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## Fertility building leys and green manures

This field lab will be run by Iain Tolhurst and Mark Measures at Tolhurst Organic, Whitchurch-on-Thames nr Reading, on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015. We have good evidence and practical experience of the major benefits of diverse, multi-species mixtures for fertility building, forage production, pollinators and general resilience to unpredictable weather conditions. This field lab will share those experiences and set up trials to improve selection of species and assess performance of mixtures and Countryside Stewardship management prescriptions. [More...](#)

## News

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**Goodbye and good luck** We are sorry to say goodbye this week to [Dr Henry Creissen](#), our crops researcher at Wakelyns who will be taking up a Post-Doctoral Researcher position at Teagasc in Ireland. Henry has been appointed to the EPIC project (Establishing a Platform for Integrated Pest Management in Irish Crops). We foresee many opportunities for collaboration within this project and hope to build a productive working relationship between ORC and Teagasc. We will miss his humour and enthusiasm and wish him well.

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## Upcoming events

**28 April 2015:** [Fertility building leys and green manures](#)

Field lab at Tolhurst Organic

**14 May 2015:** [Creeping thistle field lab](#)

Controlling creeping thistles in arable crops and grass leys

**18 May 2015:** [Farm Woodland Forum annual meeting at ORC](#)

Woodfuel from Agroforestry

**21 May 2015:** [Welsh Organic Supply Chains Conference](#)

Highlights of the Better Organic Business Links projects, and a new organic strategy for Wales

**11 June 2015:** [9th European Organic Congress](#)

Designing our future. Where does the organic movement want to be in 2030?

**7 July 2015:** [National Organic Combinable Crops 2015](#)

View ORC trials and more at Shimpling Park Farm

**8 September 2015:** [Designing the World We Want](#)

12th International Permaculture Conference in London

**26 January 2016:** [SOLID organic dairy research event](#)

Bristol. Save the date!

**27-28 January 2016:** [10th Organic Producers' Conference](#)

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

## Photo albums

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Cultural methods to control black grass. Field lab at Shimpling Park Farm, Suffolk. 24 March 2015 [Photos](#)

Soil analysis: It's use and interpretation Field lab at Tolhurst Organic, 16 March 2015 [Photos](#)

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

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