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1. Before the nucleus arrives
 - a. Remove 5 frames of brood foundation from the middle of the brood box and store for later
 - a. Remove the frames in the super and store till later
 - b. Make up a solution of white sugar in water. 1Kg of sugar to 1 litre of water. This will make up 1.7 litres of feed and store
2. When the nucleus arrives
 - a. Place next to the hive
 - b. Open front taped up opening to allow the bees to forage
 - c. Cut the tape round the lid and ease it off to allow the bees to fly if it's really warm.
 - d. Align nucleus opening and entrance to hive
 - e. Leave alone for 24 hours
3. Wait for a dry evening then carefully smoke the nucleus entrance
4. Open up the hive to reveal the brood
5. Gently remove each frame of the nucleus and put into the
 - a. middle of the brood box
6. Put the Queen Excluder back onto the brood
7. Put the empty super from 1a above the brood
8. Put the feeder into the empty super
9. Add the sugar solution from 1.c
10. Carefully drip some sugar down the entrance holes in the feeder onto the brood to allow the bees to follow the sugar trail
11. Close up hive – allow bees to fly.
12. Inspect after 5 days – check that there are eggs being laid
13. Depending on the weather, the feeder can be removed and the super frames replaced

Please note that this document as in everything in beekeeping is just one way of adding a nucleus. If you ask other beekeepers you will get differing information. As they say 'If you ask a dozen beekeepers, you get 15 opinions'!

Any problems then please call us (9-5 Mon-Fri) on 07855 331121. It's better to call than email since we can then talk it through.