

Improvers Sessions

We are revamping the improvers sessions at present so please watch the main programme for details. Our intention is to continue with the 30 min slots before the main meeting but each year to expand one of these to the full meeting (this year it was extraction).

There will also be an improvers day in the spring. This year 10th of February.

Improvers Course

JANUARY – UNAL METTI

- Honey extraction and Processing
 - Legal requirements, labelling and food hygiene
 - Removal from hive
 - Extraction
 - Refractometer usage
 - Storage after extraction
 - Bottling

FEBRUARY – HELEN HUGHES

- Hive Inspections
 - Pests and diseases
 - Notifiable diseases
 - Other brood diseases
 - Adult bee diseases
 - IPM and disease management
 - Other pests

MARCH – MIKE McCARTNEY

- Swarming and swarm prevention
 - Biology of swarming
 - Preparation for swarming
 - Basic elements of swarm control
 - Swarm control methods
 - Taking and hiving a swarm

APRIL – IAN PEACOCK

- Advanced procedure
 - Moving hives
 - Finding queens
 - Marking and clipping
 - Queen introduction
 - Bailey comb change

Shook swarm

Uniting

SEPTEMBER – SAL MANCINA

Annual cycle of management throughout year

How to put Apiguard on

Reduced entrance, mouse guard

Fumigation of frames and boxes

Oxalic acid treatment

Hefting and feeding candy

Feeding of bees

Types of feeder

Making syrup

OCTOBER: AGM, NO IMPROVER'S SESSION

NOVEMBER – GRAHAM CLARKE

Equipment & Hygiene

Hive tools in a bucket with washing soda solution

Show Hygiene film

Personal Protective Equipment

DECEMBER: SOCIAL EVENT, NO IMPROVER'S SESSION