

# Blagdon Clevedon & District Branch

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## Winter/Spring Education Programme 2012

There will be 4 streams of education/training

1. Our regular Introduction to beekeeping programme will be run by David Welham at Churchill Memorial Hall and is designed for those people who do not keep bees but would like to start. It is open to anyone interested in taking up beekeeping. It starts on 16th January and the sessions are every Monday evening at 7.30 pm.
2. The Novice programme is being run by Stephen Brain this year. It is ideal for those who have kept bees for at least a year and would like to take the Basic assessment this year. This is principally for members of the Branch but if space is available it will be offered to other local beekeeping groups.

**This is an important course and recommended to all members who have not yet got their Basic**

3. The Module 1 (General Management) study group is being run by Tom Salter this year. This is the first module in the BBKA theory examination system and is a general introduction to theory behind bees and beekeeping. If you have been keeping bees for at least 2 years and have passed your Basic assessment, this group will be of great interest. The intention is that the group will prepare you for the examination in March 2012 but if there are spare places members interested in learning more about bees are very welcome.
4. The Module 5 (Anatomy) study group is being run by Ivor Davis. The group will be most valuable to those who have kept bees for at least 2 years and have passed their Basic assessment. This module gives an insight into the make-up of bees and their larvae and will prepare you for the BBKA examination in March 2012. Taking the examination is not a requirement of attending this group but preference will be given to these people.

If you wish to book onto the Introduction, Basic courses or Module 1 or Module 5 study groups will you please contact either David Welham, Stephen Brain, Tom Salter or Ivor Davis (as appropriate). The cost for each course or study group will be:

Introduction	£90
Novice	£14
Module 1	£10
Module 5	£10

**The BBKA written examinations will be held on Saturday 24th March**

If you wish to take any of the BBKA examinations or assessments this year please contact Allen Coates ( 0117 955 4775 , [bee.info@cidercounty.org.uk](mailto:bee.info@cidercounty.org.uk)) to apply.

Date	Novice	Module 1	Module 5
<b>Location &amp; Day</b>	Kenn Village Hall Tuesday	Red Cross Hall Backwell Tuesday	Shipham Village Hall Thursday
<b>w/c 9 January</b>		Session 1	Session 1
<b>w/c 16 January</b>	1- Introduction		
<b>w/c 23 January</b>		Session 2	Session 2
<b>w/c 30 January</b>	2 -Equipment		
<b>w/c 6 February</b>		Session 3	Session 3
<b>w/c 13 February</b>	3 -Practical Essentials		
<b>w/c 20 February</b>		Session 4	Session 4
<b>w/c 27 February</b>	4 - Beekeeping		
<b>w/c 6 March</b>		Session 5	Session 5
<b>w/c 13 March</b>	5 - Natural History		
<b>w/c 20 March</b>			
<b>w/c 27 March</b>	6 - Bee Health		
<b>w/c 10 April</b>	7 -Bees & the Public		

**\*\* All sessions will start at 7.30 pm**

In addition we will be running our regular Sunday morning teaching sessions at the Langford apiary running from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. This is primarily for new members coming off the Introduction course. However, once a month we will also give a short talk on a particular aspect of beekeeping and all are welcome to come to these. The dates and subject are in the table below.

Date	Subject
<b>Saturday/Sunday 24/25 March</b>	<b>1st Practical session for new beekeepers</b>
<b>Sunday 8 April</b>	<b>Introduction to the apiary</b>
<b>Sunday 6 May</b>	<b>Swarming and its control</b>
<b>Sunday 3 June</b>	<b>Diseases &amp; varroa control</b>
<b>Sunday 1 July</b>	<b>The queen - marking and clipping</b>
<b>Sunday 5 August</b>	<b>Clearing supers &amp; preparation for winter</b>