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# ***Plan Bee: Ensuring the Future of Pollination***

7.30 p.m., Monday 27th May, 2013  
Wolfson Lecture Theatre, Churchill College,  
Storey's Way, Cambridge

## **The Lecture:**

Insect pollinators underpin the seed and fruit formation of the pollinator-dependent crops that make up an important fraction of the human diet, as well as pollinating wild flora. Honeybees, one of the world's key managed pollinators are affected by a range of threats. This lecture will cover the factors affecting honeybee survival and aspects of the work being done by the National bee Unit to support Britain's bees and beekeepers.

## **About the Speaker:**

**Mike Brown** is the Head of the Food and Environment Research Agency National Bee Unit (NBU). The NBU is responsible for the delivery of the government bee health programme in England and Wales. This protects bee health by offering an integrated programme of apiary inspections, disease diagnosis, research, training and extension provided by a team of scientists and practical beekeepers of nearly 75 staff. The NBU currently runs 150-200 colonies of honeybees in support of all the above activities. Mr. Brown has been a large scale professional beekeeper since 1982, with commercial experience in France, Tunisia and California prior to joining the National Bee Unit (NBU) in the UK in 1988. He has completed consultancies overseas notably in Iran, Chile and China.



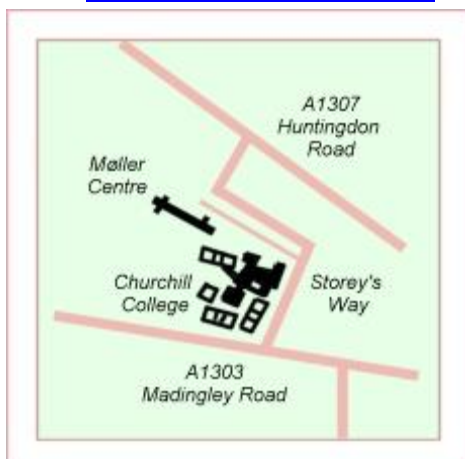
The NBU are charged with controlling serious notifiable diseases, providing advice to the beekeeping sector, minimising the risk of importation of exotic pests and providing support to policy. The NBU also provides support to the Scotland, Northern Ireland and States of Jersey, and is involved in developing veterinary medicines on behalf of business, aspects of food safety and consultancy.

Mr. Brown is also part of the EU Commission bee experts working group and a member of the advisory team of the EU Honeybee Reference Laboratory surveillance programme.

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