



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

An Introduction to Beekeeping Course (and other beekeeping events) Programme for 2019 (as at 23 August 2018)

Event	Date	Place	Content	Comment
<i>I&ES BKA meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 2nd January</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave IP5 1JF</i>	Ian Milligan: <i>Bee Farming</i>. Ten Minute Talk:	
<i>I&ES BKA meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 6th February</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave</i>	AGM and talk: Bob Smith Pollen.	The AGM will be as short as we can possibly make it.
Course 1 st classroom session	Monday 25th February 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo IP13 0JX	General overview of bees and bee behaviour.	Mostly honeybees – a scene setter – gives understanding
Course 2 nd classroom session	Monday 4th 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 6th March</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave</i>	Talk:	Ten Minute Talk:
<i>Bee Tradex</i>	<i>Saturday 9th March</i>	<i>Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8 2LG</i>		<i>All the bee equipment suppliers!</i>
Course 3 rd classroom session	Monday 11th 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 18th March 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	An overview: forage, honey, wax & stings.	Bringing things together
<i>Cambridge One Day Meeting</i>	<i>Saturday 23rd March</i>	<i>Chesterton Community College, Gilbert Road, Cambridge, CB4 3NY</i>		<i>Excellent speakers</i>
Course 5 th classroom session	Monday 25th March 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	Pests and diseases Sources of information	How to get started
<i>I&ES BKA meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 3rd April</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave</i>	Talk:	Ten Minute Talk:
First apiary visit for half the course Please choose Sat or Sun	EITHER Saturday 6th 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 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.
<i>BBKA Spring Convention</i>	<i>Fri 12-Sun 14 Apr</i>	<i>Harper Adams University, Shropshire TF10 8NB</i>	<i>Well worth the journey</i>	<i>Non-members' day Sat 13th April</i>
	<i>Easter: 21st 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 28th 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.
Suffolk BKA	Wed-Thu 29-30 May	Suffolk Showground	THE SUFFOLK SHOW	