



**Introducing Beekeeping
Courses at**

**Brigsteer Bee Reserve
2017**

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May 19-21 2017

Tutors: Julia & Martin Hoggard

At: Brigsteer Bee Reserve.

This practical weekend course is intended for those wondering whether to keep honeybees, or complete novices. We shall look at the place of bees in the natural environment and what the hobby of beekeeping has to offer. The weekend will be spent looking at & choosing the equipment required to start keeping honeybees, studying what is happening in the hive, including working in the teaching apiary and learning how to site, start and care for a small apiary. We shall also discover the basics of processing honey and bees' wax and taste different honeys.

By the end of the course participants should know whether the hobby interests them and have enough knowledge to start keeping a couple of hives. Information on how to develop beekeeping skills and where to obtain help and support as a new beekeeper will be available. The information on the Intro and Intermediate Courses covers the syllabus for the BBKA Basic Assessment.



EQUIPMENT AND THINGS TO BRING

Please bring wellies. If you have a bee suit, veil, gloves and a hive tool please bring them. If you don't already have beekeeping clothing we will lend you what you need. We really encourage you to 'try before you buy'. Wear clothes that you do not mind getting a bit dirty: handling beehives and honey is inevitably a slightly sticky business! It gets warm inside a bee suit so light clothing is most comfortable, trousers need to be worn and should be made of smooth fabric.

Julia is happy to pass on electronic notes, talks and information, bring a memory stick (1GB) to save paper.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

If you want to buy a book on beekeeping, there are many to choose from it is very difficult to recommend one but many people like the Haynes Bee Manual: The Complete Step-by-Step Guide to Keeping Bees by Claire Waring. We will show you lots of books, try before you buy.

USEFUL WEBSITES

<http://www.bbka.org.uk/> The British Beekeepers' Assoc.
<http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/> The National Bee Unit.
www.thorne.co.uk this and Thorne's catalogue offer lots of information; there are other bee equipment suppliers.
www.ibra.org.uk this is an interesting scientific site
www.BeeEd.org.uk Contact us enquires@BeeEd.org.uk



TUTORS

Julia & Martin belong to Kendal and South Westmorland Beekeepers' Association. We have kept honeybees for 30 years and usually run a dozen hives including a small teaching apiary in the bee sanctuary beside our home. Julia lectures & teaches nationally and works to interest children and adults in the importance of bees in the environment. There are usually up to 12 people on a course.

COST

£180 including suppers on Friday (partners invited too on Friday evening) and Saturday evenings, lunches on Saturday and Sunday and course notes and all teaching. Accommodation is available locally. All profits are used to support the Bee Reserve.

COURSE TIMES

Plan to arrive by 6pm for supper at 6.30pm on Friday.

BOOKING & COURSE DETAILS.

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