

Beginners Classes 2005-06

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Apiary meeting Bridgend BKA Apiary	Indoor lecture programme – All at 7.00pm, Wildlife Trust Field Centre, Fountains Road, Tondy.					
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
	Life in the Beehive	Down to Basics	The Beekeeping Year	Swarming	Things That Can Go Wrong	The Fruits of Your Labour
Sun September 25 th , 2005, 10.30 am.	October 24 th , 2005.	November 21 st 2005.	January 23 rd 2006.	February 20 th 2006	March 20 th 2006.	April 24 th 2006.
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First contact with bees. Preparing colonies for winter. Varroa treatments. Shed clear-out, equipment check and mouse/moth protection for winter.	Understanding the life of the colony. Queens, Workers and Drones Colony development The annual cycle Communication and control in a beehive	Equipment History of Hives What it all looks like What you need and what you don't Buying Bees and equipment Making Frames	Seasonal management. 'The 5 questions' Siting and apiary Records Handling techniques	Planning Biology Prevention and control	Diseases Other problems Stings and First Aid	Honey – composition and storage Processing – extraction bottling and storage. Selling and Showing Hygiene and Legislation. Other hive products

The course will involve practical beekeeping in the Association Apiary.

Dates to be arranged between the students and Chris.

Books can be borrowed from The Association Library Contact: Melanie Barraclough www.bbka.co.uk 01656733373