

# Programme

8.45 - 9.15	Registration, Tea & Coffee
9.15 - 9.20	Opening Address: Prof Geraldine Wright
9.20 - 10.05	John Hobrough: "60 Years With Bees."
10.05 - 10.50	Philip McCabe: "The Wonderful World of Apimondia."
10.50 - 11.20	Tea & Coffee
11.20 - 12.20	Jurgen Tautz: "What We Learn From Bees."
12.20 - 13.45	Lunch
13.45 - 14.45	Robert Paxton: "Viruses - The Threat To Honeybees."
14.45 - 15.30	Dan Basterfield: "Reading Bees."
15.30 - 16.00	Tea, Coffee & Raffle
16.00 - 16.50	Q&A Panel
16.50 - 16.55	60th Anniversary Awards Presentation
16.55 - 17.00	Closing Address: Prof Geraldine Wright
17.00 - 18.00	Drinks & Nibbles

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# Let's Celebrate!

## Beekeeping - Past, Present & Future



## The 60th Northern Beekeepers' Convention

The Beacon  
Westgate Road  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE4 9PQ



Saturday  
April 1st  
2017



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# Speakers



## Prof Jurgen Tautz

One of the world's leading bee scientists and winner of many awards for communicating with the public about his work. Developed HOBOS - Honeybee Online Studies - with live images from deep inside beehives.

## Philip McCabe

President of Apimondia, the world beekeeping body. His major concerns are stopping the global decline in our bee population, the overuse of chemicals, and developing beekeeping enterprises to fight poverty in poor countries.



## Prof. Robert Paxton

Head of a group studying bee biology and their parasites at the University of Halle, in Germany. Using his latest ongoing research, he explores how much deformed wing virus is responsible for the increased demise of colonies over winter.

## Dan Basterfield

Runs a family commercial beekeeping business and teaches for the BBKA. Famed for knowing how to "read bees", he explains how better observation will help us to understand and predict what our colonies are going to do next.



## John Hobrough

Eminent scientist and lifelong beekeeper, John argues that the knowledge of older beekeepers can provide useful empirical data which gives insight into the effect of climate change and agricultural practice on our bees.



# Happy Anniversary!

It's our 60th Northern Beekeepers' Convention and for this outstanding event we have a stellar cast of international speakers. Their presentations will give a true picture of beekeeping past, present and future. To commemorate our anniversary, we are delighted to announce that the convention will also include:

- \* The first Northern Beekeepers Awards, with prizes to the value of £100 each.
- \* A photographic display.
- \* Trade stalls galore.
- \* All the tea and coffee you want.
- \* Informal drinks at the end of the day.

This promises to be the best ever Convention. Book now!

## Northern Beekeepers Awards

Diamond Beekeeper  
has contributed most to  
beekeeping for many  
years.

Beekeeping Star of  
the Future  
has great potential for  
years ahead  
(18 or under)

Beekeeping Star of  
the Future  
has great potential for  
years ahead  
(over 18)

Celebrate our 60th anniversary by saluting our special beekeepers. We invited beekeeping associations to nominate outstanding members for three awards. The presentations will be made by our friend and supporter Professor Geraldine Wright, who is also giving the opening and closing addresses. Many thanks to the award sponsors, Abelo and Thornes.