

Getting there by public transport

The Hancock is 5 minutes walk from Haymarket Metro station/Bus Terminal. Haymarket is 2 Metro stops from Central Station the mainline rail station and local bus terminal. The museum is well signposted from the station. Each square on the map is approximately 4 minutes walk.

Getting there by car

The Hancock is part of Newcastle University's campus and can be found just off the Great North Road (B1318). Parking is available on Claremont Road (NE1 7RU) which is 5 minutes walk from the Hancock.

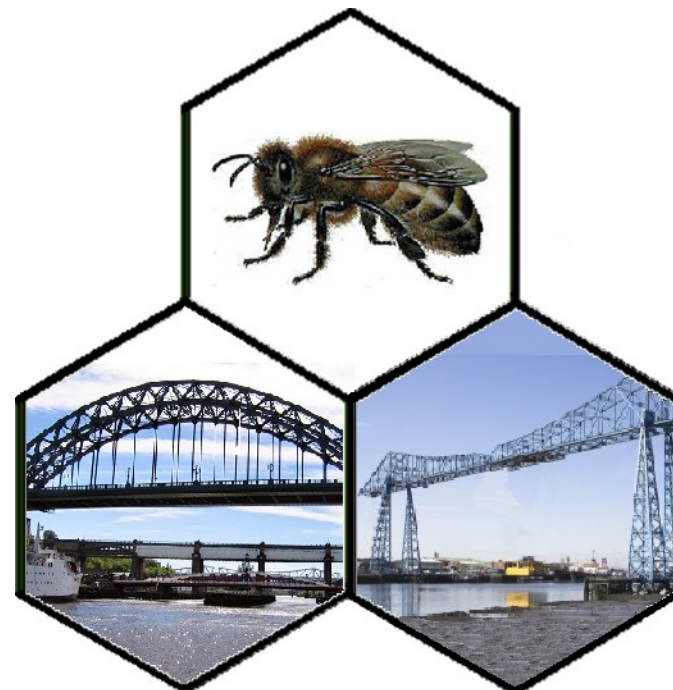
 Limited parking for blue badge holders is available outside the Museum. There is no additional parking at the Hancock

North of England Beekeepers' 54th Annual Convention

'Beekeeping Past, Present and Future'

Saturday 2nd April 2011

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



For more information go to www.nebees.org or call Helen on 07932 739 734

Provisional date for next year's convention is **31 March 2012**

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PROGRAMME

9.15	9.45	Registration and Coffee
9.45	10.00	Opening Address
10.00	11.00	“The Evolution Of The Honey Bee” <i>Dr Michael Keith-Lucas</i>
11.00	11.30	Morning Coffee
11.30	12.30	“The Stewarton Octagonal Hive And The Development Of Rational Beekeeping” <i>Will Messenger</i>
12.30	14.00	Lunch
14.00	15.00	“Pollination” <i>Dr Michael Keith-Lucas</i>
15.00	15.30	Raffle draw
15.30	16.00	Tea Break
16.00	17.00	“Old Hives: New Ideas” <i>Will Messenger</i>
17.00	17.30	Questions and Answers
17.30	17.45	Closing Address

We will also have trade and general interest stands by:

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When the first North of England Beekeeping Convention was held in 1956, the craft of beekeeping was already in decline. Post-war changes in lifestyle and the increasing availability of wide range of cheaper preserves meant the days when beekeeping supplemented many an income were passing. By contrast, today bees are in the headlines with beekeeping courses oversubscribed and membership of associations soaring. So this year's programme reflects the increase in public awareness of bees and the practice of beekeeping.

One thing has remained constant over the years that the convention has been held – the friendliness and good humour of everyone attending the event. Organised by beekeepers in Northumberland, Newcastle, Durham and Cleveland, the convention warmly welcomes new, novice, and expert beekeepers and it is a great opportunity to meet up with local apiarists. The lively and engaging speakers stimulate debate on current issues and experiences in beekeeping so that everyone takes away new knowledge and ideas.

Our speakers this year are Dr Michael Keith-Lucas and Will Messenger who will deliver lectures exploring the theme of beekeeping past, present and future. Please join us and take part in this highly enjoyable convention. You will not be disappointed.



Dr Michael Keith-Lucas recently retired as Senior Tutor in Plant Sciences at the University of Reading where he is an Honorary Fellow and Consultant. His research interests include pollen in vegetation history, archaeology, allergy and forensic science

Will Messenger was inspired to keep bees after a farming cousin asked him to “go and see if the bees have honey”. A beekeeper since the 1970s, he manages around 100 hives as well as running the Beekeeping History Group. He believes every new beekeeper brings strengths and ideas from previous lives. His philosophy is that beekeepers never stop learning and we should develop our own approach to beekeeping by careful observation and consideration of what we do.