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Module 1- Honey Bee Management
(January 2023)

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Haynes Bee Manual (2011)	A & C Waring	Haynes
The BBKA Guide to Beekeeping (2 nd Edition)	Ivor Davis/Roger Cullum-Kenyon	Bloomsbury
Practical Beekeeping (1997)	Clive de Bruyn	Crowood Press
Better Beginnings for Beekeepers	Adrian Waring	BIBBA
Get Started in Beekeeping	A & C Waring	Hodder Education
The Hive & The Honeybee (2015)	J. Graham (Ed)	Dadant & Sons
Bee Space to Bee Hive (2020)	Andrew Gibb, Ann Harman	BeeCraft
Essays in Beekeeping History (2011)	Karl Showler	BeeCraft
Great Masters of Beekeeping (2015)	Ron Brown	BBNO
The Observation Hive (1985)	Karl Showler	NBB
Variations on a Beehive (2019)	Ed: Patricia Nelson	NBB
Medical Aspects of Beekeeping (2000)	Dr H Riches	NBB
Swarming – Biology and Control (2021)	Wally Shaw	NBB
Feeding Bees (2021)	Wally Shaw	NBB
There Are Queen Cells In My Hive-What Should I Do? (2018)	Wally Shaw	NBB
An Apiary Guide To Swarm Control (2015)	Wally Shaw	NBB
Simple methods of making increase (2015)	Wally Shaw	NBB
BBKA News Special Issue Series – General Husbandry		BBKA
BBKA News Special Issue Series – Advanced Husbandry		BBKA
BBKA News Special Issue Series – Colony Management		BBKA
BBKA News Special Issue Series – Feeding Honeybees		BBKA
BBKA News Special Issue Series – Integrated Pest Management		BBKA
BBKA News Special Issue Series – Swarming		BBKA
NBU Best Practice Guideline: Essentials of Beekeeping (pdf)		NBU
NBU Best Practice Guideline: Handling and Examining a colony of bees (pdf)		NBU
NBU Best Practice Guideline: Apiary & Hive Hygiene (pdf)		NBU
NBU Best Practice Guideline: Spring Checks (pdf)		NBU
NBU Best Practice Guideline: Feeding Bees (pdf)		NBU
NBU Advisory Leaflet: Starting Right with bees (pdf)		NBU
NBU Fact Sheet: Replacing old Brood comb (pdf)		NBU
NBU Fact Sheet: Shook Swarming (pdf)		NBU

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The Eva Crane Trust	https://www.evacranetrust.org
The Norfolk Honey Company	https://www.youtube.com/user/TheNorfolkHoneyCo
Beekeeping short & Sweet Podcast	https://www.norfolk-honey.co.uk/podcast
The Apiarist blog (David Evans)	https://www.theapiarist.org
Understanding Bee Anatomy – Ian Stell	http://www.understandingbeeanatomy.com
Understanding Bee Anatomy – YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/user/BeeAnatomy?app=desktop
Northumbrian Bees	https://www.northumbrianbees.co.uk
NBU Advisory leaflets	http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/index.cfm?pageid=167
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The Biology of the Honey Bee (1987)	Mark Winston	Harvard
The Honey Bee Around and About	Celia Davis	Bee Craft
The Honey Bee Inside and Out.	Celia Davis	Bee Craft
Bee Hive to Beekeeper (2020)	Andrew Gibb, Ann Harman	Bee Craft
Bee Space to Bee Hive (2020)	Andrew Gibb & Ann Harman	BeeCraft
Guide to Bees and Honey (5th. edition) (2010)	Ted Hooper	NBB
Haynes Bee Manual (2011)	A & C Waring	Haynes
Practical Beekeeping (1997)	Clive de Bruyn	Crowood Press
The BBKA Guide to Beekeeping	I Davis/R Cullum- Kenyon	Bloomsbury

