

2024 CSBKA Apiary Programme

geared towards beginners
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suitable for beginners and established beekeepers

29-Feb	2024 Beekeeping Course for Beginners – Online theory course commences
04-Apr	2024 Beekeeping Course for Beginners – Online theory course finishes
13-Apr	Apiary Team Meeting
	APIARY OPEN TO ALL
20-Apr	Hive Inspections – when, what, how
27-Apr	Swarm Management Part 1 – Proactive & Reactive measures (Melvyn’s Method)
04-May	Swarm Management Part 2 – Reactive measures (Wally’s Way – without finding queen)
11-May	Making increase – selection, splits, and swarms
18-May	Collecting and hiving a swarm
25-May	Choosing a hive type and selecting a site
01-Jun	Queen Biology, Catching and marking queens (inc drone practice)
08-Jun	Requeening a queenless colony
15-Jun	Disease spotting and hygiene strategies
22-Jun	Varroa management – Introduction and mite count
29-Jun	Varroa management – Chemical treatments, options, and considerations
06-Jul	Varroa management - Non-chemical strategies
13-Jul	Frame management – Bailey Comb Change and Shook Swarm
20-Jul	Honey Harvesting
27-Jul	Varroa treatment using FormicPro
05-Aug	Feeding bees – when, why and how
10-Aug	Selling Honey – Rules and Options
17-Aug	Preparing for Winter – Part 1, Full colonies
24-Aug	Preparing for Winter – Part 2, Nucleus colonies
31-Aug	Storing equipment – stores, drawn comb, supers etc
07-Sep	Top bar hives and other low intervention strategies
14-Sep	A season recap, winter jobs and Beekeeper’s Quiz!
21-Sep	Apiary clean up and end of season BBQ
28-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.