



# **THE 2025 BIFGA SUMMER FARM WALK**

**will be held by kind permission of Mark Gaskain of Gaskains Ltd. at the  
Top Stores, Selling, Faversham, Kent ME13 9SF**

Please **do not use** the Gaskains postcode to get there, as this will take you to the farm cottages from which you will not be able to access the stores – instead please use What3Words (**momentous.outright.resurgent**) which will take you to the farm road entrance leading up the hill to the “Top Stores” site. We will put arrows out on the day to direct people.

**ON THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025, STARTING AT 3.45 PM**

This is a rare opportunity to visit one of the UK’s leading top-fruit farms (producing apples, pears, plums, and now grapes on behalf of Domaine Evremond); coupled with a visit to some vineyards, and the nearby new winery, Domaine Evremond, which produces sparkling wines crafted by the Taittinger family.

## **PROGRAMME**

- 3.45pm Registration, with fruit juice on arrival.
- 4.00pm Presentations from:
- Gullands Solicitors – The Commercial and Corporate team at Gullands Solicitors will provide an update on some of the legal issues around moving towards a more diversified farming business and getting business structures right to secure the business and maximise its future potential. Also, succession planning and ensuring the business structure is fit for purpose on handover to the next generation or exit. Opportunity to chat about the issues and ask questions during the walk.
  - Nigel Bardsley – Supporting the National Fruit Show, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025.
  - James Simpson, British Apples and Pears Ltd - Update.
- 5.00pm Tour of some orchards, including Gala, Braeburn, and Conference.
- 5.45pm Proceed in cars (doubling-up) to visit the Domaine Evremond Winery, and enjoy some spectacular views of the nearby vineyards.
- 6.45pm Return to the Top Stores for Supper: Texas-style beef brisket bap (vegetarian option available); followed by apple pie and cream.

The cost of the visit (which is open to non-members) including supper, will be just £15.00 per person.

The BIFGA General Committee is looking forward to welcoming: members; non-members; and, special guests, to this event. If you would like to join us, please complete the attached form and return (or scan and email) it to the BIFGA Secretary, with your remittance, by no later than **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025**.

BIFGA would like to acknowledge the generous support being given towards this event by:

**Gullands Solicitors, 16 Mill Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6XT**

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Please reciprocate, and support them whenever possible.

***Members may like to know that an application will be made for BASIS and NRoSo points for this event.***



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## BOOKING FORM

I / We would like to join the visit to

Gaskains Ltd., The Top Stores, Selling, Kent  
(What3Words: momentous.outright.resurgent)

on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025

at a cost of £15.00 per person, including supper.

Name(s): .....

Address: .....

..... Postcode: .....

Tel: ..... Mobile: ..... Email: .....

I have the following dietary requirements: .....

☐ I enclose a cheque made payable to British Independent Fruit Growers' Association for £.....

☐ I will pay BIFGA £..... by bank transfer to: Lloyds Bank Sort Code 30-64-57 Account No. 38107868

Please send (or scan and email) your completed form (and cheque or details of your bank transfer) to the BIFGA Secretary, Judi Perry; email: [secretary@bifga.org.uk](mailto:secretary@bifga.org.uk), by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025, at the latest please.**

## DIRECTIONS

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## BRITISH INDEPENDENT FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

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