

THE COURSE COMPRISES SIX CLASSES AND TWO PRACTICALS

2018 DATES FOR PART 1 :
28, 29 APRIL AND MAY 5, 6, 7

Four classroom sessions and one in the apiary should get you to the point where you are ready to receive your bees.

Provisionally, these are scheduled for the afternoons, but flexibility, to accommodate the majority of the group, should be possible.

All outdoor apiary sessions are subject to change due to weather conditions.

PART 2 : TWO MORE CLASSROOM SESSIONS AND ONE MORE IN THE APIARY, will be arranged for dates during the Summer, to suit the course participants.

CLASSROOM VENUE :
FOLKESTONE AREA

If there were strong early demand from students in a different area, the classroom sessions might be relocated to suit.

APIARY VENUE :
IN FOLKESTONE
At the Tutor's Apiary



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TUTOR



Dougal Hendry MA has been successfully keeping bees, as a hobby, for several years and has obtained Distinctions in many of the British Bee Keeping Association's examinations. In 2015, he won the BBKA's Robert Hammond Award.



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A short course of classes and practical tuition for those interested in learning about the craft of Beekeeping



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THE COURSE AIMS TO PROVIDE —

- Enough information for you to decide if you would like to keep bees.
- An appreciation of the costs involved and the time and space required.
- An understanding of the variety of types of hive, and which are recommended (*or not*) for beginners
- Knowledge of the types of frame and how to assemble them.
- Confidence in starting with bees and managing the colony.
- An outline of the annual cycle of a honeybee colony.
- Techniques to manage swarming.
- The ability to recognise common problems in the hive, and how to avoid or manage them.
- Know-how to harvest products from the hive, including honey and beeswax.

FAST START TO BEEKEEPING

This is targeted at the needs of those thinking about keeping bees, and wanting to start this summer. The structure is to first cover the essentials that you would need to know before your bees arrive, and then the other stuff – hopefully before you need to know it!

Just-in-time learning for those who haven't managed to get into Winter classes!

Course participants will receive an approved beekeeping book and multiple handouts for reference during and after the course. The sessions will provide ample opportunities to ask questions as well as to handle real bees and equipment, including learning how to assemble frames.

The cost of the course includes a year's membership as a Friend of the Canterbury Beekeepers, which can be upgraded to Full membership with a supplementary payment. Details of all other local recognised associations will also be provided. Full membership of an association is strongly recommended for everyone actually keeping bees – it is also a wise route to acquiring bees!

Course attendees can also obtain (as just one example) a **£36.87 discount** on a top quality protective beesuit from the leading manufacturer.

In order to provide personal tuition, the course will initially be limited to a maximum of just six students.

COURSE COST £80
(OR £140 FOR A COUPLE -
SHARING ONE BOOK)

Places will not be reserved until payment is received.



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