

2015 Report from the Examination Secretary

Very good year with 35 GBKA members taking the **Basic Assessment** with 15 Pass and 20 Credit marks.

Module exams have had good attendances for the March and November sessions: 16 in March with 5 Pass, 6 Credit and 4 Distinctions; 5 in November with 2 Pass, 1 Credit and 1 Distinction.

General Husbandry: 3 candidates, two successes: Mr J Bee (S. Glos), Mr L Gower (C&G).

Advanced Husbandry: 2 candidates, one success: Mr G D Bull (N. Cotswold)

Module Intermediate Theory Certificate: Mr M D Forster (C&G), Mrs S Church (Newent), Mrs J A Baker (Newent), Mrs A Scull (Newent)

Module Advanced Theory Certificate: Mrs S Church (Newent), Mrs V A Vivian-Griffiths (Dean Forest).

Master Beekeeper Qualifications awarded to: Mr G D Bull (N Cotswold) and Mrs V A Vivian-Griffiths (Dean Forest).

Microscopy Certificates awarded to: Mr A Parker (Dean Forest) and Mrs D Webb (Dean Forest).

Changes for this coming year – 2016

Basic Assessment fee £18

G.H. Certificate £55

A.H. Certificate £80

Microscopy £45

Correspondence courses £55

Basic Assessment Syllabus and Procedural Changes:

Candidates will have four sections to succeed in; the new section is “swarming and swarm control”.

G.H. Certificate Changes:

Normally the candidate shall have kept and managed bees for at least five years.

A.H. Certificate Changes:

Normally the candidate should wait at least 18 months after passing the G.H. before taking this assessment.

Examination and Assessment dates:

Modules	-	March 19 th 2016 (Apps. In by 10.02.16) November 12 th 2016 (Apps in by 30.09.2016)
G.H.	-	Apps in by 28.02.2016
A.H.	-	Apps in by 28.02.2016 Reserve dates: 25/26 June and 28/29 May 2016
Microscopy	-	20/21 November 2016 (Apps in by 31.08.2016)
B.A.	-	Last date 31 st August 2016 (Apps in 1 month before Assessment)

My sincere thanks go to all those running tutorials, training, the Assessors and the Candidates. Everyone is making a tremendous effort and, I trust, enjoying the experience.

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Hon. Examinations Secretary for G.B.K.A.

Examination Results in 2015

	Stroud	Dean Forest	C & G	South Glos	Newent	Cirencester	North Cots	Totals
Basic Assessment	3	8	10	3	4	6	1	35
Adv Husbandry							1	1
Gen Husbandry			1	1				2
Module 1	1				1	1		3
Module 2		1	3			1		5
Module 3	1		1					2
Module 5			1			1		2
Module 6		2						2
Module 7					2		1	3
Module 8	1	1			1		1	4
Inter. Cert.			1		3			4
Adv. Cert.		1					1	2
Microscopy		2						2
Master Beekeeper		1					1	2