



Seeds to trees - the value of diversity

Wakelyns Agroforestry Open Day

Wednesday 19th June 2014 10am-5pm
Metfield Lane, Fressingfield, Eye, Suffolk, IP21 5SD

ORC presents the latest in sustainable agricultural research in this field-based open day at our research site in Suffolk.

- Interactive sessions and practical demonstrations of the science underpinning current and upcoming research projects
- Cover-crops and living mulches
- Agroforestry and hedgerow management
- Utilising cereal genetic diversity

Researchers, farmers and stakeholders will combine to facilitate diverse and stimulating discussions of the ways in which agroecological, including agroforestry, approaches can be best applied to optimise modern organic arable farming.

Cost: £25+VAT per person which includes a delicious locally sourced organic lunch
To book a place, please contact Gillian Woodward. Gillian.w@organicresearchcentre.com
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The Prince of Wales's Food and Farming Summer School 16-18 July 2014

The Organic Research Centre is honoured to be asked again to host this prestigious event in 2014, where the real sustainability challenges and solutions facing food and farming will be debated by a diverse group of producers, food businesses, retailers, government policy makers, farming unions, environmental NGOs and many more. [Programme available and booking open now!](#)

News

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

Bursary funding available for ORC events

Greenham Common Trust fund young people to attend our events [More](#)

GM foods neither safe nor needed, say genetic engineers:

New updated edition of GMO Myths and Truths has been released as a free online download.

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Focus Groups on Organic Farming and Protein Crops report:

Inspiration to diminish yield gaps in organic farming [More...](#)

EGTOP Reports on plant protection and food published

Reports to EC on organic plant protection products and flavourings used in organic foods [More](#)

Agroecology (Food Security) Bill: Update

Please lobby your MP to support the Bill [More](#)

The Agroecology (Food Security) Bill

ORC supports bill to raise awareness about agroecology [More](#)

NATURE highlights farmer-led research

Research designed by and for farmers is crucial to the success of farming [More](#)

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Upcoming events

29 May 2014: [Soil Association National Livestock Event](#)

The Soil Association and The Woodland Trust event in Gloucestershire

11 June 2014: [Cereals 2014](#)

ORC will be at the leading technical event for the arable industry

18 June 2014: [Fertility building leys field lab](#)

Field lab 2 at Wimpole Hall Farm

19 June 2014: [ORC Wakelyns Agroforestry Open Day](#)

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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

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

Woodchip compost field lab: field trials [Photos](#)

Diverse swards at Riverford Farm Organic Dairy [Photos](#)

Woodland Chicken workshop [Photos](#)

Farm GHG reduction and energy generation field lab [Photos](#)

Pollinator assessments at Whitehall Farm [Photos](#)

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Can you help us fund a Solar PV installation at Elm Farm?

We are looking to raise £75k to pay for a 66kWp Solar PV installation on the new livestock building at ORC, to be built/installed during 2014. This will allow us to complete the energy cycle, with our own renewable electricity powering the heat pumps that make the ground-sourced heating system work, as well as generating funds for our work. We are inviting donations or preliminary expressions of interest from supporters willing to invest for terms of 5-10 years – capital to be repaid with (modest) interest. If you are potentially interested, please contact [Nic Lampkin](#). Early responses would be very helpful.

Participatory research network – join in!

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