

RDBKA Introduction to Beekeeping Weekend at Foxglove Covert Beekeeping for Beginners

A weekend course on the theory and practice of beekeeping, combined with a practical 'hands-on' experience.

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27th May 2018, 10 am - 4pm daily.

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

Outline Programme (tbc)

Saturday

- 09.50am Meet at Cambrai Barracks gate on Ava Road, Catterick Garrison
- 10.00am Introduction to RDBKA
(Welcome, Role, Membership, Advantages, Courses, Mentoring, Teaching Apiary, Insurance)
- 10.15am Presentation - Bees and the Beehive
(Evolution, natural history, hive development, types of hive)
- 11.15am Break
(coffee/tea provided)
- 11.30am Presentation - A Beekeepers' Year
(Typical activities by season, monthly workload, hygiene requirements)
- 12.30pm Lunch
(Bring own picnic, refreshments provided)
- 13.30pm Practical Session. Introduction to the bees at our Foxglove Apiary
(Demo of the hive and parts, classic inspection, eggs, larvae, brood, worker, drone, queen spotting, frame handling etc (frame making if inclement))
- 15.30pm Break and Follow-up Q&A/discussion
(coffee/tea provided)
- 16.00pm Depart

Sunday

- 09.50am Meet at Cambrai Barracks gate on Ava Road, Catterick Garrison
- 10.15am Presentation - Beekeeping Equipment
(Protective clothing, gloves, boots, beekeepers' box of tools - explanation and demo. Frames and foundation)
- 11.15am Break
(coffee/tea provided)
- 11.30am Presentation: Common Beekeeping Techniques/Practices
(Inspections for disease, varroa, swarming, swarm control)

- 12.30pm Lunch
(Bring own picnic, refreshments provided)
- 13.30pm Practical Session - Manipulating Bees
(Classic inspection, disease inspection, observation, handling, Q&A)
- 13.30pm Closing Address - Next Steps
(President of RDBKA tbc)
- 16.00pm Depart.

Cost £50 per person or £80 per couple - Please return completed **Application Form** to RDBKA Treasurer together with payment. Full payment must be received by 1st week in May.