

**Directions to Grey College.**

**To get here. By Car:**

**From the North (A1M)**  
 Exit at Junction 62, A690 to Durham. You will travel down a dual carriageway for 1.5 miles. At the roundabout, go straight ahead towards the City Centre. You will go down a hill. Stay in the left hand lane and just before the next roundabout, take the left filter lane. The Marriott Royal County Hotel is on your left. Go straight ahead at the traffic lights. Move into the right hand lane and filter slightly right up the hill. You will come to a cross roads with traffic lights. The New Inn is on your left. Go straight through the traffic lights and up the hill. Grey College is the second left turn. Car parking is both in front of and following the road to the left, behind the reception block.

**From the South (A1M)**

**Exit at Junction 61, A177 to Bowburn and Durham.** Stay on the A177 for about 5 miles and crossing the River Wear travel to the next island. Turn left and in 1/2 mile turn left at traffic lights, the New Inn is on your right. Grey College is the second left turn. Car parking is both in front of and following the road to the left, behind the reception block.

**Meet in Holgate House.**

**Directions to Close House, Heddon-on-the-Wall.**

**To get here.**

**By Car:**

**From the West**

(Via the A69)

Exit at the junction

for Horsley &

Heddon-on-the-

Wall

**From the East**

(A69)

Exit at the junction

for Heddon-on-the-

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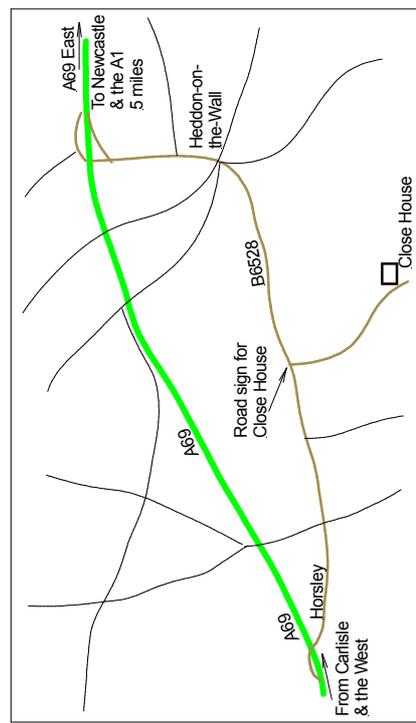
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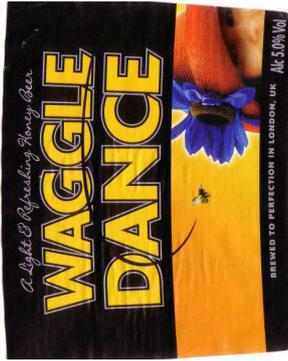


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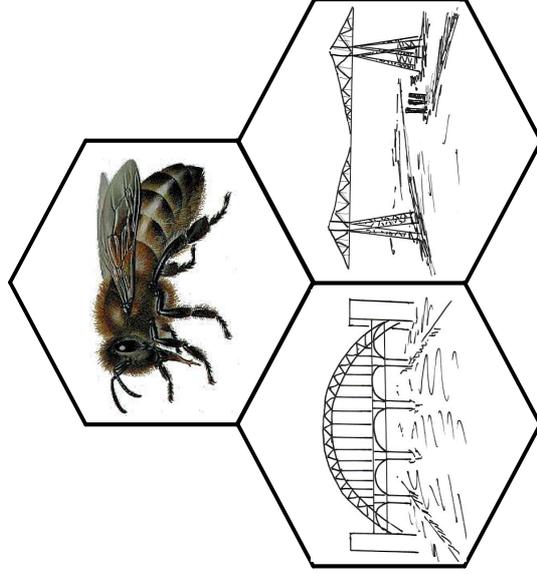
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**NORTH OF ENGLAND BEEKEEPERS' 51st ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**Saturday & Sunday 24th & 25th March 2007**

(Formerly Kirkley Hall Conference)



**Saturday, Grey College, Durham.**  
**Sunday, Close House, Heddon-on-the-Wall.**

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## 51 Years of Beekeeping Conventions

The first North of England Beekeeping Convention was held at Kirkley Hall in 1956, where they were held every year until 2004 (exception for 2001 when foot and mouth disease intervened). Convened by the beekeepers of Northumberland, Newcastle, Durham, 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 this year is certainly no exception. Following the positive response received regarding the change of venue we have decided to meet again this year at Grey College, in Durham.

The University of Durham Botanic Garden is situated near Grey College and as guests of the College, you are free to wander there as you please. The nearby Oriental Museum is also well worth a visit, as are numerous places of interest within the City of Durham, in particular the Cathedral and the Castle.

Please come and join us in Durham this year and help to contribute to our annual beekeeping fellowship, we feel sure you will not be disappointed.

