



**Medway Beekeepers Association**  
Celebrating over 95 years of support for beekeeping  
and beekeepers in and around the Medway Towns



## Introductory Beekeeping Course 2021



Beekeeping is essentially a practical activity which makes it difficult to teach when social distancing rules are in force. However, during 2020 we were able to provide potential beekeepers with the background knowledge necessary for them to start with bees or, in several cases, to manage the bees they already had!

For 2021, anticipating that COVID-19 restrictions will continue, we are again offering that on-line course over the five Tuesdays in March. (7.30-9.30pm) You will gain a good understanding of basic hive management including swarm control, how to spot and deal with certain pests and diseases that affect honey bee and there will be a session on dealing with honey, from hive to jar.

If circumstances permit, we will try to arrange sessions with bees at our club apiary site.

The course will be held via the Zoom videoconferencing platform and will cover the following:

- The place of the honey bee in the insect world.
- The protective clothing you will need to safely work and manage a colony of honey bees.
- The type of hives that are available and the one that might suit you best.
- What to expect during routine inspections, how to recognise a colony that is preparing to swarm and how to deal with that situation
- The common pests and diseases of the honey bee
- How to harvest honey for your own use or to sell.

**The course will cost £75.00 and will include the recommended text book and Associate Membership (currently £10) of the Medway Beekeeping Association.**

If you would be interested in attending our 2022 course, please contact Sheila putting **Intro Course 2022** in the Subject Box:

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This course is now full! If you would like to register for next year's course please see the box at the bottom of this page.