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Module 2 - Honey Bee Products & Forage
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A Book of Honey (1980) Reprinted 2020	Eva Crane	IBRA
Honey – A Comprehensive survey	Eva Crane	IBRA
BBKA News Special Edition: Honey		BBKA
BBKA News Special Edition: Flower families for Forage		BBKA
Honey Identification (1988)	R. Sawyer	NBB
Heather Honey: A Comprehensive Guide	Michael Badger	Bee Craft
Preparation of liquid honey (pdf)	Cecil C Tonsley	NHS
Granulated or Crystallised honey (pdf)	Cecil C Tonsley	NHS
Comb Honey for show (pdf)	Margaret Davies	NHS
Management, production and exhibiting heather honey (pdf)	George Vickery	NHS
Oil Seed Rape and Bees	Allan Calder	NBB
BBKA News Special Edition: Practical Mead making	Dinah Sweet	BBKA
Producing Mead for showing and drinking (pdf)	Dinah Sweet	NHS
Wax for show (pdf)	F Padmore	NHS
Beeswax candles for show (pdf)	Morna Stoakley	NHS
Beeswax (1995)	Ron Brown	NBB
Plants and Honey Bees (2004) An Introduction to their relationships	David Aston & Sally Bucknall	NBB
Plants for Bees	Kirk & Howes	
The Pollen Grain Drawings of Dorothy Hodges	Dorothy Hodges	IBRA
Pollen Identification for Beekeepers (1981)	Rex Sawyer	NBB
Pollen Microscopy	Norman Chapman	CMI Publishing
The study of Pollen (pdf)	Rex Sawyer	NHS
Crop Pollination by Bees	Delaplane and Mayer	CABI Publishing
Bee Hive to Bee Keeper	Andrew Gibb & Ann Harman	Bee Craft
Bee Space to Bee Hive	Andrew Gibb & Ann Harman	Bee Craft
The Observation Hive (1985)	Karl Showler	NBB
Essays in Beekeeping History	Karl Showler	BeeCraft
Great Masters of Beekeeping (2015)	Ron Brown	BBNO
Beeswax (1984)	W.Coggeshall & R.Morse	Wicwas Press
Guide for Judges & Exhibitors of Honey & Bee Products	Examinations Board	BBKA
Medical Aspects of Beekeeping (2000)	Dr Harry Riches	NBB
Two Million Blossoms. Discovering the medical benefits of Honey	Joe Traynor	NBB
The Hive and the Honeybee (2015)	J. Graham (Ed.)	Dadant & Sons

ONLINE RESOURCES

National Honey Show lectures	https://www.youtube.com/user/nationalhoneyshow
The Eva Crane Trust	https://www.evacranetrust.org
Coloss Bee Book Vol III - standard methods for Apis m. hive product research	https://coloss.org/beebook/volume-3/
UK Honey Regulations	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/1348/made
Labelling of honey	https://www.businesscompanion.info/en/quick-guides/food-and-drink/labelling-of-honey
National Honey Show lectures	https://www.youtube.com/user/nationalhoneyshow
The Norfolk Honey Company	https://www.youtube.com/user/TheNorfolkHoneyCo
Beekeeping short & Sweet Podcast	https://www.norfolk-honey.co.uk/podcast
The Apiarist blog (David Evans)	https://www.theapiarist.org
Northumbrian Bees	https://www.northumbrianbees.co.uk
NBU Advisory leaflets	http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/index.cfm?pageid=167
Welsh Beekeeping Association (WBKA)	http://www.wbka.com/library/wbka-documents-library/
Evidence for Clinical Use of Honey in Wound Healing as an Anti-bacterial, Anti-inflammatory Anti-oxidant and Anti-viral Agent: A Review - Reza Yaghoobi, Afshin Kazerouni, and Ory kazerouni	https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Medical_Honey_Simplified_-_Patients-leaflet.pdf

