



### Directions by public transport

Hancock is in central Newcastle 10 minutes walk from Haymarket Metro station/bus terminal. Haymarket is 2 Metro stops from Central Railway Station. The museum is signposted from the station. Allow 25 minutes to walk from Central Station.

### Directions by car

Hancock is part of Newcastle University's campus just off the Great North Road (B1318). Car parks nearby are clearly signposted. See our website for more information on parking options



### Disabled Parking

Limited parking for blue badge holders is available outside the Museum on a first come first served basis

### TRADE AND GENERAL INTEREST STANDS

- Stamfordham Ltd beekeeping supplies. To pre-order for delivery on the day contact <http://www.stamfordham.biz> 01661 886 219
- Solway Bee Supplies. To pre-order for delivery on the day contact [www.solwaybeesupplies.co.uk](http://www.solwaybeesupplies.co.uk) 01557 860 400
- [New Close Farm Shop](http://www.newclosefarmshop.co.uk)

### BLIND AUCTION

A blind auction will be held during the day.  
 Sellers - bring the item you wish to sell or its photo.  
 Buyers - put your bid in a sealed envelope (supplied) next to the item you'd like to buy.  
 Vendors and buyers liaise at the end of the day

# North of England Beekeepers' 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

***"Going for Gold – Breeding Olympian Bees"***

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

Clore Suite, Great North Museum: Hancock, Barras Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4PT



REGISTRATION: Please send completed application forms to Les Cain, Convention Treasurer, 3 Ainderby Rd, Throckley, Newcastle NE15 9DQ (07760 440800 / [lescain@aol.com](mailto:lescain@aol.com))  
 ENQUIRIES: Helen Simmons, Convention Chair (07932 739734 / [Helen@flotsam.gb.com](mailto:Helen@flotsam.gb.com))

[www.nebees.org](http://www.nebees.org) or [webmaster@nebees.org](mailto:webmaster@nebees.org)



NEBEES



NBKC (North of England Beekeepers' Convention)

Entrance to Clore Suite is at the rear of the museum

## PROGRAMME

9.00	9.30	Registration & Tea/Coffee
9.30	9.45	Opening Address: Brian Ripley Outgoing BBKA Chairman
9.45	11.00	Professor Francis Ratnieks: Honeybee Research at the Laboratory of Apiculture & Social Insects (LASI)
11.00	11.30	Tea/Coffee
11.30	12.40	Tony Jefferson: Bee Breeding – Keeping It Simple (including Demonstration)
12.40	14.15	Lunch
14.15	15.15	Dr Geraldine Wright: Influence of Nutrition on Learning and Memory in Bees
15.15	15.45	Tea/Coffee Break & Raffle
15.45	16.15	Professor Ratnieks: The Sussex Plan for Honeybee Health and Wellbeing
16.15	16.45	Dr Karen Scott: The Hidden Work of Beekeepers
16.45	17.00	Closing Address

More information on our speakers can be found on [www.nebees.org](http://www.nebees.org)

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### On your marks...Get set...

The 2012 Olympics has inspired the North of England Beekeepers' Convention to discover how to make our bees simply the best. Our guest speakers are the country's top academic apiculturalist, a beekeeper with three generations of experience in the family, a researcher into why we become beekeepers and an expert into how a bee's brain works. So we're all set to go for gold – the sticky kind. This friendly event is organised by beekeepers from Northumberland, Newcastle, Durham and Cleveland. Local associations and sponsors have helped to support us financially, so here's a great opportunity to make the most of that generosity by coming to the Convention in person. In recognition of the financial climate we have kept the price the same as last year's – a bargain! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned beekeeper, this year's programme should give everyone new ideas and knowledge and set us up for a record breaking season. Beat the winter blues and send off that form now...**Go!**

	<b>Professor Francis Ratnieks</b> - The UK's only Professor of Apiculture and Head of the Laboratory of Apiculture and Social Insects at Sussex University. Working worldwide and backed by politicians and business, he describes cutting edge research and his £2million Sussex Plan.
	<b>Dr Geraldine Wright</b> - Principle Investigator at the Honeybee Lab in Newcastle University. Revelations about her current research into how bees learn and remember which flowers give them – and us - the best reward. Food!
	<b>Tony Jefferson</b> - Vice Chairman of Yorkshire Beekeepers. He hates the concept of queen rearing and prefers to think of raising colonies. His talk covers bee breeding - when, how and what's needed for the healthiest bees. Includes a demonstration with his triple breeder hive.



**Dr Karen Scott** - Newcastle University. An update on research into the trials and tribulations of beekeepers in the Orkneys and North East. Why do we start, what keeps us going and what makes us give up?