



THE 38TH BIFGA TECHNICAL DAY

will be held on

WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2026

at the

WEALD OF KENT GOLF COURSE AND HOTEL, MAIDSTONE ROAD, HEADCORN, KENT TN27 9PT

Directions: conveniently located approximately 8 miles south east of the centre of Maidstone, on the A274, this venue should be more convenient (compared with previous years) for delegates from east Kent: also, for those using the M25/M20 motorways. There is also a good train service to Maidstone.

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PROGRAMME

10.00am Registration and Coffee/Tea

The morning session will be chaired by:

Mr Richard Stogdon (a member of the BIFGA General Committee)

10.30am Stephen Tully: *Landseer Seasonal Update* (Landseer)

10.45am Dr Michelle Fountain: *Insect Pest Control in Tree Fruit and The Insecticide Gap* (NIAB)

11.15am James Shillitoe: *Soft Bodied Insects and their Control* (Agrovista)

11.30am Dale Nott: *IHT and Budget Tax Update* (Azets)

11.45am Jon Booth: *The Rural Property and Planning Update* (Lambert and Foster/Bloomfields)

12.00pm Ryan Williams: *RapidAim* (Agrid)

12.15pm Peter Burfoot: *Public Footpaths – Issues arising for Farmers and Growers* (Gullands)

12.30pm – 1.30pm Lunch

During the lunch period, there will be an opportunity for networking, and to look at exhibits.

The programme for the afternoon session is on the following page



PROGRAMME (continued)

12.30pm -1.30pm Lunch

The afternoon session will be chaired by:
Mr Alex Charrington (a member of the BIFGA General Committee)

1.30pm Gloria Endredi: *Codling Moth Control Strategies* (H L Hutchinson)

1.45pm Emma White: *From Farm to Fareshare: Getting surplus from growers onto people's plates* (FareShare)

2.00pm Mike Wainwright: *Introduction to Hortifeeds and how we can help you increase fruit yield and shelf-life* (Hortifeeds)

2.15pm Dr Matevz Papp-Rupar: *Development of Canker, Scab and Replant Management* (NIAB)

2.45pm Charles Hutton-Squire, Will Jarvis, and Jason Steels: *Sweet Success for Next Gen Fruit Group* (Next Gen)

3.15pm Close

Professional BASIS Register members may like to know that an application has been made for CPD and NRoSo points for this event.

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