

Team ORC completes the Magnificat!

Well done to Nic Lampkin, Alex Jackson, Michel Turbet Delof and Nicola Smith who successfully completed the Newbury-based Magnificat cycle sportive on 9th July 2017, featuring Standard (66 mile) and Epic (100 mile) routes. The funds raised will support ORC's parent charity Progressive Farming Trust Ltd. Donations accepted until 31/7/17 Support the team



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Impact on organic operators to be evaluated More...

'Plant teams' may help feed a rising population, researchers say:

New project to devise novel cropping systems using 'plant teams' More...

Let's Cultivate Diversity:

Gathering of farmers, millers and researchers in Belgium on diverse cereals More...

Last call for our agroforestry survey:

We've had a great response with over 100 participants so far and will be closing the survey at the end of August so if you haven't done so already and are interested please fill in our short survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CCNKR7B

From Agricology

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Farmer profile: Richard Gantlett

Richard farms beef cattle and cereals biodynamically at Yatesbury House Farm, on the Wiltshire downs near Avebury. More...

Innovations in UK agroforestry

ORC researcher Sally Westaway blogs. More...

Pest and disease management in Solanums

Jez Taylor, Head of the Daylesford Market Garden, talks about pest and disease management in Solanums. More...

Bringing in the bugs

Article by Pete Dollimore of Hankham Organics on encouraging natural predators in a commercial greenhouse environment More...

Digging the Dirt on Lower Smite Farm

Soil Association report explaining methods and benefits of improving soil health. It follows Caroline Corsie in her quest to improve soil health while providing habitat for pollinators and farmland birds on a mixed organic farm More...

Upcoming events

5-6 September 2017: 11th European Organic Congress Transforming food & farming – Making it Happen. Tallinn, Estonia.

6 September 2017: Rijk Zwaan - Embracing the Future

Soil Association/Rijk Zwaan open day

15 September 2017: Trees and livestock

A practical one-day workshop integrating trees, woodland and livestock

19 September 2017: Agroforestry for growers

A practical one-day workshop on integrating trees and vegetable production

27 September 2017: ORC FABS annual event

Members event at Bradwell Grove Farm, Glos

5 October 2017: LEAF Intercropping Workshop

Gloucestershire event - save the date

11 October 2017: STC Intercropping Workshop

Yorkshire event - save the date!

9-11 November 2017: 19th IFOAM Organic World Congress

New, Delhi, India

20 November 2017: Wonderful woodchip

Workshop at Tolhurst Organics, Berkshire

23 November 2017: Winter Organic Cereals event

Wiltshire event focusing on intercropping and diverse cereals

4 January 2018: Oxford Real Farming Conference 2018

Oxford Town Hall 4th & 5th January.

Innovative Farmers Field labs and Webinars

Photo albums

GREATsoils - field day at Loddington Orchard, Kent

The GREATsoils field experiment at Loddington, Kent held its second open day on Wednesday 24 July. Photos

Rotation Field Lab

GREATsoils/Innovative Farmers field lab on improving soil health and fertility in shared rotations. Photos...

Wakelyns/Hodmedod's open day

Wakelyns Agroforestry Open Day, Suffolk, in conjunction with Hodmedod's. 12 July 2017 Photos...

ORC at National Organic Combinable Crops 2017

Photos from OF&G's flagship event, hosted by Fullerton Farms Partnership, near Andover, on Thursday 6th July Photos

Let's cultivate diversity

As part of the CERERE project, (Cereal Renaissance in Rural Europe), the 3-day Let's Cultivate Diversity meeting was held at Hayon Farm, in the Wallonia region of Belgium, from 22-24th June. Photos

SRUC Organic Farming Msc Study tour 2017

Students on the SRUC Organic Farming visited Elm Farm, ORC trials at Doves Farm and Sonning, Sheepdrove Organic Farm, Eastbrook Farm, Duchy Home Farm and Tolhurst Organics. Photos

Videos

Jo Smith of ORC introduces the Agroforestry Innovation Networks (AFINET) UK project Video

James Smith on establishing clover in apple tree rows at Loddington, Kent (GREATsoils) Video

James Smith compares soil in control alley to cover crop alleys. GREATsoils trial at Loddington Video

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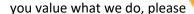
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