



MGA WINTER MEETING

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Sealand Road, Chester. CH1 6BS

Wednesday 28th November 2012

Starting at 10.30 a.m

“How to obtain 5000 litres from forage”

As well as a tour of the farm where the dry cows, milking herd, maize and fodder beet will be viewed, there will be presentations and discussion on the nutrition of the herd, post harvest field management and the work of the Maize Growers Association.

Programme for the Day

- Farm tour led by John Cottle and Andrew Holland (farm nutritionist)
- Lunch at The Elms Hotel
- The Maize Growers Association and its work – Hugh McClymont
- Post maize harvest management – John Morgan
- “ Milk from Forage” - Questions and Answers – The speaker panel

Lunch will be provided and the meeting will finish at 2.30 pm

Speakers

Hugh McClymont - MGA Chairman and SRUC Crichton Royal Farm research farm manager. Hugh is very much a hands on dairy farmer, who grows and feeds a considerable area of grass and maize (under plastic) silage. Hugh will chair the day and also talk a little about the Association and the work it does on behalf of members.

John Cottle – Host farmer John is one of the few farmers in the country who’s cows consistently achieve more than 5000 litres from forage. John is a low cost specialist, feeding maize silage into which rape has been mixed and fodder beet on a self feed basis. John grows 240 acres of maize each year.

Andrew Holland - Independent nutritionist Andrew Holland is managing director of Ontrak Nutrition Ltd. Andrew is the farm nutritionist and works with John to meet the cows nutrition requirements. Andrew continues to question some of the conventional thinking around ruminant nutrition, including the role of NDF, structural fibre, fats, starch and sugars.

John Morgan - An independent agricultural advisor who along with Jean runs the Maize Growers Association. John, a forage enthusiast has been advising farmers growing maize for the last 20 years and has a real interest in balancing the economic benefits of the crop, with the environmental challenges presented by it.

Booking arrangements – Places for the event are limited and to avoid disappointment and ensure some lunch! Please book in via Jean at the MGA office.

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