

Wisborough Green Beekeepers Association

Introduction to Beekeeping

Suitable for Beginners, Improvers and Non - Beekeepers

At:- Rudgwick Village Hall, Guildford Road, Bucks Green, West Sussex. RH12 3JJ.

Sat 14th March 2020. Assemble from 9.00 for 9.30am-5.00 pm approx

The course is suitable for those who wish to discover what is involved in keeping bees. It is also suitable for those who have already started keeping bees, but have little experience. This course is based on the knowledge gained from over 55 years beekeeping experience, not just repeating what is in books.

Subjects covered include:-

How and where to learn about honey bees	Obtaining bees and equipment
Honey bees and insects they are often confused with	Where to site hives
How bees live naturally and how we manage them	Protective clothing
What bees collect - nectar, pollen, propolis, water	Basic colony management
How bees process honey and pollen	Caring for your bees
What happens in a beehive and where	Why and how bees swarm
The 3 castes - queens, drones and workers	Dealing with the honey crop
How to start beekeeping	The beekeeping year - what to do and when
Bee hive types - how to choose and why	Supplementary feeding
Essential and useful 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 each. For existing, paid-up WGBKA members the fee is reduced to £35.

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Booking:- John Glover, Fletchings Hollow, Vicarage Hill, Loxwood, West Sussex, RH14 0RG. 01403 751 899, wgbkes@gmail.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 a new hobby – **now**

Rudgwick Village Hall is off Guildford Road, Bucks Green, at the top end of the King George V playing field. This is about halfway between the roads to The Haven and Loxwood. There is good signage and car parking.