



## NDB Short Courses – August - December 2011

Following on from the successful series of National Diploma in Beekeeping (NDB) Short Courses which were run during January to March 2011, the NDB are delighted to announce that these courses, and some new ones, are again to be offered during this autumn and winter.

These are courses running over two full days which aim to allow delegates to become immersed in relatively narrow aspects of the huge field that is “beekeeping”. In small groups and with NDB-qualified tutors, this arrangement allows real learning and exploration of the subject to be achieved.

The original series of Short Courses, part-funded by Fera under the auspices of the Healthy Bees Plan, has been augmented by some new titles. “**Anatomy and Dissection**” is a new course, written by Graham Royle which allows delegates to explore the external and internal anatomy of the honey bee and begin to make sense of the amazing complexity in such small creatures. “**Integrated Pest Management, IPM**”, written by Bridget Beattie, is another new course which explores ways in which we can manage the health of our bees (not simply varroa) using combinations of techniques, to minimise adverse effects.

A further new title will be offered after Christmas; David Aston will be writing a Short Course providing an introduction to Botany for Beekeepers.

The list of Short Courses in Devon, dates and venues appears below:

<i>Month</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Lead Tutor</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Aug	20, 21	Successful Wintering	Ivor Davis	Devon
Sept	19, 20	Microscopy for Beekeepers	Graham Royle	Devon
Oct	8, 9	Adult Bee Disease	Ken Basterfield	Devon
Dec	2, 3	Teaching for beekeeper tutors	Bridget Beattie	Devon
Dec	4, 5	Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	Bridget Beattie	Devon

Full details of the Short Courses are to be found on the NDB web-site:

[www.national-diploma-bees.org.uk](http://www.national-diploma-bees.org.uk)

Also to be found on the web-site are details of the three Regional Training Centres that will be used; these are all modern facilities chosen to enhance the learning environment.

Each Short Course includes a full set of handouts and the Course Fee includes all consumables, use of high quality equipment (such as microscopes where needed), all refreshment breaks and a light lunch on both days. The Course Fee for each of these two day Short Courses will be £140 which we hope you will feel is excellent value.

An Application Form is available from the web-site address above, please print this off and post it to the appropriate person, one for each of the Regional Training Centres.

These unique courses offer the opportunity for you to raise your game within beekeeping; if you are interested, please apply using the application form but remember, places are limited and these courses filled very rapidly during the early months of this year!