

# HONEYBEE TRAINING COURSES

## NOTE 1

### INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING.

Time: approx 20hrs. (\$spread)

Deals with the basics of beekeeping for the complete beginner, or to those with a very limited experience.

Topics covered will include:

1. What is a Honeybee.
  2. Importance of Beekeeping.
  3. Local & National Support.
  4. Equipment.
  5. The Colony consists of....
  6. Division of Labour.
  7. Individual Life Cycles.
  8. The Bees Nest.
  9. Hive Components.
  10. The Beekeeping Year.
  11. Reasons for Swarming.
  12. Swarm Prevention.
  13. Swarm Collection.
  14. Queen Rearing.
  15. Queen Mating.
  16. Brood Diseases.
  17. Adult Diseases.
  18. Varroa.
  19. Mice & Vandalism.
  20. Statutory Requirements.
- (And much more)**

By the end of the training it is anticipated that trainees will be able to manage a hive of bees without guidance or help, though a "Bee-Buddy" mentor is advised.

## NOTE 2

A less intensive "Introduction to Beekeeping" course.

## NOTE 3

A 1/2-Day insight into the "Wonders of the Honeybees World".

## NOTE 4

I often give lectures around the district. You will be kept informed of such lectures and invited to attend.

## NOTE 5

Group visits are invited and welcome but numbers will be controlled due to the limitation of sizes and number of protective Bee-suits available. It may therefore be necessary to make arrangements for more than one visit.

**ALL VISITORS, including trainees, will be expected to wear long trousers tucked into Wellington boots and to supply their own 'Marigold' style gloves. Bee Suits will be on loan.**

Though the disabled are not discouraged, some may find difficulty donning a protective bee-suit and as bees can sting, protection is vital.

There will be no charge at present for any course or visit, but donations to Swindon & District Beekeeping Assn, would be welcome.

Please bring your own lunch-pack and drink.

**Please fill in the details below**

I am interested in: -

Taking the FULL BEEKEEPER COURSE to become a beekeeper  ✓  
(SEE Note 1.)

Taking the FULL BEEKEEPER COURSE but NOT to become a beekeeper  ✓  
(SEE Note 2.)

Take BASIC STUDY COURSE for Knowledge and Interest Only  ✓  
(SEE Note 3.)

Attend Lecture Session  ✓  
(SEE Note 4.)

Group Site Visit  ✓  
(Number in Group ..... )  
(SEE Note 5.)

Contact Name ..... Date .....

Address .....

Post Code .....

Telephone .....

Email .....

**DO YOU SUFFER ANY ALLERGIES OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY?** Yes/No

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