

Dear Member

Sorry if I've been quiet for a while, it's been a busy couple of months. I'm sure you've all been just as busy! Anyway we are finally getting caught up & all certificates have gone out to everyone who has paid their bills. If you haven't had yours check with us in case they have gone astray in the post. It happens a lot now.

I've been working on your behalf for the next round of funding that DEFRA are managing this time. It was launched back in February & we have just heard that we have been successful in the first phase so we move on to the tendering part of the process. I will keep you all posted on progress. We may not know what courses we can fund until very later this year so our annual farm visits, which start in May, are going to prove tricky. We've decided to quote last years funded rates for eligible courses & provisionally book places on courses on the understanding that if funding doesn't come through places can always be cancelled.

Sally is now full time with us so we should be able to react quicker to requests & our efficiency should improve a lot. Steven will now be mainly on the road doing farm visits & starting courses. We now aim to visit every member at least once a year. Sally will start to make his appointments next week so please try & help us by being as flexible as possible. It's a vitally important part of your membership & helps keep you up to date with legislation changes.

## Bill Basford returns! - £38 per session

I know he's retired but as funding is coming to an end I've persuaded him to come back & deliver 2 of his popular late spring courses for us. Please take advantage now. I really don't know how we replace knowledge & experience like Bills so do the training while you still can. If you have any ideas of potential instructors to fill this huge gap let me know. I'm keen to replace instructors as quickly as possible but we cannot afford to let our standards slip.

### **Irrigation Application Efficiency** Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012, 9am – 1pm **Coldham**

0.5 day course, Irrigation application and soils surface management for effective water management.

All systems of application performance and water flows/pressure need are discussed. Application rate, uniformity, soils infiltration rate and losses are discussed and compared to agreed standards and cropping needs.

Effective water scheduling, equipment operation and soils surface management are considered to offer significant reductions in water use without loss in crop output relating to yield and quality required in modern marketing standards.

### **Grain Drying** Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012, 1pm – 5pm **Coldham**

0.5 day course, focusing on bulk drying systems, all airflows, humidities and air heating are discussed. The necessity for effective grain cooling offering safe storage standards for this important food product etc.

This course includes: Air - qualities for drying, Relationship of grain moisture to air, equilibrium moistures, Using air for drying, progress of drying, air need relative to drying requirements. Store preparation, cleanliness, controls, securing against contaminants, store loading, and impact on drying performance. Drying strategies, humidity modification. Normally course includes visit to grain stores on site and look at any practical issues. Grain cooling and Instrumentation needs. Store records, safety and summarised pointers for successful drying / Assurance links.

## AGM 2012 — date to pencil in Tues 29<sup>th</sup> May, full details to follow.

See over page for courses planned to run before harvest.

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# BOOKING FORM

## Courses Spring/Summer 2012

\*Funding still available on some up to 30<sup>th</sup> June\*

DATE	COURSE	VENUE	BOOK PLACE(S)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> May	MIG/ARC Welding	Three Holes	
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Irrigation Application Efficiency	Coldham	
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Grain Drying	Coldham	
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> May	AGM	Tydd, 7pm	
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> May	First Aid (driver cpc can be included)	Outwell	
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Pest Control - Rabbit & Mole with Lantra certificate	Tilney	
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> July	PA1 - Pesticides Foundation Module	Thorney	
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> July	PA4S & PA4G Combined - Slug Pellets & Granules	Eau Brink	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> July	PA6 - Pesticides Hand Held Applicator/Knapsack	Thorney	
Various	Health & Safety - On-site check up	Onsite	
Various	IT courses - Gatekeeper, Farmplan, Sage, Office	Onsite	
Various	B+E Car & Trailer courses & DSA tests	Onsite	
Various	Forklift/Telehandler courses	Onsite	
Summer Holidays	Youngsters/Student Tractor driving courses	Various	
2012: Nov 21-23, Dec 12-14, 2013: Jan 16-18, Feb 13-15, Apr 17-19, May 22-24, Exams: June 10-11	<b>BASIS FULL ARABLE COURSE – 20 days incl exams</b>	Wisbech	
2012: Dec 17, 2013: Jan 7 & 28, Mar 11, Apr 22, May 21, Exam: June 4	<b>BASIS FOUNDATION AWARD – 7 days incl exam</b>	Coldham	

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