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Practical Beekeeping (1997)	Clive de Bruyn	Crowood Press
The BBKA Guide to Beekeeping	I Davis/R Cullum- Kenyon	Bloomsbury
The Biology of the Honey Bee (1987)	M. Winston	Harvard
The Honey Bee Around and About	C Davis	Bee Craft
The Honey Bee Inside and Out.	C Davis	Bee Craft
Bee Space to Bee Hive	Andrew Gibb & Ann Harman	BeeCraft
Bee Hive to Bee Keeper	Andrew Gibb & Ann Harman	BeeCraft

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Module 3 - Pest, Diseases & Poisoning
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Anatomy and Dissection of the Honeybee	H.A. Dade	IBRA
Anatomy of the Honeybee (1956)	R.E. Snodgrass	Cornell UP.
The Biology of the Honey Bee (1987)	M. Winston	Harvard
Understanding Bee Anatomy	Ian Stell	
The Honey Bee Inside and Out.	Celia Davis	Bee Craft
The Honey Bee Around and About	Celia Davis	Bee Craft
Honey Bee Veterinary Medicine	Nicolas Vidal-Naquet	5m Publishing
Honey Bee Pests, Predators and Diseases (2013)	R.Morse & K.Flottum	NBB
The Asian Hornet – Threats, Biology and Expansion	Stephen Martin	IBRA
The Asian Hornet Handbook	Sarah Bunker	NBB
Varroa still a problem in the 21 st Century?	Ed: N Carreck	IBRA
The Healthy Hive Guide	D Basterfield, R Cullum-Kenyon, I Davies	IBRA
BBKA News Special Edition – Integrated Pest Management		BBKA
BBKA New Special Edition – Natural Varroa resistant Honey Bees		BBKA
NBU Advisory Leaflet: Managing Varroa (pdf)		NBU
NBU Advisory Leaflet: Asian Hornet ID sheet (pdf)		NBU
NBU Advisory Leaflet: Small Hive Beetle (pdf)		NBU
NBU Advisory Leaflet: Foulbrood disease of honey bees (pdf)		NBU
NBU Advisory Leaflet: Tropilaelaps: Parasitic mites of honey bees (pdf)		NBU
NBU Advisory Leaflet: Statutory procedures Advisory leaflet (pdf)		NBU
NBU Advisory Leaflet: Contingency planning Procedures leaflet (pdf)		NBU
NBU Advisory Leaflet: Common pests, diseases and disorders of the Adult Honey Bees (pdf)		NBU
NBU Fact Sheet: Replacing old Brood Comb (pdf)		NBU
NBU Fact Sheet: Shook Swarming (pdf)		NBU
NBU Fact Sheets: Chronic Bee Paralysis (pdf)		NBU
NBU Fact Sheets: Fumigating Comb (pdf)		NBU
NBU Fact Sheets: Hive Cleaning & sterilisation (pdf)		NBU
Healthy Bees are Happy Bees	Pam Gregory	BeeCraft
Development of Chalk Brood	Len Heath	IBRA 110
Having healthy Honeybees (2012)	J McMullan	FIBKA
Healthy Bees are Happy Bees	Pam Gregory	BeeCraft
Keeping Healthy Honey Bees	David Aston & Sally Bucknall	NBB
Virology and the Honey Bee (2007)	European commission	NBB

The Hive and the Honeybee (2015)	J. Graham (Ed.)	Dadant & Sons
Honey Bee Nutrition and Feeding	Zbigniew Lipinski	
Essays in Beekeeping History	Karl Showler	BeeCraft
Great Masters of Beekeeping (2015)	Ron Brown	BBNO
Bee Hive to Bee Keeper	Andrew Gibb & Ann Harman	BeeCraft

