



Beginners Course 2022 – dates and structure

Date	Session & page refs	Subject	Topics
Sunday 3rd April 2022 Newstead Hall 14.00 – 16.30	1 pp 3-18	Introduction Honey bee colonies The Hive	General introduction & film Importance of beekeeping Local & National associations Reading material and other resources Races of honey bees Communications & dances Bee anatomy & 3 'castes' Life cycles & division of labour in colony The bees' nest Hive components Supers & use of frames
Wednesday 13th April via Zoom 19.30 – 21.00	2 pp 19-28	Beekeeping year Forage & plants Hive products	Spring management and inspections Summer build up Preparation for winter Pollination, nectar and honey Local forage (including top fruit & heather) Harvesting & honey extraction Wax, propolis and pollen Preparing & selling honey
Wednesday 27th April via Zoom 19.30 – 21.00	3 pp 29-36	Swarms Queens	Reasons for swarms (primary & casts, prevention) Swarm control (artificial swarm) Swarm collection Queen rearing Mating process Marking (and clipping)
Wednesday 11th May Zoom 19.30 – 21.00 Via zoom	4 pp 37-41	Pests & diseases (1)	Brood diseases Adult bee diseases Mice & other pests Statutory requirements
Wednesday 25th May Via Zoom 19.30 – 21.00	5 pp 42-48	Pests & diseases (2) Equipment	Varroa & Braula Equipment (other than hive parts) & protective clothing
Sunday 12th June 2022 Newstead Hall 14.00 – 16.30	6 pp 49-54	Refresher Frame assembly Getting Started	Highlights of course to date Demonstration & practical Local associations & SBA Costs Sources of equipment and clothing Setting up an apiary Getting your bees