



**BEGINNERS CLASSES 2018**  
Newstead Village Hall, Melrose  
TD6 9 DX  
2-5 pm

**Suitable for beginners or as a refresher.**

**Cost for 4 classes £80.00 – to include Border Beekeeper and Scottish Beekeepers Associations memberships for one year**

**January 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Class 1**

**Film, The Honeybee**

**Beekeeping equipment – basic requirements**

**Hive, protective clothing, smoker hive tool, feeders**

**Beehive parts; frames; making up frames;**

**Bee space - importance of it in beekeeping**

**Different types of hive – pros and cons**

**February 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Class 2**

**Bee biology**

**The honeybee colony ; queen, worker, drone**

**Life cycle**

**Division of labour; communication**

**Beeswax comb the natural bees nest – construction of honeycomb**

**March 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Class 3**

**The beekeeping year – what needs to be done in each season**

**Autumn; winter; spring; summer**

**Apiary sites**

**Equipment needed for each season**

**April 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Class 4**

**Pests and diseases**

**Treatments**

**Bee plants**

**Hive products – honey; beeswax; pollen; propolis.**

**How to harvest and utilise them.**

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We will also have various books, DVDs and journals for people to use out of our collection.

For further information and to book a place, please contact :

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