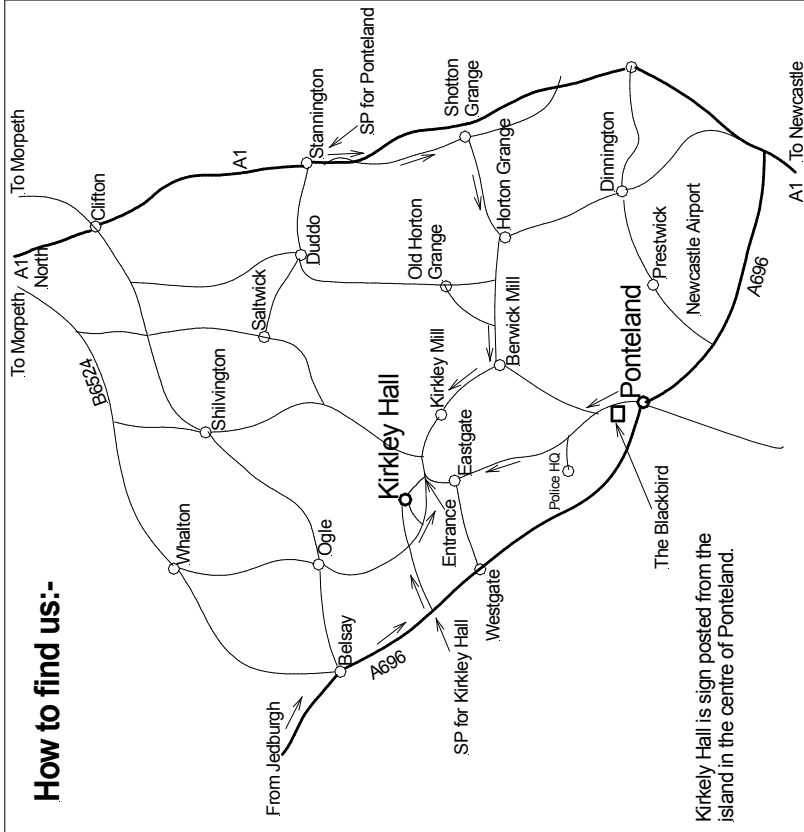


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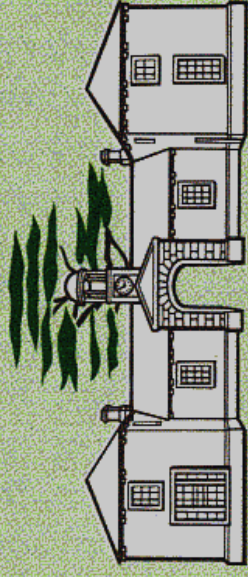
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**BEEKEEPING CONFERENCE**

**NORTH OF ENGLAND**  
**BEEKEEPERS'**  
**48th ANNUAL**

**BEEKEEPING CONFERENCE**

Venue

**NORTHUMBERLAND COLLEGE**

at

**KIRKLEY HALL,**

Ponteland.

**SATURDAY**

**3rd APRIL 2004**

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## 48 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 come and join us and help contribute to our annual beekeeping fellowship.

### OUR SPEAKERS FOR THE DAY

#### **Dave Cushman**

Educated in nuclear physics and cosmology, Dave's main career has been as design engineer and trouble-shooter in the electrical, radar, motor racing and oil industries. As well as running two printing businesses, in a second life as a manufacturer he built such diverse things as specialist shotgun and centrefire ammunition, custom-built electronic goods, darts accessories, trophies and beekeeping equipment. Having retired due to ill health he now busies himself with creating and maintaining possibly the most extensive beekeeping WebSite on the Internet.

#### **Pam Gregory**

Pam Gregory and her husband run a 120-acre organic beef and sheep farm in Ceredigion, having turned to the self-sufficient lifestyle in the 1970's. She took up beekeeping in 1975 and worked for four years at the Welsh National Bee Unit at Trawscoed, before taking an honours BSc in Plant and Animal Ecology at Aberystwyth. In 1982 she became a Seasonal Bee Inspector and in 1995, Regional Bee Inspector for Wales. In 1999 she took over as Honorary Secretary of the new funding charity Bees Abroad and has spent time in Africa and Asia as a beekeeping instructor. In 2002 she took a postgraduate Certificate in Education and in 2003 a Master's Degree in Natural Resource Management. Under the pseudonym P.A.M., she writes for various magazines, but has nevertheless managed to find the time to produce 7 children and (at the last count) 11 grandchildren. She claims "it's the royal jelly wot does it!"

# Programme

## Morning Session

*Registration and coffee*

## *Opening address*

## *“Drone rearing”*

**Dave Cushman**

*Morning Coffee*

## *“Alternative approaches to control of Varroa”*

**Pam Gregory**

*Luncheon and sale of bee plants*

## Afternoon Session

## *“Gadgets and equipment”*

**Dave Cushman**

## *“Tricks of the Trade”*

## **Informal ideas and contributions from the audience**

*Tea break*

## *“Making & managing nucs and mininucs”*

**Pam Gregory**

## **General Discussion**

**Raffle and close**

9.15-9.45

9.45-10.00

10.00-11.00

11.00-11.30

11.30-12.30

12.30-14.00

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15.00-15.30

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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.

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