The Sunday Microscopy Workshop will be held in the entomology laboratory at Close House in the beautiful setting of woods and parkland about a mile west of Heddon-on-the-Wall.

### OUR SPEAKERS

#### Dr. David Aston NDB.

David lives in the East Riding of Yorkshire and started beekeeping in 1982. He runs between 10 and 15 colonies.

His particular interests are the application of bee related research into practical beekeeping and helping beekeepers adapt to the challenges facing them.

His book (co-authored with his wife Sally) titled 'Plants and Honeybees-their relationships' won a Bronze medal at the 2005 Apimondia. He is advisory Science editor for the Beekeepers' Quarterly magazine published by Northern Bee Books.

#### June Hughes

June has been associated with beekeeping for about 27 years. She and her husband run 14 colonies of bees. She started working with beeswax 25 years ago after persuading her husband to make her a solar wax extractor. Though the final straining proved the main challenge she has settled on using absorbent lint and says "this really does take out the fine impurities". She has "won many prizes locally, county, nationally and internationally".

She became "hooked" on Encaustic Art after watching a demonstration at the BBKA Spring Convention of 1996/7.

She tells us that "Encaustic Wax Painting is at least 2,000 years old" and that "the Ancient Greeks, Romans and Egyptians practiced it".

June attends the Federation of Irish Beekeepers Convention held in Co. Meath each July where she holds four workshops on encaustic Art. She is looking forward to getting us hooked too.

#### Ted Hulbert

Ted Hulbert trained as an Electronic Engineer, and worked for one of the Phillips' Organisations first in quality control, then as Plant Technical Education & Training Officer. In the early 1960s he moved into Technical College Teaching. Early in 1970's he saw an exhibition of Beekeeping, at, of all places The Ideal Home Exhibition. Living in London, he could see no way of keeping bees in a busy suburb. In 1975 he and his wife moved to Cumbria, where he went to University for a year and obtained a Diploma in Agricultural Engineering. His wife, besides starting a new job, attended a beginners Beekeeping Course at the local college. Coming down from University he promptly acquired two hives, so began his interest in bees, and he resumed teaching this time in a secondary school.

He retired at 58 to become a full time beekeeper, building his apiaries to twenty five hives. Health problems forced him to give up active bee keeping after fifteen years. Soon after returning from college he attended a course on Pollen appreciation, so began his interest in microscopy. He maintains an active interest in bee keeping and in Microscopy. He is currently a member of the Queket Microscopical Society, The Manchester Microscopical and Natural History Society and The Postal Microscope Society.

## Programme

### Saturday, Morning Session

Venue, Holgate House

9.15-9.45 *Registration and coffee*

**9.45-10.00** **Opening address**

**10.00-11.00** **"Acquiring those essential beekeeping skills"**

**David Aston** Chair \_\_\_\_\_

11.00-11.30 *Morning Coffee*

**11.30-12.30** **"Beeswax recycling"**

**June Hughes** Chair \_\_\_\_\_

12.30-14.00 *Luncheon and sale of bee plants*

30 minute film; 'L' ARBRE AUX ABEILLES (The Bee Tree)

### Afternoon Session

**14.00-15.00** **"Plants & Honeybees-their relationship"**

**David Aston** Chair \_\_\_\_\_

**15.00-15.30** **"Tricks of the Trade"**

**Informal ideas and contributions from the audience** Chair \_\_\_\_\_

15.30-16.00 *Tea break*

**16.00-17.00** **"Encaustic art"**

**June Hughes** Chair \_\_\_\_\_

**17.00-17.30** **General Discussion**

17.30-17.45 *Raffle*

**17.45** **Closing Address**

**SUNDAY, Venue; Close House, Heddon-on-the-Wall**

**09.30-16.30** **"Microscopy workshop"**

**Ted Hulbert**

Thank you for coming. We do hope you have enjoyed your time with us.

Have a safe journey home.

We look forward to seeing you again next year.  
The provisional date is the 29th-March-2008.

**NORTH OF ENGLAND BEEKEEPERS'  
ANNUAL CONVENTION  
MICROSCOPY WORKSHOP**

Venue; **CLOSE HOUSE, Heddon-on-the-Wall**  
When; **SUNDAY March 25th 2007**

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**WORKSHOP LIMITED TO 16 PARTICIPANTS**

**Early booking before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007 £20-00** (Includes tea and coffee on the day)  
**Late booking, thereafter up to 16<sup>th</sup> March £22-00**

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(To arrive by Stuart Johnson, Convention Secretary,  
Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> of March) 7, Shaftoe Close, Ryton, Tyne & Wear. NE40 4UT.  
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A servery meal will be provided.

Please state your dietary requirements; Vegetarian,.....Other, (Please detail), .....

**Servery meal £10-00**

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White Saturday

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