

IAGR National Farm Walk Thursday 17th June 2010

This year's summer National Farm Walk promises to be a very interesting one and will be starting at the Royal Agricultural Collage and after lunch we will then be visiting a near by farm.

The farm is family owned, long established mixed farming business. The in-hand farm amounts to 900 Ha. Crops grown include Wheat, Barley, Oilseeds, Beans (on occasions) and Maize as an energy crop and a forage crop. They also contract farm two other units, including RAC Farms, totalling a further 500 Ha. Combinable crops total 1050 Ha.

The Dairy unit is the largest enterprise accounting for 60% of the turnover. 750 cows are housed virtually all year round and milked 3x per day to produce 9500 lit/cow/year. All dairy heifers are reared.

The Biogas plant has been operational for 18 mths. and takes all of the cow slurry, 2500 T of Maize silage and 400 T Glycerol per year to produce a constant output of 300 KW. of electricity. The target output is 6500 KW hrs/day - enough for 250 - 300 houses. We also produce large quantities of heat energy, some of which is used to pre-heat water for the dairy plant and to heat 3 staff houses.

Other enterprises are an Equestrian Centre, specialising in Event horse training, Residential lettings, some 45 properties are let in the village, and Holiday Lets, (2 converted barns)

The cost of the day (lunch etc) for members of the Institute will be £20 and £25 for non members.

Can you please return the attached slip by 28th May so that the necessary catering and logistical arrangements can be made, and joining instructions will be sent out approximately 10 days prior to the event.

Yours sincerely

Richard Cooksley

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Number	Rate	Sub Total
	IAGR Member @ £20	
	Non Member @ £25	
	Total	
	Cheques made payable to IAGR	