



## ELM FARM E-Bulletin No. 56, April 2017

### We are recruiting!

ORC is looking to appoint a **full-time Finance Officer** to be responsible for our financial administration and accounting.

ORC is also looking to appoint a **part-time Fundraising Officer** to support the development of its fundraising programme. This position, initially for 12 months with the possibility of extension, will be based mainly at ORC's Elm Farm site near Newbury in Berkshire. [More on both posts](#)

### News

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#### Iodine levels in organic milk showing upward trend:

OMSCo study results published [More...](#)

#### Study tour of organic weed control and soil management in the Netherlands

There are still two places available on Mark Measures' Study Tour to the Netherlands being organised for 16-18 May. [More...](#)

#### New project at ORC: Agroforestry Innovation Networks (AFINET)

Agroforestry Innovation Networks (AFINET) is a new 3-year Horizon 2020 project. AFINET will promote innovation in agroforestry through the development of a network, based on successful sharing of practical experiences and existing research knowledge, applied to different contexts, climates and agricultural sectors. [More...](#)

#### LEADER funding:

Grants for rural businesses in Chilterns, Clay Vales and North and West Northamptonshire [More...](#)

#### New staff

Welcome to our new starters: [Alex Jackson](#) is our new Administrative Assistant and [Dr Lindsay Whistance](#) has joined us as Livestock Researcher

### From Agriculogy

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

#### Bucking the trend: an alternative approach to couch control

Phil Sumption blogs on the Innovative Farmer field lab looking at buckwheat for couch control in organic rotations [More...](#)

### **Weed Control in Organic Vegetable Cultivation**

FiBL Technical Guide [More...](#)

### **No-dig techniques & soil management to suppress weeds & unexpected results aerating the soil**

Farmerama podcast featuring Charles Dowding [More...](#)

### **How do you test your soil health?**

Georgia Eclair-Heath blogs on Reading University survey on soil health [More...](#)

### **Harrow combing oats**

Richard Smith, Senior Farm Manager at Daylesford Farm vlog on harrow combing oats. [More...](#)

### **Farmer profile: Ian Harris**

Manager, Henfaes Research Centre - Bangor University's research farm [More...](#)

### **Crop rotation and its ability to suppress perennial weeds**

OK-Net Arable Practice Abstract [More...](#)

## **Upcoming events**

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### **10 May 2017: [Tree fodder food for thought?](#)**

Does tree fodder have a role to play in today's livestock farming in the UK?

### **22 June 2017: [Agroforestry 2017](#)**

Improving productivity for farmers and foresters

### **23 June 2017: [Practical Agroforestry in the British Isles](#)**

Farm Woodland Forum annual meeting

### **6 July 2017: [National Organic Combinable Crops \(NOCC\) 2017](#)**

ORC are active partners in OF&G's flagship event, which will be held in Hampshire.

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

## **Photo albums**

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### **GREATsoils - assessment tools at Loddington Orchard in Kent**

Field trials comparing different soil assessment methods in trials of green manure mixtures with standard control alleys [Photos...](#)

### **Soil amendments field lab**

2nd meeting of Innovative Farmers/GREATsoils/SustainFARM field lab at Tolhurst Organic (Tolly's) 3rd April 2017 [Photos...](#)

## **Videos**

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### Trees and vegetable production: an integrated system

An example of agroforestry from north-west England, featuring Alan Schofield - Growing with Nature [Video...](#)

### Investigating treehay: a traditional fodder

Ted Green MBE, founder of the Ancient Tree Forum feeds treehay cut from Elm Farm hedges last summer to the cattle at Elm Farm. [Video...](#)

## 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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### 2017 Organic Farm Management Handbook

This is a 'must have' publication for everyone interested in the business of organic farming and growing. [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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