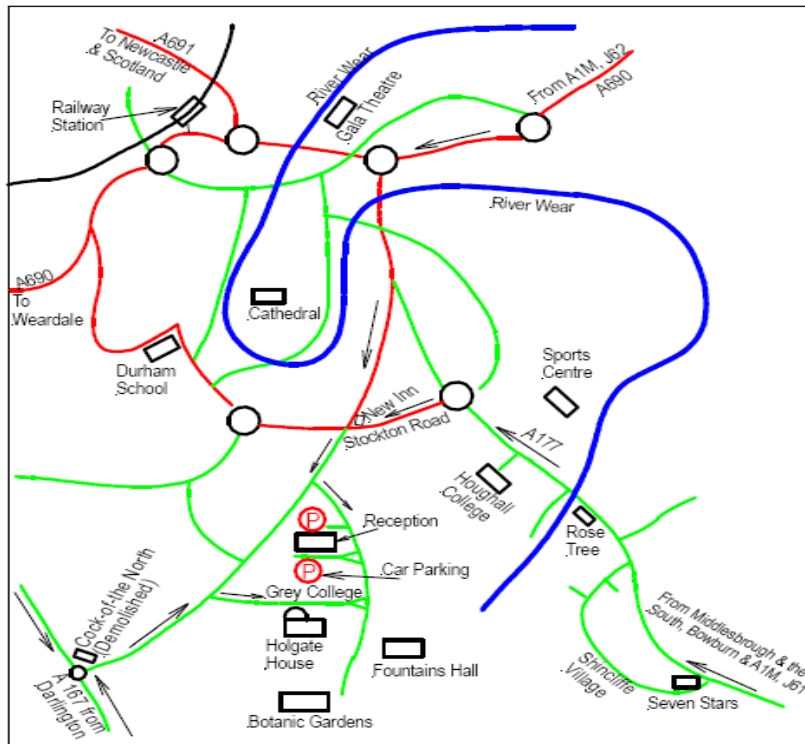


Directions, by car from the north (A1M):

- Exit at Junction 62, A690 to Durham
- Follow the dual carriageway for 1.5 miles
- Go straight on at the roundabout
- Down the hill, stay in the left lane and filter left before the roundabout
- Go straight ahead at the traffic lights
- Move into the right hand lane and filter right up the hill
- At the cross roads/ traffic lights go straight up the hill (Grey College is 2nd left)



Directions, by car from the south (A1M):

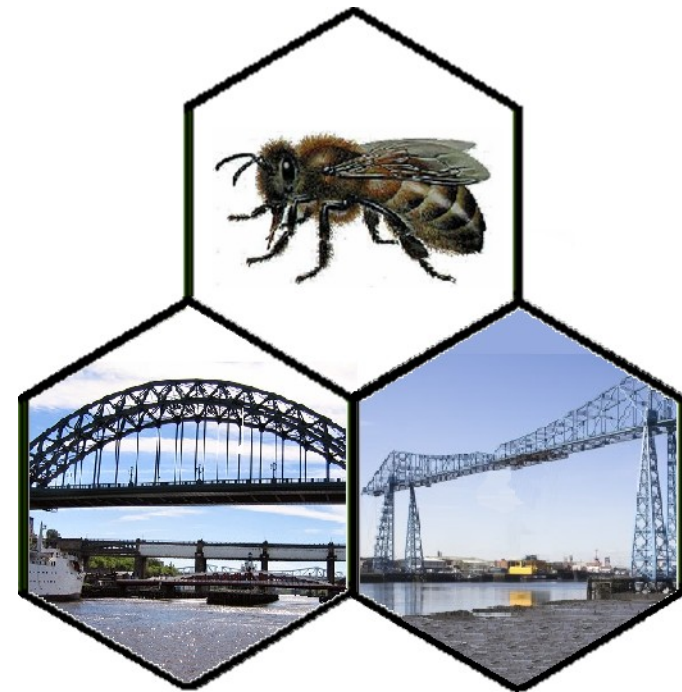
- Exit at Junction 61, A177 to Bowburn and Durham
- Stay on the A177 for about 5 miles
- Cross the River Wear and travel to the next island
- Turn left and in 0.5 mile turn left at traffic lights (Grey College is the second left)

# North of England Beekeepers' 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

*'Beekeeping in a changing and varied environment'*

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Holgate House, Grey College Durham, DH1 3LG



Check out the convention website on [www.nebees.org](http://www.nebees.org)  
Or with questions phone Stuart on 0191 4132672

## Programme

9.15	9.45	Registration and Coffee
9.45	10.00	Opening Address
10.00	11.00	Margaret Thomas "Experiences with the varroa mite over the last 14 years"
11.00	11.30	Morning Coffee
11.30	12.30	Clive de Bruyn "Beekeeping in Finland, Denmark and Sweden"
12.30	14.00	Lunch
14.00	15.00	Margaret Thomas "Suburban beekeeping – how to get on with your neighbours"
15.00	15.30	Alison Hiles "Environmental stewardship for options for bees"
15.30	16.00	Tea Break
16.00	17.00	Clive de Bruyn "Forage for Bees Past Present and Future"
17.00	17.30	General Discussion <i>The speakers will be joined by representatives from the Grasslands Trust, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the Country Land Owners and Business Association</i>
17.30	17.45	Raffle
17.45		Closing Address

## 54 Years of North East Beekeeping Conventions

North of England Beekeeping Conventions have been held since 1956 (with the exception for 2001 due to foot and mouth disease). Convened by the beekeepers of Northumberland, Newcastle, Durham, and Cleveland, the conventions are renowned for their friendliness and comradeship. The conventions feature speakers of national and international stature and this year is certainly no exception. The speakers this year are Margaret Thomas. Clive de Bruyn and Alison Hiles who between them will give five very interesting lectures. Please come and join us in Durham this year and help to contribute to our annual beekeeping fellowship, you will not be disappointed!

**Margaret Thomas** and her husband have been keeping bees since 1973. Since gaining a National Diploma in Beekeeping in 1982, Margaret has moderated for the BBKA Examinations Board and tutors correspondence courses and beekeeping classes. Margaret is currently the Pollination Secretary of the Bee Farmers Association. Margaret and her husband have recently moved to Scotland to live near their family and are currently without bees, but they hope to restart beekeeping soon.

**Clive de Bruyn** spent several years as a commercial bee farmer and as a government adviser at the National Bee Unit. Clive currently serves on various BBKA committees and the National Diploma in Beekeeping Board. Clive has been the British delegate to Apimondia and has travelled extensively to see how beekeeping is practised in other countries. Clive has produced many scientific papers and articles in the beekeeping field and is a prominent speaker on beekeeping in the UK.

**Alison Hiles** is a Senior Land Management and Conservation Advisor for Natural England. Alison visits farmers across the North East advising them on what options are best for them and their farm as well as wildlife (including honeybees)

We hope to see you at next year's convention on **2 April 2011**

Registration form (please print in block capitals)

<b>Full Name</b>	
<b>Address Line 1</b>	
<b>Address Line 2</b>	
<b>Town and County</b>	
<b>Post Code</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Can we email you details of next year's convention?</b>	

<b>Costs</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>
Booking fee	£20	
Servery Meal (optional)	£12	
<b>Grand Total</b>		

Please make cheques payable to "**North of England Beekeepers Convention**" and send to:  
Stuart Johnson, Convention Treasurer, 7, Shaftoe Close, Ryton, Tyne & Wear. NE40 4UT  
If you require a receipt please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

<b>Dietary Requirements</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

✂ **Please Retain this slip for future reference** ✂

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