

## 2023 CSBKA Apiary Programme

The idea of this programme is to allow members to see what is planned each week for inclusion at the training apiary. Of course, we'll still be managing the apiary colonies too so the normal format will be a short presentation / demonstration on the themed topic followed by Q&A and then the colony inspections and tasks as needed, including, where appropriate, a practical exploration of the week's topic.

Anyone welcome at any session (COVID willing), but to give an idea of the level of each session they are colour coded as follows:

geared towards beginners
geared towards established beekeepers
suitable for beginners and established beekeepers

16-Mar	2023 Beekeeping Course for Beginners – Online theory course commences
8-Apr	Apiary Team Meeting <b>Apiary open to all</b>
20-Apr	2023 Beekeeping Course for Beginners – Online theory course finishes
22-Apr	Hive Inspections – when, what, how
29-Apr	Swarm Management Part 1 – Proactive & Reactive measures (Melvyn's Method)
06-May	Swarm Management Part 2 – Reactive measures (Wally's Way – without finding queen)
13-May	Making increase – selection, splits, and swarms
20-May	Collecting and hiving a swarm
27-May	Catching and marking queens (incl drone practice)
03-Jun	Choosing a hive type and selecting a site
10-Jun	Requeening a queenless colony
17-Jun	Disease spotting and hygiene strategies
24-Jun	Varroa management – Introduction and mite count
01-Jul	Varroa management – Chemical treatments, options, and considerations
08-Jul	Varroa management - Non-chemical strategies
15-Jul	Frame management – Bailey Comb Change and Shook Swarm
22-Jul	Honey Harvesting
29-Jul	Varroa treatment using FormicPro
05-Aug	Feeding bees – when, why and how
12-Aug	Selling Honey – Rules and Options
19-Aug	Preparing for Winter – Part 1, Full colonies
26-Aug	Preparing for Winter – Part 2, Nucleus colonies
02-Sep	Storing equipment – stores, drawn comb, supers etc
09-Sep	Top bar hives and other low intervention strategies
16-Sep	A season recap, winter jobs and Beekeeper's Quiz!
23-Sep	Apiary clean up and end of season BBQ
30-Sep	Apiary Team - End of Season Review Meeting

### Info for visitors to the Apiary

- No need to book - just come along.
- There are a limited number of bee suits available to wear at the Apiary however, these are not washed weekly nor allocated individually. If you have any concerns regarding COVID etc we would recommend that you please bring and wear your own clean bee suit. Gloves will be provided.
- To protect more vulnerable members of the club, please only attend if you are fit and healthy.