

Wisborough Green Division - West Sussex BKA

Beekeeping Course

Suitable for Beginners, Improvers, and Non - Beekeepers

At:- Village Hall, Lower Street, Pulborough, West Sussex. RH20 2BF.

Sat 11th March 2017. Assemble from 9.00 for 9.30-5.00 p.m. approx

The course is suitable for those who wish to discover what is involved in keeping bees, but will also be suitable for those who have kept bees for some time. It will largely follow the syllabus of the BBKA Basic assessment, but with variations. This course is based on over 50 years experience, not just repeating what is in books.

Subjects covered will include:-

How to learn about bees	Obtaining bees and equipment
Different kinds of bees	Where to site hives
How bees live naturally and how we can manage them	Protective clothing
What bees collect - nectar, pollen, propolis, water	Basic Colony Management
How bees store honey and pollen	Handling bees carefully
What happens in a beehive and where	Swarming and dealing with it
The 3 castes - queen, drones, workers	Dealing with the honey crop
How to start	Making colony increase
Choosing the type of hive and why	Feeding
Essential equipment	The colony in winter

Course fee £45. Second and subsequent attendees booked together £40*. Under 16 with a paying adult £15*. Price is per head to include lunch, refreshments, and our own booklet "Basic Beekeeping". Please note: Those marked * will not receive "Basic Beekeeping". Additional copies available on the day at £5. For existing, paid-up WGBKA members the fee is reduced to £35.

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Booking:- Gordon Allan, Stone House, High Street, Petworth, West Sussex, GU28 0AU. 01798 343 470, petworthgordon@btopenworld.com preferably using the booking form on the website.

Payment by:- Cheque, Bank transfer or cash. See Booking Form for details.

Website www.wgbka.org.uk

Prepare yourself for the coming season – **now**

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