

# Wisborough Green Beekeepers Association

## Introduction to Beekeeping

### A one-day course suitable for Beginners, Improvers and Non - Beekeepers

At:- Rudgwick Village Hall, Guildford Road, Bucks Green, West Sussex. RH12 3JJ.

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Assemble from 9.00 for 9.30am-5.00 pm approx

The course has been successfully held since 2006. It is suitable for those who wish to discover what is involved in keeping bees before enrolling on a practical course or buying bees and equipment. It will not give enough information to start, but enough to help you decide if beekeeping is for you. Practical tuition is available at our well-equipped teaching apiary.

The course is also suitable for those who have already started, but have little experience. It is based on the knowledge gained from 60 years beekeeping experience, not just repeating what is in books, as many courses do.

**Tutors:** **Daisy Day**, a long-time beekeeper who is a Master Beekeeper and **Roger Patterson**, who started beekeeping in 1963 and has been teaching the craft for over 50 years. He is a prolific speaker, demonstrator and writer, where his down to earth approach is appreciated.

#### Subjects covered include:-

How and where to learn about honey bees	Obtaining bees and equipment
Honey bees and insects they are often confused with	Where to site hives
How bees live naturally and how we manage them	Protective clothing
What bees collect - nectar, pollen, propolis, water	Basic colony management
How bees process honey and pollen	Caring for your bees
What happens in a beehive and where	Why and how bees swarm
Occupants of the hive - queen, drones and workers	Dealing with the honey crop
How to start beekeeping	The beekeeping year - what to do and when
Bee hive types - how to choose and why	Supplementary feeding
Essential and useful equipment	The honey bee colony in winter

**Course fee** £45. Second and subsequent attendees booked together £40\*. Under 16 with a paying adult £15\*.

Price is per head to include lunch, refreshments, and our own booklet "Basic Beekeeping".

Please note: Those marked \* will not receive "Basic Beekeeping". Additional copies available on the day at £5 each. For existing, paid-up WGBKA members the fee is reduced to £35.

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**Booking and payment:-** By Eventbrite using the booking facility on the WGBKA website.

Website [www.wgbka.org.uk](http://www.wgbka.org.uk)

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