



36th BIFGA TECHNICAL DAY VISITS TO FARMS IN THE WEST KENT AREA

THURSDAY 16 MAY 2024

Our very kind hosts for this event are:

FARM A Mr and Mrs Teacher, Hadlow Place Farm, Three Elm Lane, Golden Green, Hadlow, Kent TN11 0BW

FARM B Mrs A Browning, Moatlands Farm Ltd, Friars Farm, Maidstone Rd., Matfield, Kent TN12 7LG

PROGRAMME (AMENDED 11.04.2024)

- 10.30 Registration at Farm A:
- 10.45 N P Seymour Ltd: Machinery – Marginal Gains Claire Seymour
- 11.00 HL Hutchinson Ltd: New Agronomy System Chris Hoskins/James Lane
- 11.15 RootWave eWeeder for Top Fruit and Vineyards Tom Archer
- 11.30 Energy Renewals: Energy Markets Update Graham Boret
- 11.45 National Fruit Show: Polishing your Apples and Pears Annette Bardsley
- 12.00 Engage Crop Solutions: Alternative Strategies to reduce disease susceptibility Mark Horner
- 12.15 Gullands Solicitors: Top legal issues for growers to look out for this year:-
- Family farming arrangements – shareholder/partnership agreements and succession Sarah Astley
 - Biodiversity net gain – is it an option? Things to consider Catherine Lloyd
 - Health & Safety and employment – top tips and traps Amanda Finn/Andrew Clarke
- 12.30 UKCA Ltd: Post Harvest Solutions Jon Hatch
- 12.45 Lunch at Hadlow Place Farm: drinks will be provided, **but please bring your own food!**
- 13.15 Drive to Farm B:
- 13.45 Voxx Machinery: Introduction/Display Robert Burr
- 14.00 C A Storage: Update on Control Systems Trevor Underdown
- 14.15 Lambert and Foster Ltd: Sustainable Farming Incentives Jon Booth
- 14.30 Bloomfields: Planning Update Tom Ogden
- 14.45 NIAB /EMR: “Apple canker control: present - future” (kindly sponsored by ‘The Fruit Grower’ ACT Publishing) Ltd Matevz Papp-Rupar
- 15.00 Update from British Apples and Pears Ltd Ali Capper (kindly sponsored by Weatherbys Hamilton LLP)
- 15.30 Close

This should be a really great day out, meeting friends and colleagues, old and new, and picking up a lot of useful information “along the way”. Indoor areas will be available if it rains!

Professional BASIS Register members may like to know that an application has been made for CPD and NRoSo points for this event.

BIFGA is most grateful to the companies overleaf who have very generously sponsored this event – please reciprocate, and support these companies whenever possible.

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This is a free event, but for organisational purposes, please kindly let the Secretary know if you intend joining this event.

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