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Coloss Bee Book Vol II – standard methods for Apis m. Pest & pathogen research	https://coloss.org/beebook/volume-2/
The Norfolk Honey Company	https://www.youtube.com/user/TheNorfolkHoneyCo
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Understanding Bee Anatomy – Ian Stell	http://www.understandingbeeanatomy.com
Understanding Bee Anatomy – YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/user/BeeAnatomy?app=desktop
Northumbrian Bees	https://www.northumbrianbees.co.uk
NBU Advisory leaflets	http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/index.cfm?pageid=167
Welsh Beekeeping Association (WBKA)	http://www.wbka.com/library/wbka-documents-library/
'Varroa destructor feeds primarily on honey bee fat body tissue and not haemolymph' – Research by Samuel Ramsey	https://www.pnas.org/content/116/5/1792

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The Biology of the Honey Bee (1987)	Mark Winston	Harvard
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Module 5 - Honey Bee Biology
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Anatomy and Dissection of the Honeybee	H.A. Dade	IBRA
Anatomy of the Honeybee (1956)	R.E. Snodgrass	Cornell UP.
Apis Through the looking Glass (2 nd Ed 2010)	G. Royle	NBB
Form & Function in the Honeybee (2003)	L. Goodman	IBRA
Understanding Bee Anatomy	Ian Stell	Catford Press
The Biology of the Honey Bee (1987)	M. Winston	Harvard
The Honey Bee Illustrated (2016)	Margaret Cowley	Beecraft
Great Masters of Beekeeping (2015)	R. Brown	NBB
Honey Bee Dissection Plates (from Dade)		IBRA
BBKA News Special Edition: Honey Bee Anatomy		BBKA
The Honey Bee Inside and Out.	C. Davis	Bee Craft

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The Eva Crane Trust	https://www.evacranetrust.org
The Norfolk Honey Company	https://www.youtube.com/user/TheNorfolkHoneyCo
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The Apiarist blog (David Evans)	https://www.theapiarist.org
Understanding Bee Anatomy – Ian Stell	http://www.understandingbeeanatomy.com
Understanding Bee Anatomy – YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/user/BeeAnatomy?app=desktop
Northumbrian Bees	https://www.northumbrianbees.co.uk
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The Honey Bee Around and About	Celia Davis	Bee Craft
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Module 6 - Honey Bee Behaviour

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Honeybee Democracy (2010)	Tom Seeley	Princeton Uni Press
Wisdom of the Hive (1995)	Tom Seeley	Harvard UP/ Wiley
The Lives of Bees	Tom Seeley	Harvard UP / Wiley
Pheromones of Social Bees (1987)	John B. Free	NBB
The Buzz about Bees (2008)	Jurgen Tautz	Springer
The Hive and the Honeybee (2015)	Joe M Graham (Ed.)	Dadant & Sons
The Social Organisation of Honey Bees (1977)	John B. Free	NBB
The Behaviour & Social Life of Honeybees (1953)	Ronald Ribbands	IBRA/ NBB
BBKA News Special Edition: Communication within the Hive		BBKA
BBKA News Special Edition: Swarming		BBKA
The Biology of the Honey Bee (1987)	Mark Winston	Harvard
Bee Space to Bee Hive	Andrew Gibb & Ann Harman	BeeCraft
Bee Hive to Bee Keeper	Andrew Gibb & Ann Harman	BeeCraft
Essays in Beekeeping History	Karl Showler	BeeCraft
Great Masters of Beekeeping (2015)	Ron Brown	BBNO
The Honey Bee Around and About	Celia Davis	Bee Craft
Mating Biology of Honey bees	Koeniger, Koeniger, Ellis, Connor	
Field Guide to the Bees of Great Britain & Ireland	Steven Falk	Bloomsbury
Bumblebees – an Introduction	Gammans, Comont, Morgan, Perkins	Bumblebee Conservation Trust
Bumblebees	Richard Comont	RSPB Spotlight
Field Guide to the Bumblebees of Great Britain & Ireland	Mike Edwards, Martin Jenner	Ocelli
Solitary Bees – Naturalists' Handbooks 33	Ted Benton	Pelagic Publishing
Solitary Wasps – Naturalists' Handbooks 3	Peter F Yeo, Sarah A Corbet	Pelagic Publishing

