



Dunfermline & West Fife Beekeepers' Association



Beginners' Class 2026

Date	Time	Topic	Speaker
Class 1 15.01.26	1900 - 2100	Registration Introduction to course Tea Break Talk by 3 x 2025 new beekeepers	Enid Brown As many committee as possible
Class 2 22.01.26	1915 - 2100	Difference between Bumblebees, Solitary Bees and Wasps Tea Break Life cycle of honeybees	Enid Brown
Class 3 29.01.26	1915 – 2100	Keeping Bees Healthy – focusing on healthy brood at all stages so they will then recognise disease/problems. Tea break Asian Hornet	Margaret Murdin and Robert Tulloch
Class 4 19.02.26	1915 – 2100	Equipment – talk through various types of hives and their benefits/drawbacks Tea break Opportunity to handle equipment	Enid Brown Enid and others
Class 5 26.02.26	1915 – 2100	Choosing an apiary site Tea break Making frames and building a brood box	Ian Gilray Enid and others
Class 6 19.03.26	1915 – 2100	Autumn management Tea break and break out session Winter management	John Hendrie
Class 7 26.03.26	1915 – 2100	Spring & Summer management Tea break Film on opening hive and handling frames.	Robin Chisholm
Class 8 16.04.26	1915 – 2100	Swarming – why do bees swarm and how do we prevent and control swarming Tea break Practice swarm control and handling	Robin Chisholm
Class 9 23.04.26	1915 – 2100	Reaction to stings Tea break Film and introduction to extracting equipment and what the association holds for hire. General discussion on the course and the way forward.	John Durkacz Committee

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.

The break out sessions are when the participants form small groups headed by an experienced beekeeper. This allows questions to be asked and a general chat getting to know one another. We still encourage questions during and after a lecture.

On the first Thursday of the month (ending 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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