

## 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](#)



## News

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### Rise in organic sales from Welsh farms:

The Organic Centre Wales 2016 producer survey report [More...](#)

### Letter to Michael Gove on Agroforestry:

Government asked to support game-changing agroforestry systems [More...](#)

### 'A Matter of Scale' report published:

Small-scale, agroecological farms attract UK workers, produce high yields of vegetables and deliver multiple environmental and social benefits [More...](#)

### Demonstrating crop resilience through agro-biodiversity:

Read our Special Bulletin produced for National Organic Combinable Crops event (NOCC) 2017 [More...](#)

### EU Organic Regulation: Provisional agreement reached:

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 Agrigology

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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**

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**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

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**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

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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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