

Annual General Meeting and Members Meeting

Dear Member,

I am pleased to confirm that we will be holding our AGM and Members Meeting on **Thursday, 13 February 2025**, at Sandburn Hall, Flaxton, York YO60 7RB (adjacent to the Flaxton/A64 junction).

Our programme is as follows:

9.30am Arrival. Registration. Tea and coffee.

10.00am AGM – including presentation from Colin Bailey, new BATA Group CEO, and staff Long Service Awards.

11.00am Break for tea or coffee

11.20am Presentation by our guest speaker, Daniel Zeichner MP, Minister of State for Food Security and Rural Affairs at the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs. The Labour MP for Cambridge since 2015, he was shadow Transport Minister before becoming shadow Minister for DEFRA 2020-24.

A key Labour manifesto pledge for agriculture was to double the number of co-operatives and mutuals in the industry from the current level of around 800. Co-operatives play an important role in the UK's agricultural sector by giving farmers more control over the supply chain, helping them cut costs on key inputs through economies of scale, and allowing the sharing of innovation that can boost output and productivity.

This is an important opportunity for BATA members to learn more about the Government's intentions for agricultural co-operatives.

12.10pm A sandwich lunch, with tea and coffee, will be provided. Pay bar available.

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE AGM, BUT PLEASE BOOK IN BEFORE FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY FOR CATERING PURPOSES.

To confirm your attendance and any dietary requirements, please 'phone Emily Stevens on **01653 605200** or email estevens@bataltd.co.uk with your membership number, name of those attending (for badges) and address. Whilst this is a meeting for BATA members, we are happy to extend it to 'one member and two named guests'. If you would like to bring more family / business colleagues please email Emily to see if we have space.

I look forward to seeing you at Sandburn Hall.

Kind regards,

Stephen Greenfield
BATA Group Chairman