

Bucks County Beekeepers Association

Practical Skills Training 2018

Each year the Bucks County Beekeepers Association sponsors the Practical Skills Training Course for Buckinghamshire Beekeepers. The course is ideal for members who have been keeping bees for at least 3 years and would like to consolidate their knowledge as well as taking their beekeeping to the next level.



The training in 2018 is split into two parts and involves three days of immersion in various aspects of beekeeping. The course will cover queen rearing, manipulations, honey processing, disease recognition and management. This is very much a hands on course.

Attendees must have attained their Basic Assessment Certificate to qualify to attend. The course fee of £45 for Bucks County Members and £75 for non-County Members is payable to Bucks County Beekeepers Association.

Part One: Saturday, 21st April 9.30-16.00

Format : Classroom study, Butlers Cross Village Hall

Part Two: 9th and 10th June 9.30-16:00

Format: Practical activities in the apiary including queen rearing

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*For more information and an application form please contact:
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*Deadline for receipt of application forms and payment is Feb 28th
2018, this is a very popular course so please apply early.*

Draft Programme for 21st April 2018

9:30 Welcome Tea/Coffee	12:30 Lunch
9.45 Disease Recognition Inspection Management	13:30 Honey Processing Tub to jar practical session
11:00 Coffee Break	14:45 Coffee Break
11:15 Queen Rearing Different Systems Small scale set up Agree a system for this season	15:00 Manipulations Bailey comb change Moving colony Swarm control
	16:00 Wrap-up

Draft Programme for Practical Weekend 2018

9th June

9:30 Welcome Tea/Coffee
9:45 Queen Rearing Make up Apideas Set up cell raiser/builder Graft Place in cell raiser/builder Fill Apideas Clipping and Marking Queens new queens if mated Queen rearing review
13:00 Lunch
14:00 Disease Inspection Demo On colonies in the apiary
15:00 Manipulations Making a Nuc For making increase For sale of colony For introducing a queen Uniting colonies
16:00 Wrap-up

10th June

9:30 Tea/Coffee
9:45 Manipulations Continued Requeening aggressive colony Bailey comb change (disease) Shook Swarm Manipulations continued Swarm Control, different methods Moving colonies
13:00 Lunch
14:00 Queen Rearing continued Check grafts taken
15:30 Wrap-up Review of weekend and Q&A