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

An Introduction to Beekeeping

Course (and other beekeeping events) Programme for 2017 Dates highlighted are not yet firm.

Event	Date	Place	Content	Comment
I&ES BKA meeting	*Wednesday 25th January*	*Scout Hall, Kesgrave*	Dale Gibson; *Beekeeping in London*	*Meet the members. No charge!*
I&ES BKA meeting	*Wednesday 22nd February*	*Scout Hall, Kesgrave*	Mark Patterson; *Gardening for pollinators*	
Course 1st classroom session	**Monday 27th February** 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	General overview of bees and bee behaviour.	Mostly honeybees – a scene setter – gives understanding
Course 2nd classroom session	**Monday 6th 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.
Cambridge One Day Meeting	*Saturday 11th March*	*Cambridge*	*Not yet known*	*Excellent speakers*
Course 3rd classroom session	**Monday 13th March** 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	The beekeeping year – centred on flowering plants.	What happens and what you need to do.
Course 4th classroom session	**Monday 20th March** 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	An overview: forage, honey & wax, stings.	Bringing things together
I&ES BKA meeting	*Wednesday 22nd March*	*Scout Hall, Kesgrave*	AGM and a talk?	
Course 5th classroom session	**Monday 27th March** 7.30pm	Jubilee Hall, Dallinghoo	Pests and diseases Sources of information	How to get started
BBKA Spring Convention	*Fri-Sun 7-9 Apr*	*Harper Adams University, Shropshire*	*Well worth the journey*	*Non-members' day Sat 8th April*
	Easter:16th April			
First apiary visit for half the course Please choose Sat or Sun	**EITHER** **Saturday 15th April** 2.00 – 3.30pm	Association apiary in Humber Doucy Lane, Ipswich (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 16th April** 2.00–3.30pm	Jeremy's Apiary, Dallinghoo – meet at the Jubilee Hall car park	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&ES BKA meeting	*Wednesday 26th April*	*Scout Hall, Kesgrave*	Betsy Reid, Steve Carter & Steve Marsden; *Other hives*	
Bee Health Day If you **have** to miss this one, there are other Health Days in other areas – please ask! However, they are not tailored for you.	**Sunday 23rd 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 31May - 1 June***	***Suffolk Showground***	***THE SUFFOLK SHOW***	