

## SPRING CONVENTION

LANCASHIRE AND NW BKA SPRING CONVENTION 2017

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017

9.00am – 4.45pm

Venue: Archbishop Temple School, St Vincents Road, Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire PR2 8RA

The Lancashire and Northwest Beekeepers Association

Reg Charity No 506167

Welcome to Lancashire Beekeepers' Spring Convention. We are confident you will find the programme of speakers and their talks both fascinating and useful. The Conventions programme is always designed to combine both the practical and the theoretical; and to encourage beekeepers to think about how they keep their bees.

This year a range of beekeeping strategies are dealt with by our speaker. Margaret Ginman will discuss the Beekeepers Association, apprenticeships in beekeeping and the comparisons and differences between hobbyist and commercial beekeepers. Simon Cavill talks about keeping bees in polystyrene hives. As trustee of the BBKA his second talk will discuss the future of the organisation, its importance to beekeepers and will answer any questions relating to this.

### Programme

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| 9.00          | Convention opens. Registration and refreshments                 |
| 9.45          | Welcome by the President of Lancashire BKA                      |
| 10.00 – 11.00 | Margaret Ginman: 'The Beekeepers Association'                   |
| 11.00 – 11.25 | Refreshments  |
| 11.25         | Introduction  |
| 11.30 – 12.30 | Simon Cavill: 'Keeping bees in polystyrene hives'               |
| 12.30 – 1.15  | Lunch   |
| 1.15 – 1.40   | Presentation of trophy and certificates                         |
| 1.55          | Introduction  |
| 2.00 – 3.00   | Margaret Ginman: 'Apprenticeships in Commercial Beekeeping'     |
| 3.00 – 3.25   | Refreshments  |
| 3.30 – 4.30   | Simon Cavill: 'the BBKA – the organisation and the way forward' |

- 4.30 – 4.45 Closing words
- 4.45 Convention closes

### The Speakers

**Margaret Ginman** is a successful business woman with a background in national newspaper journalism. She joined the Bee Farmers Association as its first paid General Secretary to increase its voices at regional, national and international level and develop commercial partnerships.

Since then the organisation has launched a world-class apprenticeship scheme to enable members to pass on their skills to future generations of bee farmers. She is a member of the EU Working Party on Honey, DEFRA's Bee Health Advisory Forum and the National Pollinators Implementation Group and Scotlands Honey Bee Health Strategy group. She is a familiar voice for the BFA on local radio and BBC's Farming Today.

Margaret owns and runs a small commercial bee farm in East Sussex.

**Simon Cavill** worked in the IT industry for over 30 years and started keeping bees in 2002. He now owns the skincare company Bee Good, whose emphasis is using bee produce in their products. Much of his time is spent spreading the love of bees and the need to protect them along with other pollinators and their environment further afield. This includes writing articles for several national magazines and blogs for Bee Good, keeping an eye on his bees and tutoring and mentoring for his local association. Simon is also a Trustee for the British Beekeepers Association.

### Convention arrangements

Lunch ( included) will be Hot Pot or Vegetable Lasagne and dessert.

Refreshments available morning and afternoon are included.

### Booking arrangements

The fee for the Convention will be £21.00 for the full day including lunch. Under 18's pay only £11.00 ( for the meal)

Early Bird Discount: If payment is received by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 the fee for the Convention is only £16.00 ( still only £11.00 for under 18's).

Both the following steps are required to book places

1. Please click [here](#) to complete the attached Google Form with your details and the names of those you are booking for.
2. Please send cheques made payable to 'Lancashire & NW BKA ' to Janet Murray, 6 West View, Grindleton, Lancashire BB7 4RB asap, to make the catering easier. To qualify for the EARLY BIRD discount the payment must have been received by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

When payment has been received you will be sent an email confirming your places have been booked.

For more information please contact

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