



Managing Grazing for Horses

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

Thursday 6th May 2010
World Horse Welfare's Hall Farm, Norfolk
Snetterton, signposted off the A11



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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 How, why and when does grass grow? And how to manage it...

Dr Dave Roberts, grassland scientist and BGS president

10.50 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'

11.15 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

11.45 Is your horse the right weight? Managing grass to lose weight

Samantha Lewis, deputy head of UK Welfare Support at World Horse Welfare

12.10 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 Hall Farm (please bring appropriate outdoor clothing)

Practical experience and discussion with Sue Hodgkins, Hall Farm centre manager including different ways of strip grazing to help weight loss; grazing groups or singles?; grasses for sandy soils; creating a turf for exercise paddocks; weed control

2.30 Tea and biscuits

2.45 Option to join a half hour private guided tour of Hall Farm facilities with Maxine Langley, World Horse Welfare's centre promotion officer

Spaces for this event are limited and bookings close on April 22nd
Places cost £28 per person

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:

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