



# BEGINNERS COURSE 2019 - SECOND

*(Suitable For Beginners or As A Refresher)*

**Newstead Village Hall, Melrose. TD6 9DX**

**2.00pm to 5.00pm**

**4 Class Course @ £100 Per Person**

*Including 12 months Membership To Border Beekeepers Association & Scottish Beekeepers Association*

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Mentor: Kate Atchley**

**Class 1 - The Honey Bee & The Hive**

*Races of honey bees.*

*Bee anatomy and castes.*

*Communications and dances.*

*Life cycle and colony activities.*

*Different types of hive – pros & cons.*

*Hive components.*

*Recommended reading and resources.*

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

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**Class 2 - The Beekeeping Year & Equipment**

*Spring management and colony inspections.*

*Summer build up.*

*Preparations for winter.*

*Forage, bee-friendly plants and pollination.*

*Products of the hive, their harvesting and processing.*

*Preparing and selling honey.*

*Frame assembly – demonstration & practical.*





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## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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### Class 3 - Queens, Swarms & Pests

*Reasons why bees swarm.  
Controlling swarming.  
Collecting a swarm.  
Queen rearing – simple methods.  
The mating of the queen.  
Marking and clipping of queens.  
Pests and how to avoid their damage.*

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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### Class 4 - Diseases & Getting Started

*Brood and adult bee diseases.  
Statutory requirements  
The Varroa mite.  
Help from your local and national associations.  
Costs of starting beekeeping.  
Sources of equipment and protective clothing.  
Setting up an apiary and getting bees.*

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**The Film "The Honey Bee" will be shown along with many video clips.**

Also available various books, DVDs and journals for people to use from our library collection.

**To book a place on this course please complete the Course Application Form & Send To:**

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