

Sittingbourne Monitor Farm Meeting

“OPENING UP THE BLACK BOX”

Improving your soils biology for healthier crops and more consistent yields

At this event he will discuss the most fundamental part of any growing system; - unravelling the various science associated with our soils together with looking at how we can viably, sustainably and efficiently enhance them so helping to protect and promote the crops we grow.

Venue: Bapchild and Tonge Village Hall, School Lane, Nr Sittingbourne. ME9 9NL

Date: 9th March 2017

Time: 10:30-14:30

Programme*

10:00 Registration

10:30 Welcome and introduction and “Knowledge Gap” session

Paul Hill – AHDB Cereals & Oilseeds Knowledge Exchange Manager (South East)

11:00 G.H Dean farming operational up-date

Mark Bowsher-Gibbs (Estate Manager)

11:25 Opening the “Black Box”; Improving your soil biology for healthier crops & better yields

Joel Williams (BioLifeAg)

Break-out session: based around the YEN field soil health analysis and SMN report asking the groups to identify what is good and bad and what they would consider in order to improve deficiencies

12:40 LUNCH

13.10 Field visit based around GH Dean YEN 2017 field to look at and discuss the soil structure and biology (soil pit dug)

Joel Williams (BioLifeAg)

14.15 Event Summary and close



Meeting reports are available at: cereals.ahdb.org.uk/Sittingbourne

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