



## Course Reports

### 2019 Beginners Course (March follow up)

Sunday 7th April between 2 and 4 pm.

This was a follow-up to the Beginners' training that took place in March at Gregynog.

It was the first opportunity to open the hives and the first time that the beginners had come 'face to face' with real bees.

The weather was not great, but the bees were in good temper and busy expanding their colonies.

We managed a quick look into most of the hives to see the different brood stages and bees – queens, workers and drones – all in all a useful starter session!

Visit our Photo Gallery to see a few snaps of the follow up in progress.

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A fabulous turnout for the first 'Beginners' training day of 2019. Training Officer and Apiary Manager Rachel and Roger never fail to provide the most fascinating insight into the world of bees.

With over 30 attendee's, it would appear that the future of the honeybee in Montgomeryshire is safe.

After the classroom sessions, we headed out to try bee suits, make frames, light a smoker and look at the anatomy of a hive.

We hope the day was useful and that we have spurred these fledgling beekeepers on!

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### 2019 Improvers Course (January)

A fantastic turn out for the latest 'Improvers' training which was run by Rachel Kelloway and Roger Stone. The majority of attendee Beekeepers were in their first or second year of beekeeping, and were facing their first 'full' season - which includes preparation for Spring opening of hives and of course - our favourite - swarm management! The knowledge bestowed by Rachel and Roger is just breathtaking at points.

Roger gave us comprehensive coverage of the first Spring inspection and how to spot tell-tale signs of health and wellbeing, along with advice on planning hive configuration for the coming season - including a full inspection of kit.

Rachel then moved on to walk us through the bee-keeping year - and in particular 'swarm management' techniques! Absolutely fascinating from beginning to end.

There was also considerable coverage of pest management - including European and Asian Hornets. We were all encouraged to visit the National Bee Keeping Unit website to find out more about setting up Asian Hornet traps as a precautionary measure - after all, it is us beekeepers who are going to be the first to spot any intrusion.

Click [here](#) to find out more by visiting NBKU website or click [here](#) to watch this video on YouTube.

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