



## ELM FARM E-Bulletin No. 38, May 2015

### 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. As an added bonus, if you sign up to the group in May, you will be entered into our draw for a Daylesford Organic cheese hamper, to be drawn on 1st June. [More...](#)

### Last chance to win a cheese hamper!



now and be in with a chance to win a [Daylesford](#) cheese hamper, generously donated by Daylesford to mark the start of a new collaborative on-line knowledge hub project (the draw will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> June).

## News

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**The organic retail market in Wales 2015:** ORC co-authors new report published by Organic Centre Wales [More...](#)

**How do you assess your soil?** Please share your experiences in this short questionnaire! [More...](#)

**Farm Woodland Forum annual meeting at ORC:** The theme was Woodfuel from Agroforestry. Presentations and photos now online [More...](#)

**Cultivating Innovation conference:** Video presentation by Bruce Pearce on the insights from the EU temporary marketing experiment and the marketing of cereal populations [More...](#)

**Harvesting woodfuel from your farm:** Report from workshop at Wakelyns Agroforestry [More...](#)

**Organic food combines sustainability and quality:** Thanks to Sheepdrove Foundation we have produced an English language version of the FiBL dossier on Sustainability and quality of organic food [More...](#)

## Upcoming events

**1 June 2015:** [Cultural methods to control black grass](#)

2nd field lab in series at Shimpling Park Farm

**3 June 2015:** [Food, Values, Fairness: BOBL final conference](#)

This is the final event of the Food Values project, in Cardiff

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

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

**16 June 2015:** [Growing quinoa organically in the UK](#)

Field lab at Wakelyns Agroforestry

**2 July 2015:** [Organic support schemes](#)

Workshop at Elm Farm on the new schemes plus new opportunities organic farming

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

View ORC trials and more at Shimpling Park Farm

**22 July 2015:** [Growing heritage thatching wheat varieties](#)

Field lab at Wakelyns Agroforestry

**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](#)

Bristol. Save the dates!

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

## Photo albums

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Woodfuel from Agroforestry was the theme of the two day Farm Woodland Forum meeting, hosted by ORC at Elm Farm 18-19th May 2015 [Photos](#)

Harvesting woodfuel from your farm workshop at Wakelyns Agroforestry 16 April 2015 [Photos](#)

ORC was the official charity for the opening day of Goodwood's racing season on Saturday May 2nd. [Photos](#)

Pang Valley Conservation Volunteers work on the Elm Farm Trail. [Photos](#)

## More about us

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

The Participatory Research Network is now the Farmers' Organic Research Club (FORC). FORC provides producers and others with the opportunity to undertake their own farm trials, collaborate with fellow farmers and growers and to engage directly in the organic research programme of ORC.. [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. Available now. [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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