



## Medway Beekeepers Association

Celebrating a 100 years of support for beekeeping  
and beekeepers in and around the Medway Towns



## Introductory Beekeeping Course 2022



Beekeeping is essentially a practical activity which makes it difficult to teach when social distancing rules are in force. However, during 2021 we were able to provide potential beekeepers with the background knowledge necessary for them to start with bees or, in several cases, to manage the bees they already had!

For 2022, we will be returning to face to face meetings. There will be six sessions, three will be held on Wednesdays in March and April (7.30-9.30pm) at Wainscott Memorial Hall 16-18 Holly Road, Wainscott, Rochester, ME2 4L, and three later in the year at our Apiary site for hands-on practical experience of handling bees.

You will gain a good understanding of basic hive management including swarm control, how to spot and deal with certain pests and diseases that affect honey bee and there will be a session on dealing with honey, from hive to jar.

The course will cover the following:

- The place of the honey bee in the insect world.
- The protective clothing you will need to safely work and manage a colony of honey bees.
- The type of hives that are available and the one that might suit you best.
- What to expect during routine inspections, how to recognise a colony that is preparing to swarm and how to deal with that situation
- The common pests and diseases of the honey bee
- How to harvest honey for your own use or to sell.

**The course will cost £75.00 and will include the recommended text book and Associate Membership (currently £10) of the Medway Beekeeping Association.**

If you would be interested in attending next year's course, please contact:

Sheila Stunell email: [admin@medwaybeekeepers.co.uk](mailto:admin@medwaybeekeepers.co.uk) putting 'Intro Course 2023' in the subject box.

This courses now full if you would like to register for next year's course please see the note at the bottom of this page.