



SOMERSET BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION  
**Taunton & District Division**

The Teaching Apiary  
 Heatherton Park  
 Bradford on Tone  
 Taunton  
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**2021 BEGINNERS' PROGRAMME**

**Zoom Sessions**

All classroom sessions will be delivered via Zoom. This is a video communications app that has become popular since lock down. You will need a PC/laptop/tablet that has speakers, microphone and video camera (a camera is not essential but it would be good to get to know each other and be able to recognise each other). You will also need a reliable internet connection. Help will be available so that people feel confident using Zoom.

<b>24 February</b>	Wednesday 7.30 pm	<b>Beginners session 1</b> Chairman welcome: <b>Mike Dillon</b>  Introduction to beekeeping Tutor: <b>Lynne Ingram</b>	Zoom
<b>3 March</b>	Wednesday 7.30 pm	<b>Beginners session 2</b> Looking at a hive Tutor: <b>Andrew Perry</b>	Zoom
<b>10 March</b>	Wednesday 7.30 pm	<b>Beginners session 3</b> Life cycle of the honeybee Tutor: <b>Anne Halpin</b>	Zoom
<b>17 March</b>	Wednesday 7.30 pm	<b>Beginners session 4</b> Siting of Apiary Record keeping Tutor: <b>Adam Robbins</b>	Zoom
<b>24 March</b>	Wednesday 7:30 pm	<b>Beginners session 5</b> Apiary hygiene, clothing & tools Tutor: <b>Barbara Drakeford</b>  Health & safety when working with honeybees Tutor: <b>Lyndsay Stone</b>  Membership Tutor: <b>Lyndsay Stone</b>	Zoom
<b>31 March</b>	Wednesday 7.30 pm	<b>Beginners session 6</b> Pests and Diseases Tutor : <b>Simon Jones</b>	Zoom

### Practical Sessions

These will take place at Heatherton Park Apiary but arrangements could change depending on the coronavirus situation. Arrangements will be put in place to ensure we follow the current guidelines.  
We are looking at setting up a Bee Buddy Scheme for beginners.

<b>24 April</b>	Saturday 2.30 pm	<b>Beginners session 7</b> Practical session in the Apiary, including supering Tutor: <b>Simon Jones</b>  Making up frames Tutor : <b>David Pearce</b>	The Apiary (outside)
<b>8 May</b>	Saturday 2.30 pm	<b>Beginners session 8</b> General hive inspection with the Apiary team	The Apiary (outside)
<b>22 May</b>	Saturday 2:30 pm	<b>Beginners session 9</b> Disease and Husbandry and the role of the Seasonal Bee Inspector Tutor: <b>Eleanor Burgess</b>	The Apiary (outside)
<b>12 June</b>	Saturday 2.30 pm	<b>Beginners session 10</b> Swarm control including splitting a hive and making up a nucleus Tutor: <b>Lynne Ingram</b>	The Apiary (outside)
<b>11 August</b>	Wednesday 7:00 pm	<b>Clearing and feeding session 11</b> With the Apiary team	The Apiary (outside)
<b>13 August</b>	Friday 7:00 pm	<b>Remove Supers session 12</b> With the Apiary team	The Apiary (outside)
<b>14 August</b>	Saturday 2.30 pm	<b>Beginners session 13</b> Varroa treatment and products used Tutor: <b>Simon Jones</b>	The Apiary (outside)
<b>1 September</b>	Wednesday 7.30 pm	<b>Beginners session 14</b> Honey extraction theory Tutor: <b>David Pearce</b>	The Apiary (indoors)
<b>4 September</b>	Saturday 10.00 am	<b>Extraction Day session 15</b> Hosted by David Pearce in his well-equipped extraction room at his home Tutor : <b>David Pearce</b>	Haddeo Bathealton Taunton TA4 2AG 01984 – 623851
<b>11 September</b>	Thursday 6:45 pm	<b>First feed session 16</b> With the Apiary team	The Apiary (outside)
<b>25 September</b>	Saturday 2.00 pm	<b>Clean up equipment and put away - session 17</b> With the Apiary Team	The Apiary

The Programme is subject to change.