



See change of first visit

Summer Outing 2022 – 16th and 17th June

L'Derry/Armagh visit in conjunction with The Irish Tillage and Land Use Society

Booking is essential and attendees have the option to attend either or both of the days Cost is noted against each day.

Booking for the day trips will close on the 31st of May

To book participation in the day trips contact Robin Bolton on 07748967013.

Evening Barbecue and Variety trials walk is free and open to all but attendees must register with AHDB on the following link

<https://ahdb.org.uk/events/cereal-variety-open-evening-northern-ireland>

Ulster Arable Society AGM will be held on the 16th at Richard Kane's Farm

Programme

Day 1 Thursday 16 June £30 for Members £40 for Non Members

9.45am **CHANGE**

Sadly following tragic events in Australia resulting in the untimely death of Max Boggs we have had to change the venue for our first visit on 16th June. Our sympathies go out to the Bogg's family circle at this difficult time. The first visit on the 16th of June will now be to an **AD plant owned by R Gallagher**. The site will be **signposted from the White Horse hotel at Campsie**. We would ask UAS members attending to arrive between 9.30 and 9.45 to allow time for registration.

11.45am Foyleview Farm (including tea/coffee break)

Adrian Barr runs Foyleview Farm, a tillage farm located just outside Ballykelly. He grows winter wheat and winter and spring barley across 400ac. His farm, which lies in the valley of the River Roe, on the shores of Lough Foyle, was reclaimed from the sea around 1840. Today, it remains defended against flooding by man-made dykes. In 2004, the farm hosted the World Ploughing Championships which attracted over 20,000 visitors to the area.

1.45pm Lunch – Roe Park Resort

3.30pm Jonathan Kelly

Jonathan Kelly farms in Bellarena, just outside Limavady, in partnership with his father Cecil across 750ac. He recently moved from a predominantly livestock enterprise to tillage and farms on uniquely sandy, very dry soils. He grows winter wheat and barley, winter hybrid rye, spring barley, spring beans and maize.

The rye and maize are grown for anaerobic digestion plants in the region. He runs a plough based system and uses multiple sources of organic matter on his land including slurry, chicken litter, digestate and compost.

5.30pm Richard Kane

Richard Kane, along with his wife Leona, run a busy tillage farm in Myroe, Limavady. They also run Brighter Gold Rapeseed Oil, producing multi-award winning cold-pressed rapeseed oil. Richard also grows winter wheat, winter and spring barley and can carrots across 700ac. He uses a plough based and minimum tillage establishment system and farms on reclaimed land.

5.00-8.00pm Winter Cereal Variety Trial open Evening hosted by AHDB on Richard and Leona Kane's farm.

BBQ and refreshments will be available.

UAS AGM

Day 2 Friday 17 June £25 for Members £30 for Non Members

10.00am Gilfresh Produce BT61 8PZ

Based in Loughgall, Co Armagh, the Gilpen Family run Gilfresh Produce which has grown to become a major supplier of vegetables to the UK market. The company grows and sources vegetables from a network of 40 growers, most of which are located in Northern Ireland. They also have some 6,400m² of glasshouses on site.

The company has invested millions in a bid to reduce their carbon footprint. As well as a wind turbine, they also run a 500kW anaerobic digestion plant on site where some of the electricity generated is used to power their facilities.

12.30pm **Simon Best, Acton House Farm**

Simon runs Acton House Farm, a 1,200ac tillage and Aberdeen Angus beef farm outside Poyntzpass, Co Armagh, with his father John and brother Rory. They grow a range of crops including winter and spring oats, winter wheat, winter barley, winter oilseed rape and spring beans. 85% of what is produced sold within a five mile radius.

The farm is LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming) accredited and Simon is also involved with the ARC Zero project, a European Innovation Partnership project seeking to measure and manage farm carbon flows. Members of the project will be in attendance for the visit. In 2021 Simon won the UK Arable Farmer of the Year award. He also runs an organic waste composting business on the farm.

3.30pm **ARC Zero Event**

ARC Zero group will be holding an information event to highlight the work they are doing on Simons farm to identify the carbon impact of his farm. This is open to all to attend.