



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

# An Introduction to Beekeeping Course 2024 (and other beekeeping events)

**Programme as at 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023** Course dates blue background

Event	Date & Place	Content	Comment
WhatsApp	I&ES BKA WhatsApp Group	<b>Whatever!</b>	To join, call Richard Allen: <a href="mailto:secretary.iesbka@suffolkebeekeepers.co.uk">secretary.iesbka@suffolkebeekeepers.co.uk</a> or 07889 028573.
Felixstowe Beekeepers	See comment	<b>Discussion group</b>	Meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> THURSDAY of each winter month (starting 21 <sup>st</sup> September) in the Kirton Pavilion, 2 Back Rd, Kirton, IPI0 0QQ, starting at 7:30. All are welcome. Contact: Chris Stephens <a href="mailto:chris.stephens@btinternet.com">chris.stephens@btinternet.com</a> .
Shotley Beekeepers	See comment	<b>Beginners' beekeeping with Barrie Powell 7pm</b>	Starting in November, this meets on the SECOND Tuesday of the winter months at Barrie Powell's house. All welcome but please confirm in advance with Barrie on <a href="mailto:beepowell.powell@gmail.com">beepowell.powell@gmail.com</a> .
Saturdays @ Café Flex	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of month (not December)	<b>Bees, coffee &amp; chat 10:00 – 12:00.</b>	A chance to stop and chat informally about bees, or anything else, with other beekeepers. Café Flex, Three Rivers Business Center, Felixstowe Road, Ipswich IPI0 0BF. Please tell Sally Thurlow: <a href="mailto:salthurlo@gmail.com">salthurlo@gmail.com</a> by email, WhatsApp or 07721 625313 if you are coming so we have enough seats (or cancel if we don't). Everyone is welcome.
Monthly I&ES BKA meeting	<b>Wed 1 Nov</b> ; 7:30pm Scout Hall, Kesgrave	Dr Alice Bridges: Bumble bee learning	Ten Minute Talk: Jeremy Quinlan: Honey bee comb
Monthly I&ES BKA meeting	<b>Wed 6 Dec</b> ; 7:30pm Scout Hall, Kesgrave	Jeremy Quinlan: Playing with beeswax	
Monthly I&ES BKA meeting	<b>Wed 3 Jan</b> ; 7:30pm Scout Hall, Kesgrave	To be arranged	Ten Minute Talk: Jeremy Quinlan: Honey bee waggle dances - a new perspective
Monthly I&ES BKA meeting	<b>Wed 7 Feb</b> 7:30pm Scout Hall, Kesgrave	Peter Langford, Master Beekeeper: Queen Rearing	
Course 1 <sup>st</sup> session	<b>Monday 26 February</b> 7.30pm, Dallinghoo Village Hall	General overview of bees and bee behaviour.	Mostly about Honey Bees – a scene setter – for understanding
Course 2 <sup>nd</sup> session	<b>Monday 4 March</b> 7.30pm	Beekeeping equipment – what to buy and what not.	In the end, you have to make up your own mind. We will be giving you a heap of suppliers' catalogues. If you want advice, please ask.
Monthly I&ES BKA meeting	<b>Wed 6 Mar</b> 7:30pm Scout Hall, Kesgrave	To be arranged	
Course 3 <sup>rd</sup> session	<b>Monday 11 March</b> 7.30pm	The beekeeping year – centred, naturally, on flowering plants.	What happens and what you need to do.
Course 4 <sup>th</sup> session	<b>Monday 18 March</b> 7.30pm	An overview: forage, honey, wax & stings.	Bringing things together
Course 5 <sup>th</sup> session	<b>Monday 25 March</b> 7.30pm	Pests and diseases. Sources of information	Problems. How to get started
<i>Easter</i>	<i>Sunday 31 March</i>		
Monthly I&ES BKA meeting	<b>Wed 3 Apr</b> 7:30pm Scout Hall, Kesgrave	To be arranged	
<b>BBKA Spring Convention</b>	<b>12-14 April</b>	<b>Many excellent talks; many suppliers of bee equipment.</b>	<b>Harper Adams University, Newport, Shropshire TF10 8NB</b> Accommodation very limited – book early!
Course 6 <sup>th</sup> session For ½ the group	<b>Saturday 13 April</b>	Handling bees	Barrie Powell's apiary, Shotley or Woolverstone. Maps provided.
Course 6 <sup>th</sup> session For the other ½ of group	<b>Sunday 14 April</b>	Handling bees	Barrie Powell's apiary, Shotley or Woolverstone. Maps provided.
Course final session	<b>Sunday 21 April</b> 10:00 – 4:00pm	Bee Health Day, practical bee handling.	Please tell Jeremy if you cannot attend. There <u>may</u> be another similar event elsewhere