

Richmond and District Beekeepers' Association

Introduction to Beekeeping **Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 May 2018**

A weekend on the theory of beekeeping, combined with practical “hands on” experience.

To be held in the Field Centre at Foxglove Covert Local Nature Reserve,
Catterick Garrison, Richmond.

PROGRAMME

(subject to change due to weather)

SATURDAY

- 09.50 Rendezvous at Cambrai Barracks gate on Ava Road, Catterick Garrison
- 10.00 Cars drive in convoy to the visitors centre in Foxglove Covert.
- 10.15 Introduction to RDBKA (Welcome, Role, Membership, Courses, Teaching Apiary, Insurance)
- 10.20 Talk: Bees and the Beehive. (Evolution, bees natural history, hive development, types of hive, demo hive).
- 11.15 Break: Coffee/tea will be provided
- 11.30 Talk: A Beekeepers' year (Typical monthly workload, to include physical effort and cleaning requirements).
- 12.30 Lunch: bring your own picnic, hot drinks provided
- 13.30 Practical Session: Introduction to the bees in our Foxglove Apiary (Demo of the hive and parts, classic inspection, eggs, larvae, brood, worker, drone, queen spotting, frame handling) (Frame making if inclement).
- 15.30 Break: Coffee/tea with a follow up Q&A/discussion.
- 16.00 Departure

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SUNDAY

- 09.50 Rendezvous and car convoy as for Saturday
- 10.15 Talk: Beekeeping Equipment (Protective clothes, gloves, boots, beekeeper's box of tools - explanation and demo, frames and foundation).
- 11.15 Break
- 11.30 Talk: Basic Beekeeping Techniques (include ref to Swarming, swarm control and disease (varroa only)).
- 12.30 Lunch: bring your own picnic, hot drinks provided
- 13.30 Practical Session: Manipulating Bees. (Classic inspection, observation, handling, Q&A).
- 15.00 Break: coffee/tea with a follow up discussion
- 15.15 Next steps/Review Peter Schollick, President RDBKA.
- 16.00 Departure