


<b>Course Title</b>	<h2>Bee Keeping</h2>				
<b>Course Description</b>	<p>This 2-day course is intended for prospective beekeepers. Students will learn about setting up an apiary and caring for a colony of bees. We will look at the life of the European honey bee and the various pests and diseases that affect them. We will also look at the methods of extracting honey from the comb and production of other saleable hive products.</p> <p>The tutors will bring some of their own equipment as part of the course, including several hives to compare, and there will be two practical sessions, also at weekends, handling a colony of bees.</p>				
<b>Start Date</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	<b>Day &amp; Time</b>	Saturday & Sunday 10.00am-3.30pm	<b>Venue</b>	Cambourne Village College
<b>Tutor Details</b>	<p><b>Judith and Chris Evans</b> have been keeping bees for many years and have hives at Wood Green, which participants will visit for the two practical sessions. They have both delivered Bee Keeping courses for several years and are members of the Cambridgeshire Bee Keepers Association.</p>				
<b>No. of wks</b>	Weekend session plus 1 or 2 outside visits	<b>Terms</b>	1		
<b>Fee</b>	£75	<b>Concessionary Fee</b>	£56		
<b>Course Level:</b>	Mixed ability		x		
	Level 1, Level 2 (equiv. to GCSE / NVQ2)				
	Level 3 Equivalent GCE A Level				
<b>Skills or qualifications needed for entry into the class</b>		None, just enthusiasm.			
<b>Course aims &amp; objectives</b>					
<p>By the end of the 2-day workshop part of the course you will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognise the queen, drone and worker bees</li> <li>• Understand at least one method of swarm control</li> </ul>					

- Identify the various components of a bee hive
- Show an understanding of the diseases and pests affecting honey bees, and how and when to treat them
- Consider the production of commodities from the hive.

During the practical session you will handle a frame of bees and identify bees, brood, honey and pollen. Depending on numbers, students may be split into smaller groups for the practical session. By its very nature, beekeeping does involve some lifting.

### **Progression – after this course what might you do next?**

The tutor will advise about further courses.

### **How progress & success will be recorded**

The tutor will check learners' understanding during the course and invite questions throughout the course.

### **Additional course costs (e.g. visits, materials, books, equipment)**

Students will need to be able to get to Wood Green Animal Shelter at Godmanchester, in the summer, for the practical sessions. This is where the tutors run their apiary. A selection of dates will be made available to the class, mostly on a Saturday morning 10.00am-12.00noon. Those who cannot make this slot are welcome to discuss potential alternatives with the tutors.

### **Materials/equipment required for first class**

Notebook and pen.

### **Contact for further information**

Adult Education: 01223 264721 [commed@combertonvc.org](mailto:commed@combertonvc.org)

### **Enrolment and Payment**

Please enrol at Comberton Village College for all courses, including those in Cambourne and Melbourn. Fees can be paid by cheque, cash or debit card. **Please assume the class is running once payment has been received, unless you hear to the contrary.** Please send an SAE or email contact for confirmation or a receipt if required.

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Address: Adult Education, Comberton Village College, Comberton, Cambridge, CB23 7DU. Email: [commed@combertonvc.org](mailto:commed@combertonvc.org)

Cheques: The CAM Academy Trust

In Person: Please bring payment to the college reception.

9.15am–4.30pm Mon–Thurs and

6.45pm–9.15pm Mon and Weds in term time

By Phone: 01223 264721 and pay by debit card.

During the summer holiday period a member of staff will pick up messages each week and return calls and emails. We are closed in other school holidays.

### **Refunds**

Refunds are only available if we close a class or you withdraw at least two weeks before the start. In the latter case there is a £5 administrative charge. Classes cancelled by us due to unforeseen

circumstances (e.g. tutor illness or college closure due to heavy snow) will be replaced with an extra class at the end.

### **Concessionary Fees**

25% discount is available for those in receipt of JSA/ESA or Universal Credit; Carers Allowance or a social care assessment (EHCP, PIP) evidence to be provided. It is also possible to pay by instalments, please ask for details.

### **Calendar** (Please check start date of specific courses)

Autumn Term    Half term 21st–25th Oct 2019

Spring Term    Half term 17th–21st Feb 2020

Summer Term   Half term 25th –30th May 2020

### **Equalities statement**

We are fully committed to equality of opportunity and welcome enrolments from all adults. We positively encourage all learners with any concerns about specific needs which might affect their learning to discuss their requirements with us in confidence. We believe that everyone is entitled to learn in an environment that is free from discriminatory behaviour so that we build a community based on mutual trust and respect. We will do our best to ensure that resources and equipment are accessible to all and make reasonable adjustments to ensure that all learners can access activities.

### **Safeguarding Statement**

Arrangements have been made to make sure that you are safe at our Centres. If you feel you are not safe for any reason, for example through verbal or physical abuse or you have been discriminated against, please tell your tutor or the Centre Manager, who will investigate to ensure your safety.