

# CEREAL STUBBLE AND SOIL MANAGEMENT

## A CALU WORKSHOP



**WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 - 1.30 PM**  
**MOEL- Y- GARTH FARM, GUILSFIELD NR. WELSHPOOL**

### The host farm

David Evans, Moel y Garth grows winter oats, winter barley and triticale to feed to his beef cattle – for breeding stock sales. He is planning to grow a rape/turnip crop after the barley/triticale and to follow the oats with a second oat crop. With tight margins on the cereals he is keen to reduce inputs costs without reducing yields. Some of his key issues are controlling grass weeds, fumitory and wild oats and eliminating pest damage on his forage crops.

### What will be covered at the workshop?

Chris Duller and Heather McCalman from the Grassland Development Centre (IBERS, Aberystwyth University) will cover crop rotation, cultivation strategies and soil management issues, including preventing and correcting compaction, over winter stubble management and nutrient inputs.

Ian Evans, a local agronomist, will discuss key areas of crop protection – including weed control programmes to replace IPU and effective slug control. This will include strategies to reduce reliance on chemicals.

David Lamacraft from the RSPB will lead a session to discuss the vital role that cereal stubbles can play in providing a feed source for winter birds and highlight the most effective management options.

### Who is this event for?

This event is for anyone with an interest in cereal cropping, in both conventional and organic farming systems.

### How much will the event cost?

This event is **free**. It is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government's Farming Connect Knowledge Transfer Development Programme for Land Management which is delivered by CALU. Part of the day will be outside in the field so please ensure you bring appropriate clothing and footwear.



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**Programme** (*nb the timings are for guideline only and plenty of time will be allowed for questions and discussion*)

- 1.30pm           Arrival, Registration & Welcome from CALU representative and introduction to the farm
- 1.45pm           crop rotations, soil management issues and cultural weed control
- 2.30pm           crop protection issues
- 3.15pm           managing stubbles for birdlife.

***To book your place, or if you have any enquires please contact [calu@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:calu@bangor.ac.uk) or phone 01248 680450.***



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