



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

An Introduction to Beekeeping Course 2025 (and other beekeeping events)

Programme as at 31 Oct 2024 Course dates blue background

Event	Date & Place	Content	Comment
WhatsApp	I&ES BKA WhatsApp Group	Whatever!	To join, call Richard Allen: secretary.iesbka@suffolkbeekeepers.co.uk or 07889 028573.
Felixstowe Beekeepers	See comment	Discussion group	Meets 3 rd THURSDAY of each winter month (starting 21 st September) in the Kirton Pavilion, 2 Back Rd, Kirton, IP10 0QQ, starting at 7:30. All are welcome. Contact: Chris Stephens chris.stephens@btinternet.com .
Shotley Beekeepers	See comment	Beginners' beekeeping with Barrie Powell 7:00pm	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 beepowell.powell@gmail.com .
Saturdays @ Café Flex	2 nd Saturdays of month (Not December)	Bees, coffee & chat 10:00 – 12:00.	A chance to stop and chat informally about bees, or anything else, with other beekeepers. Café Flex, Three Rivers Business Center, Felixstowe Road, Ipswich IP10 0BF. Please tell Sally Thurlow: salthurlow@gmail.com 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	Wed 6 Nov 7:30pm Scout Hall, Kesgrave	Michael-Thomas Ramsey: Pesticides and Bee Toxicology	Barry Crabtree: Mini nucs
24-26 Oct	NATIONAL HONEY SHOW, SANDOWN PARK KT10 9AJ.		
Monthly I&ES BKA meeting	Wed 4 Dec 7:30pm Dallinghoo Village Hall IP13 0JX	Wax & Candles	Christmas cheer!
Monthly I&ES BKA meeting	Thur 2 Jan 7:30pm Scout Hall, Kesgrave	Barry Crabtree: Pollen Analysis	Jeremy Quinlan: Honey bee waggle dances - a new perspective
Monthly I&ES BKA meeting	Wed 7 Feb 7:30pm Scout Hall, Kesgrave	Fiona Dickson: Judging at a honey show	AGM
Course 1 st session	Monday 3 March 7.30- 9:3pm, Dallinghoo Village Hall	General overview of bees and bee behaviour.	Mostly about Honey Bees – a scene setter – for understanding
Monthly I&ES BKA meeting	Wed 5 Mar 7:30pm Scout Hall, Kesgrave	tbc	
Course 2 nd session	Monday 10 March 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 some suppliers' catalogues. If you want advice, please ask.
Course 3 rd session	Monday 17 March 7.30pm	The beekeeping year – centred, naturally, on flowering plants.	What happens and what you need to do.
Course 4 th session	Monday 24 March 7.30pm	An overview: forage, honey, wax & stings.	Bringing things together
Course 5 th session	Monday 31 March 7.30pm	Pests and diseases. Sources of information	Problems. How to get started
Monthly I&ES BKA meeting	Wed 2 Apr 7:30pm Scout Hall, Kesgrave	tbc	
BBKA Spring Convention	4 - 6 April	Many excellent talks; many suppliers of bee equipment; good social.	Harper Adams University, Newport, Shropshire TF10 8NB Accommodation very limited – book early!
Course 6 th session For ½ the group	Saturday 12 April 2:00 – 4:00pm	Handling bees	Barrie Powell's apiary, Shotley. Maps provided.
Course 6 th session For the other ½ of group	Sunday 13 April 2:00 – 4:00pm	Handling bees	Barrie Powell's apiary, Shotley. Maps provided.
Easter	<i>Sunday 20 April 2025</i>		
Course final session	Sunday 27 April 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
	28-29 May	SUFFOLK SHOW	