

THE COURSE COMPRISES
SEVEN CLASSES AND
A PRACTICAL

OUTLINE

- Background, Introductory Concepts & Basic Requirements
 - Queens & Swarming
 - Bees, Boxes & Buying
 - Frames, Kit & Basic “Husbandry”
 - Varroa, Pests & Diseases
 - Harvesting, Feeding & Winter
 - Meet & “Inspect” some real bees
 - Informal Recap and deal with any matters arising
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CLASSROOM VENUE :

FOLKESTONE AREA Dependant upon applicants' locations, the classroom sessions might be relocated to suit.

APIARY VENUE (PRACTICAL) :

FOLKESTONE At the Tutor's Apiary

DATES AND TIMES will be arranged to suit as many of the applicants as possible



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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. He was awarded the BBKA's Robert Hammond Award in 2015



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HEAD START
TO
BEEKEEPING
MARCH 2020

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





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.

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This is targeted at the needs of those thinking about keeping bees,
and wanting to start this summer.

The analytical approach aims to gain an understanding, rather than expecting learning by rote.
Knowing *why* something needs to be done, helps with how and when to do it!

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 equipment, including learning 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 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 obtain worthwhile discounts on (as just one example) top quality protective beesuits from the leading manufacturers.

**In order to provide personal tuition,
the course will be limited to
a maximum of twelve students.**

COURSE COST £80

(OR £140 FOR

TWO - SHARING ONE BOOK)

**Places will not be reserved until
payment is received.**



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