

General Husbandry Training- version 2

**At Dallinghoo on Saturday, 28th April and
at Easton College on Saturday 12th May, 2018**

While this training is aimed at those intending shortly to take the BBKA's General Husbandry Assessment, all do not need to be of that standard to join the course. You will learn from the day and from the others attending. The more you know, the better your beekeeping will be. If in any doubt at all, do come; you won't regret it.

In this training there will be no attempt made to cover all you need to know to be successful in the Assessment but we will be focussing on those subjects that usually give the most difficulty. It will be led by Paul Metcalf, NDB, assisted by Jeremy Quinlan, Master Beekeeper.

The current General Husbandry guidelines and syllabus are on the [BBKA website](#); **please read them!** That is best done now - it should certainly be done **BEFORE** joining us for the first day of the course! We will send you a copy of the BBKA's check list guide to what you need to know as this seems to be no longer available.

The cost is £20.00 for the two days. This is due when you [book](#). Any queries should be directed to Jeremy Quinlan: JeremyQ@tiscali.co.uk or 01473 737700.

If there are enough takers to cover the cost, we will provide a light lunch - we'll tell you a few days beforehand.

Directions are hyperlinked from the booking form.

Saturday 28th April - This will be all in the classroom.

09:15 - 09:45	Dallinghoo Village Hall, IP13 0JX open for coffee, etc.	
09:45 - 10:15	The General Husbandry Assessment - requirements, help.	Paul Metcalf & Jeremy Quinlan
10:15- 11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of disease inspections • Healthy brood pattern & appearance. • AFB, EFB recognition and actions. • Varroa, Braula & Acarine mites: biology, monitoring & control. • The Nosemas: biology, monitoring & control. • Bald brood, Chalk brood, Chilled brood & Sac brood: recognition & effects on the colony. • Sterilising comb • Honey bee poisoning. • New threats to beekeeping in the UK. 	Jeremy Quinlan
11:15 - 12:15	Colony natural history in relation to colony management.	Paul Metcalf
12:15- 12:45	Lunch. Please bring your own sandwiches.	
13:00 - 14:00	Queen rearing There will also a queen rearing course in Dallinghoo: May 14, 21 & 28, 10:00-12:00.)	Jeremy Quinlan
14:00 - 15:00	Swarming, methods of swarm control & other practical matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factors leading to swarming • Pagden method of swarm control • Other methods of swarm control, e.g. "Taking out a nuc." • Swarm control without finding the queen • Methods for finding an elusive queen • Making up a nucleus and a mating nucleus • Shook swarm for disease control • Re-queening vicious colony (<i>not in syllabus</i>) • Destroying a colony 	Paul Metcalf
15:00 - 16:00	Honey handling.	Jeremy Quinlan
16:00 - 16:15	Discussion. Tea/coffee and cake.	

Saturday 12th May - This will be all in the apiary: bee suits, etc. are needed.

Easton College apiary is just north-east of the College - see map. It will be signposted from the College. For satnav, use NR9 5EA (junction of Bawburgh Road and Hall Road, not NR9 5DX).		
09:15 - 09:45	Apiary open for coffee, etc.	The nearest toilets are in the College about 200 yards away
09:45 - 10:15	Overview of the day. Students' questions. Sources of information.	Jeremy Quinlan
10:15 - 11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of hive tool and smoker • Colony handling techniques • Reading individual combs • Reading colonies • Collecting samples of bees for testing • Apiary hygiene 	Paul Metcalf
11:15 - 12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clipping and marking queens • Records • Preparing colonies for move • Uniting two or more colonies • Bailey frame change for weak colony • Bailey frame change for strong colony • Making up a nucleus to introduce a queen • Making up a nucleus for sale • Making up a mating mini-nuc 	Jeremy Quinlan
12:15 - 12:45	If it is fine we will be in the apiary and we can eat our sandwiches there. If it is so wet that we have to use a classroom, the College authorities stipulate 'no food' so we will have to eat our sandwiches outside in our cars or the refectory may be open. Tea & coffee will be available.	
12:45 - 15:15	General Husbandry mock assessment: a dummy run-through what happens and what to expect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brood disease inspection • Clipping and marking queens • Artificial swarm • Making up a nucleus • Shook swarm 	Students split into groups of 4, one "Candidate" and 3 "Assessors". Each group takes one task. Students discuss best practice. If time permits, there will be an additional task.
15:15 - 15:45	Discussion. Tea/coffee and cake.	