



Managing Grazing for Horses

A British Grassland Society workshop for practical equestrians who manage a livery yard, riding school, or their own property and want to improve grazing management and horse welfare

Thursday 9th June 2011
Twemlows Stud Farm, Whitchurch, Shropshire



Grazed grass is the cheapest, natural feed for horses, if the right mixtures are grown and looked after correctly. Getting horses to eat more grass all year round can cut costs by reducing the need for hay, haylage and expensive bucket feed. Offering them the ability to browse for 16 hours a day also replicates their natural behaviour in the wild making for more contented, fitter animals.

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10.00 Arrival and coffee

10.25 Welcome by chairman – Shirley Macmillan

10.30 What does grass need to grow?

Soils specialist Mark Tripney, MatrixAg

10.45 Grass isn't just grass: the range of species and herbs suitable for horses and why a mix is best.

Dr Elizabeth O'Beirne-Ranelagh, Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) and author of 'Managing Grass for Horses'

11.25 Why horses need fibre in their fields and what happens when they don't get it?

Jane van Lennep of Simple System Ltd natural horse feeds, author and columnist, Arab breeder and endurance rider

12.05 What a livestock farmer can do to help your paddocks

Beef and sheep farmers (and horse owners) Miles and Liz Greenwood explain the services they offer from harrowing and reseeding, to soil mineral testing and weed control

12.30 Buffet lunch

1.15 Tour of paddocks at Twemlows Stud Farm (please bring appropriate outdoor clothing)

Practical experience and discussion including grass species for sandy soils; creating a turf for exercise paddocks; weed control; composted horse muck fertiliser; compaction; what goes on underground

2.45 Tea and biscuits, delegates leave

3.00 *Option to join a half hour private guided tour of the Twemlows Stud Farm AI, stallion, and ET facilities with owners Richard, Edward and Tullis Matson*

**Spaces for this event are limited and bookings close on Wednesday June 1st
The fee is £27 for BGS members and £34 for non-members**

For further details e-mail office@britishgrassland.com or phone 02476 696600

To book your place at the BGS Managing Grazing for Horses workshop please send this slip and a cheque payable to the British Grassland Society to:

BGS, Unit 32c, Stoneleigh Deer Park, Stareton, Kenilworth, CV8 2LY

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