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AN INTRODUCTION TO BEES AND BEEKEEPING



Useful books

We recommend that you read a book on UK beekeeping to support your learning on the course.

Campion, A. (2001) *Bees at the Bottom of the Garden*. Published by the author. This 112 page soft-back book costs £9.95 and gives comprehensive information for the beginner beekeeper. A popular introductory text.

Hooper, T. (2008) *Guide to Bees and Honey*. 4th edn. Northern Bee Books, Hebden Bridge. This 260 page soft-back book costs £12.99. An excellent guide for the beginner and experienced beekeeper alike, with some illustrations.

These books can be purchased online from the International Bee Research Association at www.ibrastore.org.uk

Course fee: £47.00 (no concessions). Please note that the fee covers the cost of the course and tea / coffee at morning and afternoon break times on each of the two days. The fee excludes lunch. However, light refreshments may be purchased from the campus store or Union Square.

Prior enrolment by Friday 9th April 2010 is essential. Applications will only be acknowledged if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed with your application. Further details will be sent after 9th April. Please note that the course is subject to minimum numbers. Applications together with the fee should be returned to: *Centre for Continuing and Professional Education, Keele University, Keele, Staffs. ST5 5BG. Telephone: 01782 733436*

A two-day course
Saturdays 22nd May and 5th June 2010
10.00am - 5.00pm

School of Life Sciences
Huxley Building,
Keele University

Tutors: William Kirk and Dave Buckley

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Beekeeping is a fascinating hobby and many aspects of it appeal to people, from bee behaviour to eating honey. Honey bees have a long association with mankind because of the usefulness of their products, such as honey, beeswax, propolis and royal jelly, and an interest in obtaining these is often a motivation to start beekeeping. Beekeeping need not be expensive and you do not need a large garden in the country. A hive can even be sited in a city or on a flat roof.

This course has been designed to give a detailed introduction to those attracted to this hobby and an opportunity to try it out.

The course consists of two Saturdays two weeks apart and will enable complete beginners to make a confident start, whilst enhancing the skills and knowledge of those who have started recently. It will give information and practical hands-on experience for the following topics:

- The honey bee's life cycle
- How to handle bees and manage them
- Hive types and equipment
- Where to obtain hives and equipment
- Where to obtain bees
- Where to keep bees
- The flowers bees need
- Obtaining honey and beeswax
- Some problems you may encounter

Your tutors are experienced beekeepers. They have considerable knowledge of the craft and have been successful at introducing and coaching newcomers to this rewarding pastime.

The course will take place at Keele University in the Huxley Building of the School of Life Sciences and at Keele Apiary (weather permitting), where everyone will have the opportunity to watch and gain hands-on experience.

For your own protection in the Apiary you will need to bring a bee veil (some will be available for borrowing), and bring a pair of leather gloves (Marigold household gloves also work well). In addition, please wear (or be ready to change into) trousers, Wellingtons or similar boots to cover the ends of your trousers, and a long-sleeved heavy cotton shirt or anorak. If you already have a beekeeping jacket /suit/overalls, please bring it. All other necessary equipment will be provided.

The number of people on the course will be limited to twenty to allow everyone to spend time handling bees if they wish, so early registration is strongly recommended to be sure of a place.

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Application Form

Name _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____
Date Month Year

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone: Home _____

Work _____

E-Mail _____

I enclose my cheque for £ _____ made payable to Keele University.

If you wish to pay by MasterCard or Visa credit card please give your card account number below:

MasterCard/Visa credit card (please delete)

Last 3 digits on signature strip: /___/___/___/

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Cardholder's signature _____

Please indicate where you obtained this leaflet:

Library **University** **Tutor**

Beekeeping Association

Other (Please specify) _____