

Establishment of Willow Coppice after Grass

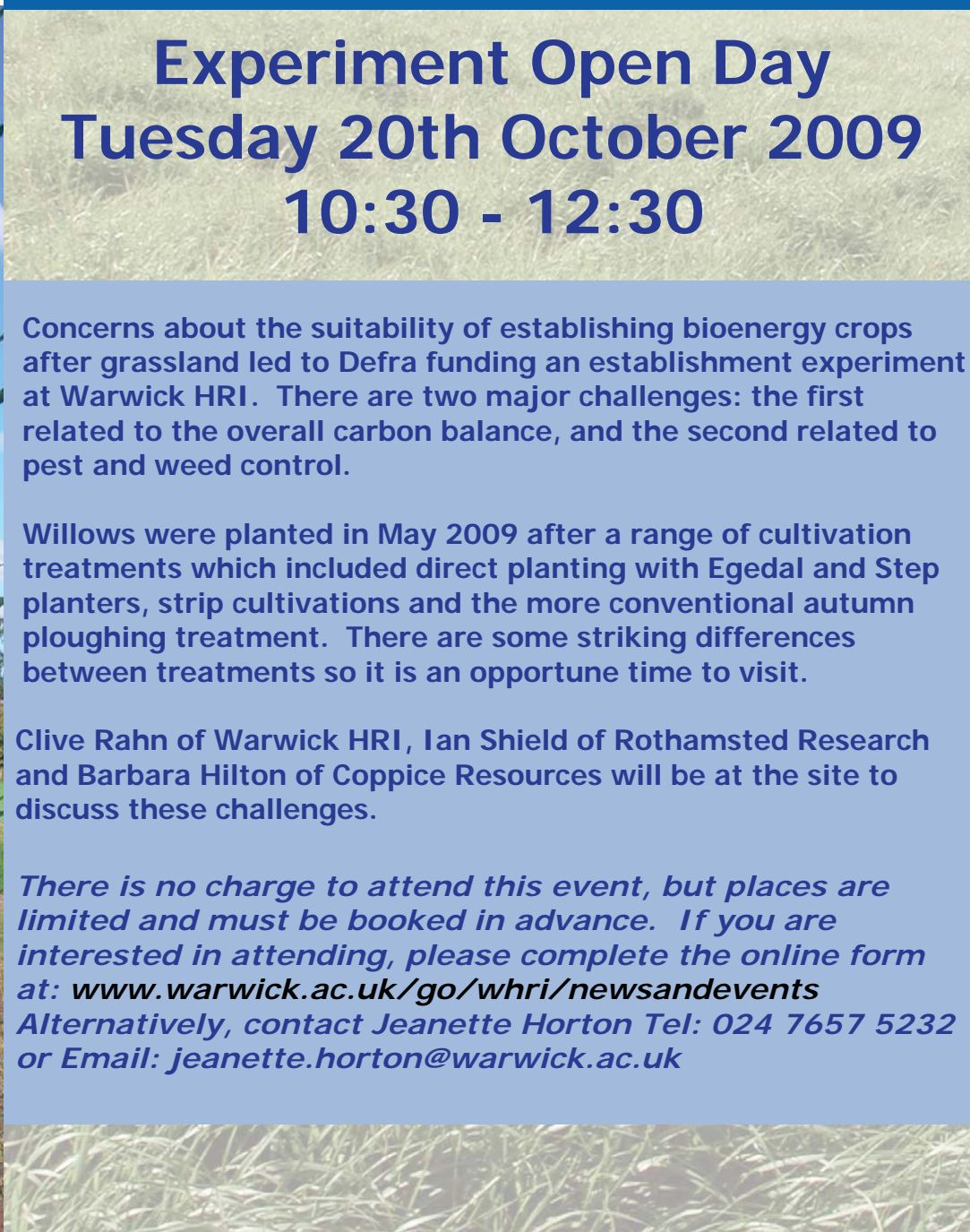
Experiment Open Day
Tuesday 20th October 2009
10:30 - 12:30

Concerns about the suitability of establishing bioenergy crops after grassland led to Defra funding an establishment experiment at Warwick HRI. There are two major challenges: the first related to the overall carbon balance, and the second related to pest and weed control.

Willows were planted in May 2009 after a range of cultivation treatments which included direct planting with Egedal and Step planters, strip cultivations and the more conventional autumn ploughing treatment. There are some striking differences between treatments so it is an opportune time to visit.

Clive Rahn of Warwick HRI, Ian Shield of Rothamsted Research and Barbara Hilton of Coppice Resources will be at the site to discuss these challenges.

There is no charge to attend this event, but places are limited and must be booked in advance. If you are interested in attending, please complete the online form at: www.warwick.ac.uk/go/whri/newsandevents Alternatively, contact Jeanette Horton Tel: 024 7657 5232 or Email: jeanette.horton@warwick.ac.uk



How to find us:

From M40 junction 15, follow signs for Wellesbourne along the A429. Warwick HRI is on the right after 3 miles, just before the village.

From Stratford-upon-Avon, take the B4086 (first on the left after the river Avon) to Wellesbourne. After 5 miles, just before the village, turn left at roundabout on to the A429. Warwick HRI is on the left after ½ mile.

