



North of England Beekeepers' 58th Annual Convention

“Breeding the Best Bees”

Saturday 28th March 2015

The Beacon, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne
NE4 9PQ

From Newcastle Central Station:

- > **Walk (1 mile)** Exit station and turn L on Neville St. Follow A186 turning R onto St James Boulevard, then taking 2nd left onto Westgate Rd. Pass General Hospital on R then Beacon on L.
- > **Bus (10 minutes)** Take no 38, 10 or 11 bus west to the General Hospital. Then walk 5 minutes west along Westgate Rd. The Beacon is at Wingrove Rd/Westgate Rd mini roundabout.

Travelling by Car A1 North & South, exit at A184

Gateshead/Newcastle. Follow sign to A189. Cross Redheugh Bridge, bear R with the road but keep in L-hand lane. At traffic lights, go straight ahead. Turn L to Westgate Rd A186. Pass General Hospital on R. After the mini roundabout, turn L to car park



Parking

75 parking spaces
4 disabled parking spaces.

We are grateful for the support we have received from local beekeeping associations and many organisations including; Abelo, Stamfordham Bees, the Hive Maker, Solway Bee Supplies, Oakwood Soaperie, Northern Bee Books and the Bee Business. We regret being unable to mention all supporters here, but details can be found on our website



To attend, please send the enclosed form to:
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PROGRAMME

09.00	09.20	Registration & Tea/Coffee
09.20	09.30	Opening Address David Pearce (Alnwick Beekeepers' Association and Beecraft Northern Correspondent)
09.30	10.45	The Colin Weightman Memorial Lecture Dr Sue Cobey "Bee Breeding and Selection"
10.45	11.15	Tea & Coffee
11.15	12.30	Rinke Vinkenoog "Pollination and Himalayan Balsam"
12.30	13.45	Lunch
13.45	14.00	Raffle Draw
14.00	15.15	Dr Sue Cobey "Rearing High Quality Queens"
15.15	15.45	Tea & Coffee
15.45	17.00	Simon Croson "Bee Photography"
17.00	17.05	Closing Address
17.05	18.00	Drinks and Snacks

A number of trade stands and exhibitors will be on show with many offering pre-orders for delivery on the day. For a full list and contact details please see the website. Stands include hives and beekeeping equipment, bee food, skin care products and books

Enquiries to Helen Simmons 07932 739 734 / webmaster@nebees.org

WELCOME TO THE 2015 CONVENTION

After a wonderful summer, most beekeepers celebrated 2014 as the best beekeeping year for a decade. What can we do to retain the strength of our colonies? Sue Cobey is renowned for her knowledge about the selection and maintenance of strong bee stocks and is travelling from California to share her expertise with us. Pollination is vital too and Rinke Vinkenoog celebrates the value of Himalayan Balsam to bees. Patience is a virtue in beekeeping and an essential for photographing our friends in flight, as Simon Croson will explain.



Dr Sue Cobey, International authority on honey bee breeding and instrumental insemination. Working with Washington State University, she aims to improve breeding stocks by increasing colony vitality and tolerance to disease and says genetic diversity enhances colony fitness.



Rinke Vinkenoog, Senior Biology Lecturer, Northumbria University. Plants and pollinators are his passion, particularly Himalayan Balsam. He spends weeks in summer watching pollinators in action along the river banks of the Tyne valley whilst dodging 'Balsam Bashers'



Simon Croson, from Lincolnshire is a world-wide traveller for Bees Abroad, a commercial beekeeper and has won Apimondia medals with his wildlife photography. His top tips include planting to attract insects, anticipation and keeping still. His advice will help us all get better photographs no matter how basic our cameras may be.