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Thames Valley Branch

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SUMMER VISIT - followed by AGM
Thursday 13th June 2019 at 5.00 PM
at The Estate Office, Mayfield Farm, Ilsley Rd, Compton, Newbury RG20 7BR

(The old Compton Animal Research Station)

This 1,000 hectare recently purchased estate promises to be a fascinating visit. Beeswax Dyson aims to implement a simple, clear approach to learn from the past and ensure core assets such as soils are protected and improved. They believe innovation to be a key element in the development of the business including collaboration with manufacturers to improve the efficiency and safety of farm machinery in areas such as Kinematic Farming, Drones, Bandspraying and Stripcat Technology.

James Dawson (Estate Manager for Beeswax at Compton) has said that we will start with a quick 30 minute PowerPoint presentation on the history of Beeswax and the Compton site followed by a tour of the farm and description of some of the other developments taking place at the unit. Some, possibly all, of the tour will be on foot, but may well include a tractor and trailer ride.

The farm visit will finish at around 7.00/7.15 pm when we will move to the West Berkshire Brewery, The Old Dairy, Frilsham Farm, Yattendon for a pre ordered buffet. The AGM of the Thames Valley Branch will follow at about 8 30 pm. An agenda for this will be sent in a separate email.

TO BOOK

Tickets will cost £10.00 per head including the buffet supper. Please book your place by C.O.P. 8th June 2019 with Giles Martin - gilesmrtn@aol.com but note that once you have said you will attend, we would expect you to pay regardless, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Bank details for direct BACS payment are:- I.Agr.M. (TV branch). Sort code 30:96:96. Account no. 00358115

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