



SOMERSET BEEKEEPERS'
ASSOCIATION

Taunton & District Division

The Teaching Apiary
Heatherton Park
Bradford on Tone
Taunton
TA4 1EU

2019 BEGINNERS' PROGRAMME

Date	Day and Time	Subject	Venue
27 February 2019	Wednesday 7.30 pm	Beginners Welcome - week 1 Tutor: Chairman/President Introduction to beekeeping Tutor: Lynne Ingram Honey tasting Tutor: David Pearce	The Apiary (indoors)
6 March 2019	Wednesday 7.30 pm	Beginners - week 2 National, WBC and Nucleus Hives Tutor: David Pearce	The Apiary (indoors)
13 March 2019	Wednesday 7.30 pm	Beginners - week 3 Life cycle of the honeybee Tutor: Dr Anne Halpin	The Apiary (indoors)
20 March 2019	Wednesday 7.30 pm	Beginners - week 4 Apiary hygiene, clothing & tools Tutor: Barbara Drakeford Health & safety when working with honeybees Tutor: Lyndsay Stone Membership Tutor: Lyndsay Stone	The Apiary (indoors)
27 March 2019	Wednesday 7:30 pm	Beginners - week 5 Pests and Diseases Tutor : Simon Jones	The Apiary (indoors)
3 April 2019	Wednesday 7.30 pm	Beginners - week 6 Siting of Apiary Manipulation (Virtual Hive) Record keeping Tutor: Adam Robbins	The Apiary (indoors)
13 April 2019	Saturday 2.30 pm	Practical session in the Apiary, including supering Tutor: Simon Jones Making up frames Tutor: David Pearce	The Apiary (outside)

27 April 2019	Saturday 2.30 pm	Identification of the queen, drone and worker bees Marking and clipping queens Tutor: Lynne Ingram	The Apiary (outside)
11 May 2019	Saturday 2.30 pm	Beginners session General hive inspection with the Apiary team	The Apiary (outside)
25 May 2019	Saturday 2:30 pm	Beginners session Disease and Husbandry The role of the Seasonal Bee Inspector Tutor: Eleanor Burgess	The Apiary (outside)
15 June 2019	Saturday 2.30 pm	Swarm control including splitting a hive and making up a nucleus Tutor: Lynne Ingram	The Apiary (outside)
06 July 2019	Saturday 2.30 pm	Beginners session General Hive Inspection with Apiary team	The Apiary (outside)
07 August 2019	Wednesday 7:00 pm	Clearing and feeding With the Apiary team	The Apiary (outside)
9 August 2019	Friday 7:00 pm	Remove Supers With the Apiary team	The Apiary (outside)
10 August 2019	Saturday 2.30 pm	First Varroa treatment and Products used Tutor: Simon Jones	The Apiary (outside)
24 August 2019	Saturday 2.30 pm	Second varroa treatment With the Apiary team	The Apiary (outside)
28 August 2019	Wednesday 7.30 pm	Honey extraction theory Tutor: David Pearce	The Apiary (indoors)
31 August 2019	Saturday 10.00 am	Extraction Day Hosted by David Pearce in his well-equipped extraction room at his home STD 01984 - 623851 Tutor : David Pearce	Haddeo Bathealton Taunton TA4 2AG
14 September 2019	Saturday 6:00 pm	First feed With the Apiary team	The Apiary (outside)
21 September 2019	Saturday 6.00 pm	Second feed With the Apiary Team	The Apiary (outside)
28 September 2019	Saturday 2.00 pm	Clean up equipment and put away With the Apiary Team	The Apiary

The Programme is subject to change.