



# **YBKA Spring Conference 2019**

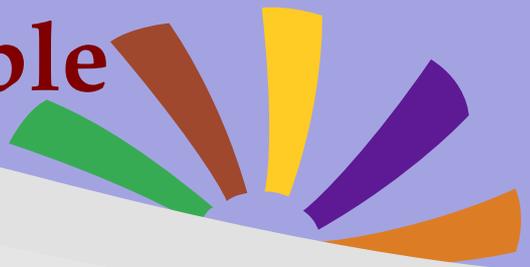
**Saturday, 6th April 2019**

A TASTE\* OF  
HONEY

**Manor Academy, York**



# Conference Timetable



08.30 – 09.15	Registration and refreshments
09.15 – 09.30	Welcome and Introduction
09.45 – 10.30	<b>Dr. Nicola Simcock.</b> <i>Food for thought, the honeybee as a model animal for the study of physiology</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 11.45	<b>Peter Lewis.</b> <i>The Sensory analysis of Honey</i>
11.45 – 12.30	<b>Tom Aspinall.</b> <i>Bumblebees and their Ecology</i>
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH
13.30 – 14.30	13.30 – 15.30 <b>Workshops and Discussion Groups:</b>
	<b>Preparing bees for the Heather.....Tony Jefferson</b>
	<b>Preparing honey exhibits for the Show.....Dave Shannon</b>
	<b>Steam wax extraction.....Chris Coulson</b>
	<b>Selection of Breeding stock.....Jim Pearson</b>
	<b>Demonstrations: Skep-making (Geoff Pearson) and Asian Hornet Trap construction</b>
15.30 – 16.00	<b>Beekeepers question time.</b> The YBKA Chairman (Phil Gee) will chair this section. The panel will consist of the speakers, the Regional Bee Inspector and members of the General Purposes Committee. An opportunity to question the speakers on what you have heard during the day and any other beekeeping issues that you may have.

## Trade Stands :

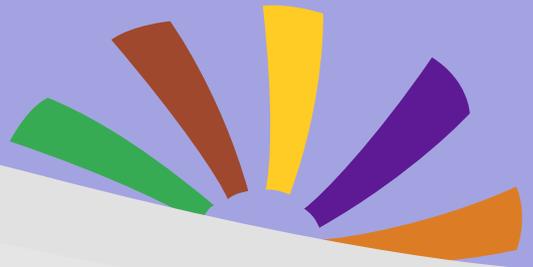
Northern Bee Books, Heritage Wildflowers, Spinks Compaq

Virginia Crerar (Seeds & Plants) and the NBU .

Bargains available on basic Beehive equipment.



# Speakers



**Dr Nicola Kay Simcock PhD** (*Research Associate Institute of Neuroscience/Molecular and Cellular Medicine, Newcastle University and Texas A & M*)

Nicola is a research Associate working at Newcastle University's Honeybee Lab. She has been a member of the lab for almost 9 years, starting as an undergraduate student and continuing throughout her Masters, PhD and finally her current position. During this time she has taken part in many different projects primarily focused on a variety of topics including learning and memory, pesticide detection, nutritional regulation and addiction.

**Peter Lewis.** Peter lives with his family in the Yorkshire Pennines and has been a keeper there of honey bees for about 12 years. Currently he's the Yorkshire Agricultural Society appointed Chief Hives and Honey Steward at the annual Great Yorkshire Show. A keen - though not fanatical - exhibitor with some modest show success (if or when it's good) his ambition to become a show steward inevitably resulted in an interest in judging and he's currently in the early stages of trying to become a qualified Honey Judge, building on hands-on practical experience and broadening his taste palate. The talk on "the sensory analysis of honey" will focus on what he learnt recently on an international honey tasting course, where systematically evaluating and/or appreciating what was actually 'in the jar' was the principal point of interest, together with some possible implications and wider applications. To be meaningful, beekeepers need to do quite a lot to customise the organoleptic approach to establishing profiles for specific UK honey types in the mono and multi- floral sense, rather than just "light, medium, dark", clear or set, categorisation.

**Tom Aspinall.** Tom Aspinall is a Research & Monitoring Officer with the "Moors for the Future" Partnership. He joined the team in 2013 and has gained field research experience in the moorlands of the Dark Peak in his various roles since then. Tom particularly enjoys educating people about the beauty and value of our native moorland wildlife and loves to be outdoors, whatever the weather! He is a Zoology graduate from the University of Nottingham and a Master of Environmental Management (Wildlife & Landscape Conservation) from Sheffield Hallam University. Outside of work Tom has a keen interest in wildlife photography and also enjoys hiking and bird watching. He will explain how this work has benefitted biodiversity and all the other benefits it brings before focusing on bumblebees and their ecology and also at background facts about them before moving on to identification of the different species focusing mainly on the subjects of our surveys and the other most common species. He will talk through the process of getting involved in bumblebee surveying, whether that's through the project at the Partnership or for areas away from our target area i.e. the Bumblebee Conservation Trust's BeeWatch scheme.



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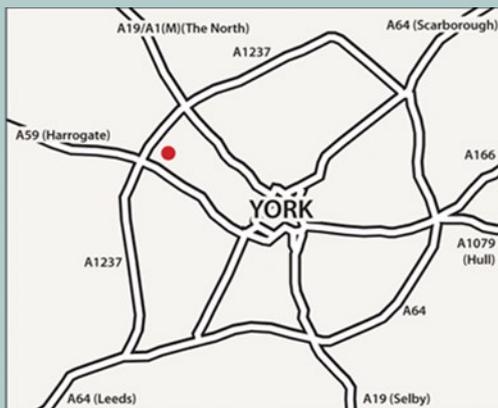
Train: York has direct links with all parts of the country.



Ticket Price: £10 which includes all lectures, workshops and refreshments (excluding lunch) throughout the day. Lunch options:

1. Bring your own packed lunch (No cost)
2. A cold buffet (£10)

To book: visit the YBKA website [www.ybka.org.uk](http://www.ybka.org.uk) and book on-line, send a cheque (payable to Yorkshire Beekeepers Association) to the YBKA secretary (Roger Chappel) : 4, South View, Brafferton DLI 3LB or pay by card over the phone : 01325 315741/07905 190701.



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