

Building Soils Workshop: Mon., 19th June, 2017

WIG executive members, John Hicks and Nicholas Kelly (chairman) were both speakers at this Boyup Brook event, hosted by the Blackwood Basin Group.

John spoke about inter-row sowing and seeding into the previous crop's root zone, carried out on the family farm at Pingrup, with some clever adaptation of existing machinery.

Nick detailed the soil restoration process as it's being spelled out at Hollands Track Farm, Newdegate, accompanied by a power point presentation featuring the multi-species cover crops sown, the compost extracting process which accompanies them and machinery used, punctuated by fun on the farm and in the Fitz. Nick made the point that it is live roots in the ground in an absence of synthetic fertilizers and the 'cides, which will restore soil to health, while lowering input costs and increasing return over time.

The WIG Field Day is coming up on 6th Oct. at Hollands Track Farm with Rick Bieber. Put it in your diaries!

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