

# Practical Beekeeping

Aspiring beekeepers can gain their first experience of handling small colonies of a quiet strain of bee. The course covers the management of a bee colony during the build up from the winter cluster to a fully developed colony ready for the honey flow.

**Practical Beekeeping**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012.**  
**£75.00 6:00-8:30pm.**  
**Also on Thursday morning.**



Beekeeping courses are managed and run on a commercial basis by John Hamer, a Surrey bee farmer, using his purpose built facility at Blackhorse Apiaries in St Johns near Woking. The bees have been selected for their quiet handling characteristics and all essential equipment is provided. The tuition has been designed to work with local associations and equipment vendors to provide continual support for beekeepers during the early years. It aims to encourage beekeepers to understand the principles underlying what they are doing, and to develop an efficient, integrated management style, keeping beekeepers in touch with their local environment and enabling them to care responsibly for their livestock.

All courses will be run subject to a minimum number of students attending. All materials and equipment, and tea and coffee, are provided.

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