



Education Secretary Report on 2017 Season for the March 2018 AGM

1. Basic Assessment Training Day.

The day, this year on May 14th was again successful – well attended and well received by those on the course at Douglas and Robert Pickford's in Great Easton. Thanks also to Deryck, Ted, Richard & Pat. This year the course is on **Saturday** 26th May at the same venue. Please note the error in the EBK, suggesting that the 26th was on a Sunday. At this time, we only have 5 applications, so please can people take the message back to their Divisions for anyone who might be thinking of doing the Basic Assessment in 2018.

2. Module Study Groups

We have run evening courses for Module 1 and Module 5 last October and a whole day course for Module 2 in January. Essex candidates have entered for these Modules as well as some others both in November and **today**. If Pat hasn't pointed out that having the Essex AGM on the same day as the BBKA March module exam day makes for hard work!

The most likely Module for next October will be Module 3 - Pests and diseases, but other suggestions could sway the choice.

3. Module 2 Training Day

This was held on Sunday January 21st 2018, again at Writtle College and the day was a success. As predicted, Module 2, like Module 1 was appropriate for a whole day's course as delegates were able to make many and excellent contributions, especially on the honey processing part of the course.

Ideas for county based skills training days or evening sessions are welcomed.

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