ONLINE RESOURCES

X-Polli:nation. Bumblebee & Butterfly Identification Training Tool	https://citsci.kmi.open.ac.uk/xpollibumblebee/index.php?r=user/auth
National Honey Show lectures	https://www.youtube.com/user/nationalhoneyshow
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The BBKA Guide to Beekeeping	I Davis/R Cullum- Kenyon	Bloomsbury
The Biology of the Honey Bee (1987)	Mark Winston	Harvard
The Honey Bee Around and About	Celia Davis	Bee Craft
The Honey Bee Inside and Out.	Celia Davis	Bee Craft
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Module 7 - Selection & Breeding of Honey Bees
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BBKA News Special Edition: Genetics		BBKA
BBKA News Special Edition: Queen rearing		BBKA
Queen Rearing Simplified	Vince Cook	NBB
Some alternative pathways for the Hesitant Queen Rearer	Ben Harden	NBB
Queen bee: Biology, Rearing & Breeding	David Woodward	NBB
Queen Breeding & Genetics – How to get better Bees	Eigil Holm	
Background to Bee Breeding (1999)	J. Atkinson	NBB
Bee Genetics and Breeding	T Rinderer	NBB
Bee Sex Essentials (2008)	L J Connor	Wicwas Press
Mating Biology of Honey bees	Koeniger, Koeniger, Ellis, Connor	Wicwas Press
Bee Space to Bee Hive	Andrew Gibb & Ann Harman	BeeCraft
Bee Hive to Bee Keeper	Andrew Gibb & Ann Harman	BeeCraft
Essays in Beekeeping History	Karl Showler	BeeCraft
Great Masters of Beekeeping (2015)	R. Brown	BBNO
Instrumental/Artificial Insemination of Honey bee queens	Susan Cobey	NBB
Breeding Better Bees	Dews/Milner	BIBBA
Breeding Techniques and Selection for Breeding of the Honeybee (1988)	F. Ruttner	BIBBA
Honey Bees of the British Isles (1986)	Beowolf Cooper	BIBBA
In Search of the Best Strains of Bees (1983)	Br. Adam	NBB
Managing Mini Nucs (1998)	Ron Brown	NBB
Queen Breeding and Genetics (1986)	E Holm	NBB
The Hive and the Honeybee (2015)	J. Graham (Ed.)	Dadant & Sons

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Understanding Bee Anatomy – YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/user/BeeAnatomy?app=desktop
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The World History of Beekeeping and Honey Hunting	Eva Crane	IBRA
A Book of Honey	Eva Crane	IBRA
Honey – A Comprehensive survey	Eva Crane	IBRA
Honey Bees of the British Isles (1986)	Beowolf Cooper	BIBBA
Honey Identification (1988)	Rex Sawyer	NBB
Pollen Identification for Beekeepers (1981)	Rex Sawyer	NBB
The Observation Hive (1985)	Karl Showler	NBB
The Hive and the Honeybee (2015)	J. Graham (Ed.)	Dadant & Sons
Bee Hive to Bee Keeper	Andrew Gibb & Ann Harman	BeeCraft
Bee Space to Bee Hive	Andrew Gibb & Ann Harman	BeeCraft
Great Masters of Beekeeping (2015)	Ron Brown	BBNO
Essays in beekeeping History (2011)	Karl Showler	BeeCraft
Heather Honey	Michael Badger	
Heather Honey – An anthology of works	Ed: Ian Copinger	NBB
Oil Seed Rape		
Comb Honey		
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ONLINE RESOURCES

National Honey Show lectures	https://www.youtube.com/user/nationalhoneyshow
The Eva Crane Trust	https://www.evacranetrust.org
The Norfolk Honey Company	https://www.youtube.com/user/TheNorfolkHoneyCo
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