



Dunfermline & West Fife Beekeepers' Association

Beginners' programme 2027

Date	Time	Topic
Class 1 21.01.27	1900 - 2100	Registration Introduction to course Tea Break Talk by 2026 new beekeepers
Class 2 28.01.27	1915 - 2100	Difference between Honeybees, Bumblebees, Solitary Bees and Wasps Tea Break Life cycle of honeybees
Class 3 18.02.27	1915 – 2100	Keeping Bees Healthy Tea Break Asian Hornet
Class 4 25.02.27	1915 – 2100	Equipment – Hives and tools Tea Break Opportunity to handle equipment
Class 5 18.03.27	1915 – 2100	Choosing an apiary site Tea Break Making frames and building a brood box
Class 6 25.03.27	1915 – 2100	Autumn management Tea Break Winter management
Class 7 15.04.27	1915 – 2100	Spring & Summer management Tea Break Film on opening hive and handling frames.
Class 8 22.04.27	1915 – 2100	Swarming – why do bees swarm and how to prevent or control it. Tea Break Practice swarm control (no bees involved!)
Class 9 29.04.27	1915 – 2100	Reaction to stings Tea Break Introduction and film about extracting honey. General discussion and the way forward.

Note that we open the hall at 1900 hours to put out chairs etc. The programme starts at 1915 hours with the lecture starting at 1930 hours prompt. There will be equipment on display so you can browse between 1915 and 1930.

Please bring your own mug for tea/coffee/biscuits at the break.

During the tea break there will be the opportunity to form small groups headed by an experienced beekeeper to answer queries and questions, encouraging general chat and getting to know one another. We also welcome questions during and after the lectures.

On the first Thursday of the winter months (ending with April) there will be an association talk. We encourage you to attend these talks as it gives you the opportunity to meet other members of the association. One never stops learning and by attending these talks you always pick up something new or a tip.

Arrive in plenty time to park your vehicle and walk the short distance to the hall.



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