



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&amp;ES BKA meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave</i>	<i>Not yet known</i>	<i>Meet the members. No charge!</i>
<i>I&amp;ES BKA meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave</i>	<i>Not yet known</i>	
Course 1 <sup>st</sup> classroom session	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b> 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	General overview of bees and bee behaviour.	Mostly honeybees – a scene setter – gives understanding
Course 2 <sup>nd</sup> classroom session	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b> 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&amp;ES BKA meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave</i>	<i>AGM and a talk</i>	
<i>Cambridge One Day Meeting</i>	<i>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> classroom session	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	The beekeeping year – centred on flowering plants.	What happens and what you need to do.
Course 4 <sup>th</sup> classroom session	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b> 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	An overview: forage, honey, wax & stings.	Bringing things together
Course 5 <sup>th</sup> classroom session	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	Pests and diseases Sources of information	How to get started
	<i>Easter: 1<sup>st</sup> April</i>			
<i>I&amp;ES BKA meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave</i>	<i>Not yet known</i>	
First apiary visit for half the course Please choose Sat or Sun	<b>EITHER</b> <b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b> 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	<b>OR</b> <b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b> 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 14<sup>th</sup> April</i>
<b>Bee Health Day</b> If you <b>have</b> to miss this one, there are other Health Days in other areas – please ask! While good, they will not be tailored for you.	<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b> 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>	