

## The Prince of Wales's Food and Farming Summer School 16-18 July 2014

There are still a few places left, but book soon to avoid disappointment. Bookings close on 6th July or sooner if sold out. [More...](#)

## We're recruiting!

- We are looking to appoint an [Agroforestry Researcher](#) (12 months Maternity Cover with the potential to become a permanent position) to work within our crops and agroforestry team. The post will work primarily on the European project 'Towards Eco-Energetic Communities' (TWECON) that aims to develop short chain systems of harvesting biomass from existing landscape elements (e.g. hedgerows) for local energy use but on other related projects too.
- We also need a temporary (3-months August-October) [Crops & Agroforestry Research Technician](#) at our Wakelyns site.
- We will shortly be advertising for **Technical Writers** to help prepare technical guides and website content - if you are interested contact [Bruce Pearce](#).
- We are looking for new members for our Council of Management. If you would be interested in being a **Trustee of ORC**, please get in contact with our Director, [Nic Lampkin](#).

## We're appealing!

Can you help us raise £50,000 by October? Click [here](#) for further details of our appeal or



now!

## News

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### ORC Bulletin 116 is out now!

Spring issue now available for free download [More...](#)

### Two million hectare shortfall in UK land possible by 2030

Cambridge-hosted industry platform calls for joint action plan with government [More...](#)

### EU agricultural reform fails on biodiversity

Extra steps by Member States are needed to protect farmed and grassland ecosystems [More...](#)

### Improving the resilience of your livestock systems

Livestock farmers set to discover how trees can grow their business [More...](#)

### Defra organic statistics 2013

Defra's latest statistics release shows a decline in organic land area in the UK [More...](#)

### **New report on trends in organic farm incomes**

ORC report on the long- term trends in the financial performance of organic farms in England and Wales, 2006/07-2011/12 [More...](#)

### **5th SOLID newsletter**

Sustainable and organic low input dairying news [More...](#)

### **ORC's English Organic Producer Survey Report released**

English organic producers are worried about costs but plan to keep going [More...](#)

### **Pea and bean crop - nitrogen fixation assessment**

Free service offered to UK growers [More...](#)

### **Biogreenhouse training school**

Soil fertility, Suppressiveness & Water management strategies towards sustainable and productive organic greenhouse agriculture [More...](#)

### **Earthworms – Architects of fertile soils**

Promotion of earthworms for soil fertility – new technical guide available [More...](#)

### **Send us a photo of your organic farming family!**

Help us mark the United Nations International Year of Family Farming 2014! [More](#)

## **Upcoming events**

#### **1 July 2014: [National Organic Cereals 2014](#)**

OF&G's farmer-focused cereals event nr Milton Keynes

#### **7-9 July 2014: [SOLIBAM final congress](#)**

Diversity strategies for organic and low input agricultures and their food systems

#### **11 July 2014: [Participatory plant breeding with diverse wheat](#)**

How can diverse cereal populations be used to create locally adapted 'modern landraces'?

#### **16-18 July 2014: [The Prince of Wales Food & Farming Summer School](#)**

Debating solutions to the challenges facing farming

#### **21-24 July 2014: [Royal Welsh Show](#)**

ORC will be in the OCW Organic Food and Farming Centre.

#### **16 September 2014: [Fertility building leys field lab](#)**

Field lab 3 at Abbey Home Farm, Cirencester

#### **22 September 2014: [Field Lab: Woodchip Compost](#)**

Part 3: Discussion of final results. Tolhurst Organic, nr Reading

#### **13-15 October 2014: [IFOAM World Congress 2014](#)**

Building Organic Bridges

#### **25 November 2014: [National Soil Symposium 2014](#)**

Soil Association event precedes the ORC Organic Producers' Conference

#### **26-27 November 2014: [ORC Organic Producers' Conference](#)**

New date, new venue!

**For more Field Lab events and Soil Association farm walks click [here](#)**

## Photo sets

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ORC Wakelyns Agroforestry open day 19/6/14 [Photos](#)

QUOATS (Harnessing new technologies for sustainable oat production and utilization) at Cereals 2014 [Photos](#)

## More about us

### Farmers' Organic Research Club – join in!

The Participatory Research Network is now the Farmers' Organic Research Club (FORC). FORC provides producers and others with the opportunity to undertake their own farm trials, collaborate with fellow farmers and growers and to engage directly in the organic research programme of ORC..

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### 2014 Organic Farm Management Handbook

This is a 'must have' publication for everyone interested in the business of organic farming and growing. Available now. [More](#)

### Other publications available

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