



## ELM FARM E-Bulletin No. 48, June 2016

### **We are recruiting!**

ORC is looking to appoint an Information Officer as Project/Content Manager for the development of practical information resources related to agroecology, sustainable and organic farming for the [Agricology](http://www.agricology.co.uk) project ([www.agricology.co.uk](http://www.agricology.co.uk)) and to work with us on the [OK-Net Arable](#) project. We are also looking to appoint a Communications Assistant to support the communications around the Agricology project. [More](#)

### **News**

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#### **OK-Net Arable: exchanging knowledge, enhancing farming:**

Update of project progress so far [More...](#)

#### **APPG uncovers more dirt on UK soils:**

The UK places little importance on soil, resulting in a worrying lack of knowledge around this vital British asset [More...](#)

#### **Organic Action Plans:**

A guide for Stakeholders [More...](#)

#### **From Uniformity to Diversity:**

Food systems experts urge global shift towards agroecology [More...](#)

### **From Agricology**

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The latest news and features from [Agricology](#) includes:

#### **Farmer profile:**

David Finlay, Cream O'Galloway, Rainton Farm, Scotland. [More...](#)

#### **May's green corridors**

Nicola Bradbear of Bees for Development blogs about hedgerows and biodiversity. [More...](#)

#### **Agricology takes to the field!**

News about the forthcoming Agricology Open Day. [More...](#)

#### **Tree Hay: A forgotten fodder**

Ted Green of the Ancient Tree Forum outlines the benefits of pollarding for tree hay. [More...](#)

#### **Trees provide fodder and boost production**

Woodland Trust case study of organic dairy farmer Tim Downes. [More...](#)

### Digestate and compost in agriculture (DC-AGRI)

Practical information to help farmers and growers maximise the benefits of using digestate and compost as renewable fertilisers. [More...](#)

## Upcoming events

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**28 June 2016:** [Agricology Open Day at Daylesford](#)

a farm tour and gathering of partners and experts

**6 July 2016:** [Soil analysis field lab](#)

Hosted by Taylorgrown in Norfolk

**7 July 2016:** [National Organic Combinable Crops 2016](#)

Wimpole Hall, Cambs.

**2-4 September 2016:** [Convergence 2016](#)

British Permaculture Convergence in Yorkshire

**29 September 2016:** [Farmer Innovation Day](#)

Innovative Farmers' networking day at Sheepdrove Organic Farm

**1-2 February 2017:** [11th Organic Producers' Conference](#)

Save the dates!

### [Innovative Farmers Field labs and Webinars](#)

## Photo albums

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### Compost tea field lab June 2016

Innovative Farmers Field Lab on compost tea at Hemsworth Farm near Witchampton, Dorset [See photos](#)

### 3rd European Agroforestry Conference, Montpellier, 23-25 May 2016

Jo and Sally attended the 3rd European Agroforestry conference, organised by EURAF and INRA SupAgro, which celebrated 20 years of agroforestry research in Europe. [See photos](#)

### DIVERSIFOOD Spring Crops

We are trialling chickpeas, quinoa and buckwheat cultivars as part of the DIVERSIFOOD project. We are looking for suitable germplasm to be organically grown and marketed in the UK. [See photos](#)

### Cereals and weeds

In organic farming it is essential to have crops that are able to compete with weeds. Some photos from the WHEALBI cereals plots at the University of Reading's Sonning Farm. [See photos](#)

## More about us

### Join the Organic Research Centre's Farmer and Business Supporters' Group

As a farmer and/or business operator, we hope you will have benefited, directly or indirectly, from the work we have undertaken, including our work to help ensure fair support payments for organic producers. To help us be more effective we would like to invite you to join our newly established [Farmer and Business Supporters' Group](#). In return for a commitment to a regular donation to support our work, the new Group provides an opportunity for us to say thank you for your support and to give you something back, including an opportunity to have a say in, and get involved with, our future activities [More...](#)

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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. Now at half price! [More](#)

### Other publications available

A wide range of our research and other publications can be accessed via our website, and some printed versions are available to order. [More...](#)

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