



# NORTHERN BEEKEEPERS' CONVENTION

# THRIFTY BEEKEEPING

**23.03.19**  
Newcastle College  
NE4 7SA

## The Programme

08:45 - 09:00	Registration, Tea & Coffee
09:00 - 09:20	Opening Address : <b>Robyn Franklin - Thrifty Beginnings</b>
09:20 - 10:00	<b>The Healing Power of Honey - John Chambers</b>
10:00 - 10:40	<b>A Heath Robinson Approach - Graham Royle</b>
10:40 - 11:30	Refreshment, stands & displays
11:30 - 12:15	<b>Foraging Behaviour - Rinke Vinkenoog + Matt Pound</b>
12:15 - 14:00	Lunch, pop up presentations & displays
14:00 - 14:40	<b>Never Waste a Queen Cell - Tony Jefferson</b>
14:40 - 15:20	<b>Creating a wildflower meadow - Alison Fisher</b>
15:20 - 16:00	Refreshment, stands & displays
16:00 - 16:50	Q&A Panel
16:50 - 17:00	Closing Address : <b>Valerie Hawley - Thrifty Learnings</b>
17:00 - 18:00	Refreshment and informal discussion

## Stalls & Buzzcasts

In addition to the formal speakers and displays, we will also have our "Buzzcasts".

These short, engaging and informal presentations will take place during the breaks.

These will include beewax food wraps, top bar beehive, hive products, the Ponteland Outreach programme and some thrifty bee craft ideas.

## Our Guest Speakers

**Robyn Franklin**



**Robyn** started attending Hexham beginners sessions in spring 2015. Having completed the 'Introduction to Beekeeping' course at Kirkley Hall and passing her basic national assessment, she gained a place on the English Young Beekeepers team, and attended the International Meeting of Young Beekeepers in France last summer. She is sixteen.

**Rinke Vinkenoog**



**Rinke** is interested in pollination ecology, the often complex interaction between flowering plants and their pollinators. With his project students, at Northumbria University, he has been looking at invasive plants, pollination of Asteraceae and urban pollination.

**Graham** became a BBKA Master Beekeeper in 2002 and was awarded the National Diploma in Beekeeping in 2004. Until recently he was the Regional Bee Inspector for the North of England and the seasonal bee inspector for Cheshire. He currently manages 15 colonies in three apiaries. His main interests are in queen rearing and stock improvement.

**Graham Royle**



**Matthew** uses pollen analysis to understand contemporary and past environmental change. In 2015, after a conversation with a beekeeper, he began to look at pollen in honey. His first publication on melissopalynology focussed on the role of Oilseed Rape in supporting honey production in Northeast England.

**Matthew Pound**



**Tony Jefferson**



**Tony** specialises in the propagation of local black bees and the production of Heather Honey in the Whitby area. He has written a couple of books outlining his methods and regularly wins prestigious honey competitions. He recently qualified as a Senior Honey Show Judge.

**John Chambers**



**John** is a consultant in palliative medicine. He has achieved some astonishing results in the treatment of skin wounds with honey. He has kept bees since 2005. He has developed an interest in rearing his own queens and believes that he is developing a frugal, gentle, hardy and productive stock that shows greater inter-colony consistency and that overwinters well.

**Alison & Peter** have been involved with the Wylam Community Orchard project, which has a large wild flower meadow under the fruit trees. The orchard has been established by volunteers to promote biodiversity over the last six years

**Alison & Peter Fisher**



**Valerie** is a member of Newcastle and District beekeepers and has kept bees in her garden for eight years. She became a Master Beekeeper in 2018.

**Valerie Hawley**

