

NDB Short Course Newsletter



This is one of a series of occasional newsletters for those who have attended one or more of the NDB Short Courses, to let you know how the courses are progressing and to give you information on what is planned for the future.

To date, with the completion of the 29th course last weekend, 285 training places have been taken up, by 172 different beekeepers. That may be the headline figures but, behind those rather bare statistics there lies a huge amount of rewarding work carried out both by NDB tutors and by 172 different course participants!

Each of the courses that I have either run or assisted with, have been really enjoyable days where the opportunity to get to know a small group of beekeepers from all parts of the country has run alongside a desire to know more, to practice new skills and to consider how one's beekeeping might be affected. Stimulating is, I suppose, the word?

Your feedback continues to be very positive and, in particular, the modern facilities we are using seem to be appreciated.

This year, in something of a break from tradition, NDB beekeeping courses will NOT be stopping for the summer, active season! If you can bear a couple of days away from your bees, there are several course offerings already scheduled, with other possibilities under discussion.

Month	Date	Course Title	Lead Tutor	Venue
February	25, 26	Anatomy and Dissection full	Graham Royle	Devon
March	17, 18	Teaching for Beekeeping Tutors	Bridget Beattie	Kent
March	19, 20	Integrated Pest Management	Bridget Beattie	Kent
March/April	31, 1	Microscopy for Beekeepers full	Graham Royle	Kent
May	3, 4	Seasonal Management	Ivor Davis	Kent
May	26, 27	Queen Raising & Stock Improvement	Ken Basterfield	Devon
June	9, 10	Queen Raising & Stock Improvement	Ken Basterfield	Devon
June	15, 16	Pollen - Nature's little wonder	Robert Smith	Kent
June	21, 22	Queen Raising & Stock Improvement	Ken Basterfield	Devon
July	7, 8	Queen Raising & Stock Improvement	Ken Basterfield	Devon

Full details, as ever, are available at www.national-diploma-bees.org.uk If you or other members of your associations might be interested in the above course places, please use the booking forms available on the website.

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