

NEWTON ABBOT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
BASIC BEEKEEPING COURSE 2009-2010
Teignbridge & District Scout Headquarters
Thursdays 7.30 - 9 30 pm
PROGRAMME

SESSION No	DATE 2009	TOPIC	Course tutors Glyn Davies & Allen Hodgson
1	October 8th	What is a bee? The colony. Division of labour; Castes and lifecycles.	Room1
2	October 22nd	Equipment for Beekeeping. Hive parts; Frame types; Bee space Hygiene measures	Room1
3	November 5th	Types of hives; apiary sites. Nucleus Hives; preparation & management Hygiene measures	Room1
4	November 26th	Swarming and Swarm Control & Collection Supercedure.	Room1
5	December 10th	Winter care of bees; Feeding; Comb interpretation, Spring Management Hygiene measures	Room1
	2010	CHRISTMAS BREAK	
6	January 14th	Adult & Brood Diseases Wax moth	Room1
7	January 28th	Varroa; IPM (Integrated Pest Management) DEFRA Regulations Hygiene measures	Room1
8	February 11th	Queen Introduction Bee behaviour; Communication systems	Room1
9	February 25th	Anatomy: Legs. Stings Coping with stings Pollen and pollination.	Room1
10	March 11th	The important local flora; Devon Honeys Nectar collection, transport and conversion Supers and supering. Records; Finding queens	Room1
11	April & May Practicals TBA	Wax extraction & purification	TBA
12		PRACTICAL SESSIONS In Local Apiaries	TBA
13		Honey extraction ; storage & bottling Comb production & presentation Hygiene measures	TBA

Notes

1. In the summer months there will be opportunity to have practical, supervised experience handling live bees.
2. The class sessions will mostly consist of a lecture, informal discussion and appropriate practical work.
3. Some sessions may include visits from local or regional experts.
4. Some homework tasks are set as appropriate. A modern textbook in beekeeping will be an important aid to the course. Recommended books are *Guide to Bees & Honey* by Ted Hooper or *Practical Beekeeping* by Clive de Bruyn, or *Teach Yourself Beekeeping* by Adrian & Claire Waring.
6. Tea/ Coffee available during each session.

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