

Intercropping in Arable Systems and Variety Trials

Field Lab meeting

24th April 2019

Location: Roundhill Farm, SN6 7QR

10.00	Arrivals. Introductions including background to the Intercropping Field Lab from Katie Bliss and group members: what's in the ground this year, overview of group trials, planned assessments and summer events.
10.30	Farm tour. James will give us some background to the farm and show us the trials in the field, and we will explore methods for on-farm monitoring of crop cover as a key performance indicator.
12.30	Lunch at a local pub (Lechlade: http://www.thetroutinn.com/). Close by setting a rough time/location for the next intercropping group meeting (post-harvest).
14.00	Optional excursion to see organic winter wheat plot trials at Bradwell Grove (OX18 4JR). This trial complement ORC's work exploring the wheat varieties that are best suited for organic use when grown on organic land as part of real organic farming systems. It includes old, current and currently unavailable in the UK varieties for both feed and milling quality. Dominic Amos and group members will give an introduction to the trial, the varieties included and the wider context of this work as part of an initiative for collaborative on-farm variety testing.

