

# **Introduction to Bees and Beekeeping day 2016**

**One day of practical beekeeping in which we will learn how to handle live bees, sampling the main aspects involved in keeping a hive or two of bees.**

**Held at Little Chart in the Weald of Kent, from 10.30 to 5.00, on the following dates: Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> August and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016, booking is essential.**

Over the day we cover the main activities required to keep a colony of bees healthy and happy. We will concentrate on the practical aspects of beekeeping so we will be examining live honeybee colonies during the day (weather permitting). With experienced guidance we will learn how to manipulate hives of bees, about the use of hive tools and smoker, recognition of the activities of the bees' life, and how to deal with common problems. We will also cover honey extraction and production.

Course tutors: Nick and Jennifer Mengham.

We have been involved with beekeeping since 1991. For much of this period Nick has been a commercial bee farmer, harvesting and selling honey and hiring out hives for pollination. He manages 150 hives of bees and holds the general certificate in bee husbandry and the PTLLS qualification in education.

Cost £60, or £68.50 if you want to hire a bee suit. Protective clothing will be required. Teas and coffees, lunch and hand outs are included.

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