



The Ipswich & East Suffolk Beekeepers' Association; First Founded 1880, A Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1183025.

## An Introduction to Beekeeping Course (and other beekeeping events)

### Programme for 2020 (as at 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019)

Event	Date	Place	Content	Comment
Course 1 <sup>st</sup> classroom session	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo IP13 0JX	General overview of bees and bee behaviour.	Mostly Honey Bees – a scene setter – gives understanding
<i>I&amp;ES BKA meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave</i>	The National Honey Monitoring Scheme - <i>Anna Oliver</i>	TMT: ?
<i>Cambridge Beekeepers' Seminar Day</i>	<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>			Excellent speakers; Queries to david.abson01@gmail.com
Course 2 <sup>nd</sup> classroom session	<b>Monday 9<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.
<b>Suffolk BKA AGM</b>	<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> 7:30pm			
<i>Bee Tradex</i>	<i>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8 2LG</i>	<a href="https://www.beetradex.co.uk/">https://www.beetradex.co.uk/</a>	<i>All the bee equipment suppliers!</i>
Course 3 <sup>rd</sup> classroom session	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar</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 23<sup>rd</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 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	Pests and diseases Sources of information	How to get started
<b>Suffolk Best Practice Day</b>				
<i>I&amp;ES BKA meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</i>	<i>Scout Hall, Kesgrave</i>		TMT: ?
<i>BBKA Spring Convention</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>Harper Adams University, Newport Shropshire TF10 8NB</i>	<i>Well worth the journey</i>	
<i>Easter</i>	<i>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April</i>			
First apiary visit for half the course Please choose Sat or Sun	<b>EITHER</b> <b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b> 2.00 – 3.30pm	Barrie Powell's apiary in Shotley (map will be 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 19<sup>th</sup> April</b> 2.00–3.30pm			
<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 26<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.
<i>Suffolk BKA</i>	<i>Wed-Thu 27-28 May</i>	<i>Suffolk Showground</i>	<b>THE SUFFOLK SHOW</b>	If you would like to help & can do so, please offer your time to Joy Allen: show@suffolkbeekeepers.co.uk