

# Shugborough Apiary Training and Learning Schedule 2019 - Members

Record Keeping will be completed by the apiary work group (AWG) or under their supervision					Totally new people ( not Beginners ) will be mentored in the apiary and shown through a hive by one of the following: Stuart, Alan, Penny, Charles, Trevor, Marie, Barry, Dave, Chris			
Date	IMPROVERS		NOVICE GROUP		BASIC ASSESSMENT GROUP		SPECIALIST OFFERINGS	
	Tutor	Activity	Tutor	Activity	Tutor	Activity	Tutor	Activity
Th 9-May-2019	Stuart	Disease inspection + Bailey comb change	Marie, Barry	Making Equipment, boxes, frames	Trevor, Christine	1.7- 1.17 of the Basic Assessment syllabus		
Sa 11-May-2019		Apiary closed		Apiary closed		Apiary closed	Dave Rawsthorne	Bee Safari (venue TBC)
Th 16-May-2019	Stuart	Swarm control, with and without finding the Queen	Steve, Christine	How to inspect a hive of bees. Disease inspection, varroa monitoring	Trevor	Disease, poisoning and pests, to include a collection of a sample of 30 bees.		
Sa 18-May-2019		Apiary closed		Apiary closed		Apiary closed	Alan + Charlie	Queen rearing
Th 23-May-2019	Stuart	Varroa monitoring, IPM to include dusting with sugar, shook swarm	Julian	Swarm control, finding the queen	Trevor	Swarm control, with and without finding the Queen		
Th 30-May-2019	Alan	Making Nucs	Julian	Swarm control without finding the queen	Chris, Barry, Steve, Dayna	Frame making, different types of frame and spacing devices to achieve bee space		
Th 6-Jun-2019	Alan	Queen cell harvesting and populating apidea	Julian	shook swarm	Marie, Christine	Taking a swarm and how to hive it. Theory		
Th 13 Jun 2019	Stuart	Finding and marking Queens and practice clipping on Drones	Barry Dayna, Julian	Finding the Queen and marking, practice on drones	Marie	Queen introduction, drone laying queen and laying workers		
Th 20-Jun-2019	Ben Bowen	Inspectors visit	Ben Bowen	Inspectors visit	Ben Bowen	Inspectors visit	Ben Bowen	Inspectors visit
Th 27-Jun-2019	Stuart	Swarm control using the demaree technique	Barry, Margaret	Inspecting a top bar hive	Alan	IPM for Varroa, including monitoring and non chemical interventions		
Th 4-Jul-2019	Alan	Uniting colonies directly	Christine, Dayna, Julian	Uniting colonies using paper	Barry	Making up Nucs, Uses of Nucs.		
Th 11-Jul-2019	Alan	Harvesting Queens from apideas to make up Nucs.	Julian	Super frame manipulation and hygiene in the apiary	Trevor	Mock Assessment	Stuart	Beginners Course de-brief and evaluation. Theory. How to progress their beekeeping.
Sa 13-Jul-2019		Apiary Closed except for Basic Assessment Candidates		Apiary Closed except for Basic Assessment Candidates	Trevor	Basic Assessment	Peter Bell	Honey extraction @ Shareshill
Th 18-Jul-2019	Alan	Supering, under or on top, sections, spacing in the super	Marie	what to look for in a weekly inspection	Dayna	Hygiene requirements for honey extracting and bottling. How to cream honey. Theory		
Th 25-Jul-2019	Alan	Supers: their removal and handling, returning wet supers, avoiding robbing.	Dayna	Super frame manipulation and hygiene in the apiary	Trevor	Mock Assessment		
Sa 27-Jul-2019		Apiary Closed except for Basic Assessment Candidates		Apiary Closed except for Basic Assessment Candidates	Trevor	Basic Assessment	Alan	Honey extraction @ Shareshill
Th 1-Aug-2019	Stuart	Disease and varroa inspection	Charlie	Different methods of clearing bees from supers	Trevor	Assessment de brief and course evaluation. Theory		
Th 8-Aug-2019	Stuart	Winter preparation - disease inspection and varroa treatment	Clive	Different varroa treatments	Steve	Honey Show Preparation. Theory		
Th 15-Aug-2019	Margaret, Barry	Top bar management	Clive	Winter feeding and what feeders to use	Stuart	Varroa monitoring and treatments		
Sa 17-Aug-2019		Apiary closed		Apiary closed		Apiary closed	Peter Bell	Honey extraction @ Shareshill
Th 22-Aug -2019	Stuart	Winter feeding	Alan	Winter preparation: assessing stores, hefting, fitting mouse guards, making syrup.	Charlie	Winter preparation: assessing stores, hefting, fitting mouse guards, making syrup.		
Th 29-Aug-2019	Stuart	Assessing stores, hefting, feeding to include making up syrup. Fitting mouse guards.	Clive	Varroa monitoring and what treatments to use and how	Dayna	Preparing bees for winter, including removal of supers and their storage, varroa treatment, feeding		
Indicates apiary is closed to members								
<b>What a typical Thursday would look like</b>								
Time	Activity							
7.00pm	Lead tutor for the evening to describe and explain the three learning streams. Members to freely choose which option to join or <b>NOT</b> if they have something else to do							
7.10pm	Smokers lit and kit assembled, the group makes its way to the designated hive.							
7.10-7.45pm	Demonstration / hands on activity, typically only 3 hives will be opened on each evening.							
7.45-8.00pm	Debrief on the activity, Q&A's specific to the technique demonstrated							
8.00-8.30pm	Tea/coffee, cake /biscuits							
8.30-8.45pm	A 10 minute talk on a topical subject and jobs for the weekend suggested.							
8.45-9.00pm	Q&A's of a general nature.							
9.00pm	Finish.							