



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 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018)

Event	Date	Place	Content	Comment
<i>I&amp;ES BKA meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave IP5 1JF</i>	<b>Ian Milligan: <i>Bee Farming</i>.</b> Ten Minute Talk:	
<i>I&amp;ES BKA meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave</i>	AGM and talk: <b>Bob Smith Pollen.</b>	The AGM will be as short as we can possibly make it.
Course 1 <sup>st</sup> classroom session	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b> 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo IP13 0JX	General overview of bees and bee behaviour.	Mostly honeybees – a scene setter – gives understanding
Course 2 <sup>nd</sup> classroom session	<b>Monday 4<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 6<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave</i>	Talk: Gerry Brierley <i>Bee Stings</i>	Ten Minute Talk:
<i>Bee Tradex</i>	<i>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8 2LG</i>		<i>All the bee equipment suppliers!</i>
Course 3 <sup>rd</sup> classroom session	<b>Mon 11 Mar</b> 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	The beekeeping year – centred on flowering plants.	What happens and what you need to do.
Suffolk BKA AGM	<b>Wed 13 March</b> 7:30pm	Hawstead VH, IP29 5NP	Talk: Celia Davis, NDB	She is always excellent!
Course 4 <sup>th</sup> classroom session	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b> 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	An overview: forage, honey, wax & stings.	Bringing things together
<i>Cambridge One Day Meeting</i>	<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<i>Chesterton Community College, Gilbert Road, Cambridge, CB4 3NY</i>		<i>Excellent speakers; david.abson01@gmail.com</i>
Course 5 <sup>th</sup> classroom session	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b> 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	Pests and diseases Sources of information	How to get started
<i>I&amp;ES BKA meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave</i>	Talk:	Ten Minute Talk:
First apiary visit for half the course Please choose Sat or Sun	<b>EITHER</b> <b>Saturday 6<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 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.
<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 13<sup>th</sup> April</i>
	<i>Easter: 21<sup>st</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 28<sup>th</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.
<b>Suffolk BKA</b>	<b>Wed-Thu 29-30 May</b>	<b>Suffolk Showground</b>	<b>THE SUFFOLK SHOW</b>	show@suffolkbeekeepers.co.uk