



East of Scotland Beekeepers' Association

Beginners' Course 2019.

E.S.B.A. are running a beginner's course to introduce the craft of beekeeping. This will comprise four evening sessions with lectures and demonstrations, plus two apiary visits. The sessions will be held in on Tuesdays 26th Feb, 12, 19, 26 March 2019 starting at 7 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, West Marketgait, DD1 1QR, Dundee. Each evening will include two or more speakers covering different aspects of beekeeping and will last for around two hours. We anticipate at least two apiary visits during the season. The cost of the course is £40 and this includes a one-year subscription to E.S.B.A.

The topics to be covered include: aspects of honeybee biology, the colony through the year, clothing and equipment needs and costs, hive types, siting and setting up an apiary, stings and safety, swarm control, queen rearing and making increase, uniting colonies, bee diseases, feeding and preparations for winter, advice on where to obtain bees and how to transport them, honey extraction and legal requirements associated with keeping bees and of marketing honey.

The dates and times of apiary visits will be decided at a later date, and will be held in late April and May depending on the weather. There is also a good chance of at least a third in July/August.

Please contact Bill Hunter (w.n.hunter@dundee.ac.uk) and provide your contact details by email to register for the course. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or bank transfer on the first evening of the course. Additional information can be found at <http://www.eastofscotlandbeekeepers.org.uk/>