



The Ipswich & East Suffolk BKA; First Founded 1880, Registered Charity 1158794

An Introduction to Beekeeping

Course (and other beekeeping events) - Programme for 2018 (as at 22 June 2017)

Event	Date	Place	Content	Comment
<i>I&ES BKA meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 3rd January</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave</i>	<i>Not yet known</i>	<i>Meet the members. No charge!</i>
<i>I&ES BKA meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 7th February</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave</i>	<i>AGM and honey tasting</i>	
Course 1 st classroom session	Monday 26th February 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	General overview of bees and bee behaviour.	Mostly honeybees – a scene setter – gives understanding
Course 2 nd classroom session	Monday 5th March 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	Beekeeping equipment – what to buy and what not.	In the end, you have to make up your own mind.
<i>I&ES BKA meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 7th March</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave</i>	<i>Jonathan Patrick: Flower surfaces and bees' feet.</i>	Ten Minute Talk: Preparing wax for show
<i>Cambridge One Day Meeting</i>	<i>Saturday 10th March</i>	<i>Chesterton Community College, Gilbert Road, Cambridge, CB4 3NY</i>	<i>Is active swarm control still the best policy?</i>	<i>Excellent speakers</i>
Course 3 rd classroom session	Monday 12th March 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	The beekeeping year – centred on flowering plants.	What happens and what you need to do.
Course 4 th classroom session	Monday 19th March 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	An overview: forage, honey, wax & stings.	Bringing things together
Course 5 th classroom session	Monday 26th March 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	Pests and diseases Sources of information	How to get started
	<i>Easter: 1st April</i>			
<i>I&ES BKA meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 4th April</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave</i>	<i>Diane Ling: "B Lines"</i>	Ten Minute Talk:
First apiary visit for half the course Please choose Sat or Sun	EITHER Saturday 7th April 2.00 – 3.30pm	Barrie Powell's apiary in Shotley (map provided)	How to open a beehive. How to handle bees. What to look for.	Bring wellies. If you need to borrow a bee-proof suit, please tell one of us beforehand.
First apiary visit for the other half of the course Please choose Sat or Sun	OR Sunday 8th April 2.00–3.30pm	Barrie Powell's apiary in Shotley (map provided)	How to open a beehive. How to handle bees. What to look for.	Bring wellies. If you need to borrow a bee-proof suit, please tell one of us beforehand.
<i>BBKA Spring Convention</i>	<i>Fri 13-Sun 15 Apr</i>	<i>Harper Adams University, Shropshire TF10 8NB</i>	<i>Well worth the journey</i>	<i>Non-members' day Sat 14th April</i>
Bee Health Day If you have to miss this one, there are other Health Days in other areas – please ask! While good, they will not be tailored for you.	Sunday 22nd April 10am – 4pm Bring your own lunch Please note the start time	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	You learn about health and disease; you handle bees! This is an absolutely essential training & learning day!	Good stockmanship is vital if you are to keep your bees well. Varroa mites are a particular problem and require constant vigilance.
<i>Suffolk BKA</i>	<i>Wed-Thu 30-31 May</i>	<i>Suffolk Showground</i>	<i>THE SUFFOLK SHOW</i>	