Beekeepers @ KSRC

Programme of Training Events at Kent Science Resource Centre (KSRC)

This PROVISIONAL Programme covers the period from March to July 2012

4th March	Beyond the Basic – Beekeeping for Improvers	Bob Smith, Patrick Murfet	10.30 – 4pm

This day-course aims to examine some of the key areas where newer beekeepers typically struggle – swarm control, varroa control, colony handling, feeding and preparations for winter. Swarm control will be covered in some detail while the other topics will introduce themes which will hopefully be picked up by other courses in the KSRC series, during the year. **Course Full !**

10th March	Flowers and Bees	Adrian Davis	9.30am – 1pm

Honey bees are entirely dependent on flowering plants for their principal food sources – nectar and pollen. This course examines the relationship between flowers and bees and is particularly recommended for anyone who will be sitting the BBKA Module 2 on 24th March!

25th March	Beyond the Basic – Beekeeping for Improvers	Bob Smith, Patrick Murfet	10.30 – 4pm

A repeat of the first course, which is over-subscribed

14th April	Microscopy & Adult Bee Disease Diagnosis	Ian Stell	10am – 1pm

A half-day course to introduce the microscope and its set-up, followed by practical sessions dealing with the diagnosis of Acarine and Nosema. The morning concludes with a brief look at wider applications of microscopy in beekeeping.

26th April	The Many Uses of Nucs	Julie Coleman, Rowena Pearce	9.30 – 12.30
26th April	Brood Comb Changing	Julie Coleman, Rowena Pearce	1pm – 4pm

Two half-day, midweek courses, back to back. Attend one or both to explore the ways in which nucleus hives can feature in your beekeeping and/or to look at the important aspect of good apiary hygiene – regular brood comb changing.

12th May	Queen-rearing for the Average Beekeeper	Terry Clare, Clive Allcorn	10am – 4pm

This course will discuss the rearing of quality queens by simple methods, suitable for the average beekeeper with less than 10 colonies.

26th May	An Introduction to Microscopy	Adrian Davis, Stuart Andrews	10am – 1pm

This event will be aimed at microscope novices (max 15 places), taking an over-view of the compound and dissecting microscope, including correct set-up. The use of microscopes in examining bee anatomy, and pollen grains will be explored.

2nd June	Varroa Control – *without* Chemicals	Bob Smith, Kevin Smith	10am – 4pm

A day course which examines the interacting life-cycles of honey bees and varroa mites, considers the chemical arsenal but concentrates on husbandry methods of managing *Varroa destructor*

7th July	Brood Disease Diagnosis	Alan Byham, Michael Cooper	10am – 1pm

An opportunity to look in detail at diseases of the brood, led by our Regional and Seasonal Bee Inspectors. Diseased combs will be available for inspection. An invaluable opportunity for anyone planning on taking BBKA Module 3 in November.