

## Forthcoming Spring 2017

### Beekeeping and Associated Training across Herts

#### Courses available to all Herts Beekeeping Divisions Members

#### New Season Preparation course

A course for those who've completed a year's practical beekeeping experience, and those wishing to use the course as a refresher. Typically, beekeeper's first years are concentrating on becoming comfortable handling a colony, often starting out with a small young colony, and now wish to prepare for managing a more mature and demanding hive and colony in their second year onwards.

#### *Course/s:*

##### Hoddesdon

Methodist Church Hall, Middlefield Road, Hoddesdon EN11 9ED

- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January
  - 7:30pm-9:00pm
- Please email [sehbka@outlook.com](mailto:sehbka@outlook.com)

##### Welwyn Garden City

ChristChurch Peartree Halls, Welwyn Garden City

- Across 3 Wednesday evenings 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017
  - 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm
- Attendance Fee £15 (towards cost of hall)
- please email [training@hertsbees.org.uk](mailto:training@hertsbees.org.uk)

#### Swarm Collecting course

To help those collecting their own swarms when preventative measures have failed! and for those wishing to become involved in going out to collect swarms; a fascinating and rewarding process. The course includes describing the swarm collection process, do's and don'ts, and different options and their benefits of swarm collecting equipment.

#### *Course/s:*

##### Welwyn Garden City

ChristChurch Peartree Halls, Welwyn Garden City

- Wednesday evening 29<sup>th</sup> March 2107
  - 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm
- Attendance Fee £5 (towards cost of hall)
- please email [training@hertsbees.org.uk](mailto:training@hertsbees.org.uk)

## **Basic Assessment Preparation course**

A very useful 2 evening course for those with at least two or three years' experience, regardless of whether you've attended previous courses, self-taught, or a combination of the two.

It provides a check for you as to how well you're doing, and areas that might need some 'brushing up'. Optionally you may then wish to take the BBKA Basic Assessment, and the course follows the BBKA Basic Assessment syllabus.

*Course/s:*

### **Welwyn Garden City**

ChristChurch Peartree Halls, Welwyn Garden City

- across 2 Wednesday evenings 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017
  - 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm
- Attendance Fee £10 (towards cost of hall)
- please email [training@hertsbees.org.uk](mailto:training@hertsbees.org.uk)

## **BBKA Microscopy Appreciation Day**



The appreciation day is aimed at those just wishing to know more about the use of Microscopes associated with Beekeeping, and would like the opportunity experience working with the different types of microscope and their uses in supporting beekeeping, and those thinking about becoming involved in Microscopy and wishing to know more before committing themselves.

*Course/s:*

### **University of Hertfordshire's Bayfordbury Campus**

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017
  - 9.30 am to 4.00 pm
- Only £55 including use of equipment and materials, and a buffet lunch
- please email [training@hertsbees.org.uk](mailto:training@hertsbees.org.uk)

## **BBKA Microscopy Training Course**

**(originally November 2016, now January 2017)**

A very important and comprehensive course over 4 full days to prepare those keen to take up Microscopy; extremely well received by those previously attending the course.

The first three days in January cover the honeybee anatomy; an understanding of the uses and benefits of Compound and Stereo Microscopes; their set up and care; microscope practical work; bee dissection and slide preparation. It also includes advice on the purchase of equipment – new is not always best.

The fourth day in April is timed to allow attendees to gain some practice and experience from that learnt from the first three days, for attendees to check and discuss progress, and to receive further training.

*Course/s:*

### **University of Hertfordshire's Bayfordbury Campus**

- Sundays 15th, 22nd, and 29th January 2017
  - 9.30 am to 4.00 pm
- Sunday 23rd April 2017
  - 9.30 am to 4.00 pm
- Only £220 including use of equipment and materials, and a buffet lunch
- please email [training@hertsbees.org.uk](mailto:training@hertsbees.org.uk)

## **Healthy Bee Day**

Each year, the HBKA hosts its Healthy Bee Day at the University of Hertfordshire Bayfordbury Campus. The Eastern Regional Bee Inspector lead the Day with the help of Seasonal Bee Inspectors.

The Bee inspectors will run through presentations providing up to date details of the various pests and diseases including those that are notifiable, and will demonstrate good husbandry practices to reduce the possibility of bee diseases being spread by the beekeeper.

They will have on hand samples of pests and diseases so that those attending can see and smell brood diseases first hand.

### **University of Hertfordshire's Bayfordbury Campus**

- Sunday 13th May 2017
  - 9.30 am to 4.00 pm

Each Division will be allocated a number of free places for the day, and your Division will be contacting you in the new year to check who would like to attend.