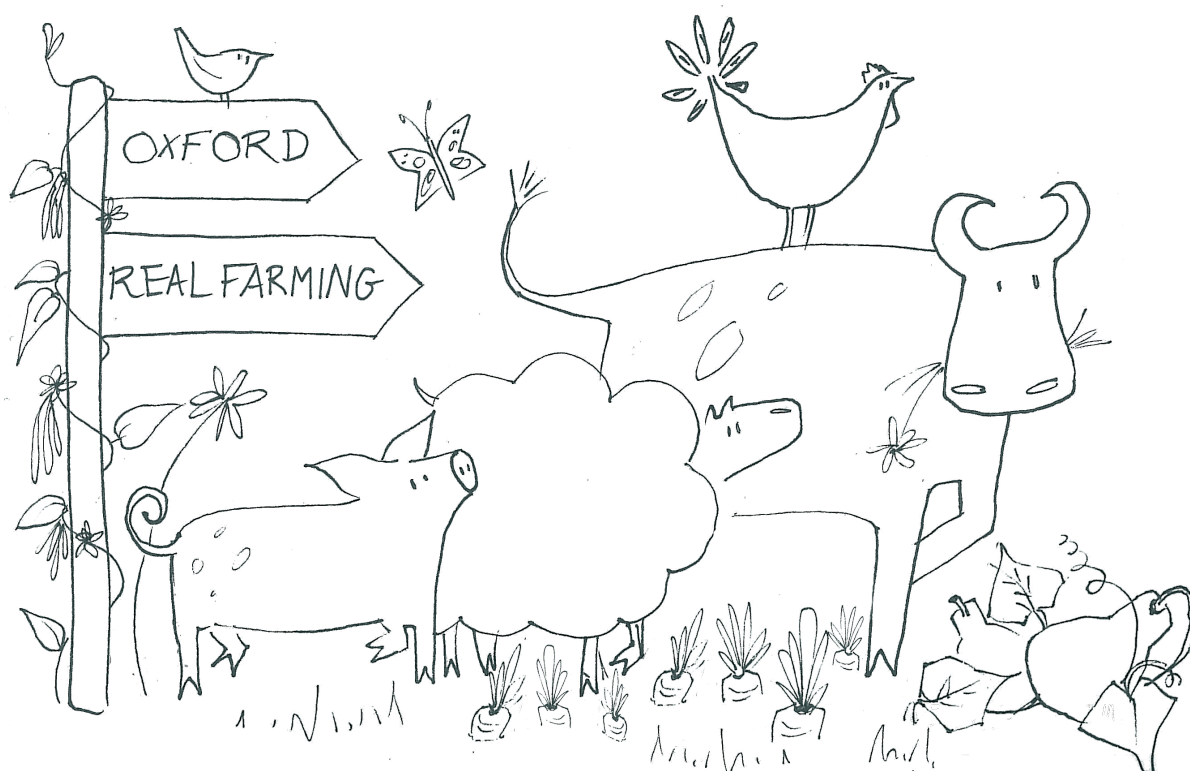


# The Oxford REAL Farming Conference

“A Cross-The-Board Re-Think”

5 & 6 January 2012



## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January

13:00 - 13:30

*BLACKWELL'S BOOK STALL*  
The Auditorium Foyer

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The Auditorium Foyer - Please use the Longwall Street entrance

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OPENING PLENARY: The deep structure of Agrarian Renaissance

The Auditorium

15:00 - 15:45

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TEA AND COFFEE

served in The Auditorium Foyer

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Farm-scale polyculture

Land, energy and carbon

GM: the hype goes on - why?

Connecting With Local Markets

The Auditorium

Summer Common Room

The Daubeny Room

Lecture Room A

Old Law Library

19:00 - 21:00

PASTURE FED BEEF SUPPER

Turl Street Kitchen - by advance ticket only

20:30 - late

CHEWING THE CUD - Drinks, Discussion and Live Entertainment

Turl Street Kitchen - all welcome

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New generation, new ideas

Why large pig units threaten our health

What's wrong with corporates?

Mapping The Future

Policy Opportunities for Agroecology

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CLOSING PLENARY: What can the UK contribute to global food security?

The Auditorium

17:30

CONFERENCE CLOSES

# Opening Statement

The Oxford Real Farming Conference, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2012

Agriculture needed serious re-thinking even before the present crises – financial, political, environmental, humanitarian. Now almost everyone who does not deliberately blind themselves to the obvious can see that the re-thinking is urgent. The Oxford Real Farming Conferences are designed to help this re-thinking – and to encourage farmers to take the lead, because hands-on farmers understand farming best, and yet they are routinely sidelined when it comes to making policy. The ORFC of January 2012 – the third in the series – continues what is already a tradition – but now with the inescapable sense that we must move very quickly beyond discussion and into serious action.

The task is threefold:

1: We must design agriculture as if we truly intended to feed people without wrecking the rest of the world – what has been called “Enlightened Agriculture”, or “Real Farming”. It doesn’t do simply to treat farming as “a business like any other”, with a brief to maximize wealth and make rich people richer.

2: We must ensure that farming has its own momentum and continuity so that it continues to thrive whatever may happen to governments – rather as the world’s banks are able to do, although without their obvious drawbacks. The job of farming is to serve humanity and look after the Earth but to do this it has at least to achieve the kind of quasi-autonomy, the status, that’s enjoyed for example by medicine.

3: To achieve all this, we – humanity as a whole – must in effect rescue agriculture. The events in Britain alone over the past 40 years illustrate a dozen times over that governments are not to be trusted with it. Small mixed farms, biologically unimpeachable, wildlife-friendly, humane, and serving their communities well, have been replaced by ultra-commercial monocultures. Animals have been deformed and rammed into factories. Tens of thousands of farmers have been thrown out of work, and the houses where they and their workers used to live have been sold off as holiday-homes. The most fertile land is on sale to the highest bidders, to do as they will. The world’s finest network of agricultural research stations and experimental husbandry farms have mostly been shut down or privatized – the most outrageous act of state-sponsored vandalism since the dissolution of the monasteries. Science, conceived as the disinterested search for truth, has become the hand-maiden of commerce.

We, people at large, Ordinary Joes, should not have allowed this to happen, and cannot allow it to continue. But to achieve the necessary changes we, people at large, must work with those farmers who still retain a sense of what farming ought to be, and with the scientists, however sidelined, who can see what has gone wrong and what needs to be done. Science needs rescuing too.

A sea-change is needed, in short, and we won’t bring this about in two days. But we will certainly help the momentum – and, with luck, we should trigger some new and practical initiatives that really could make a difference.



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# Blackwell's Bookstall

The Auditorium Foyer

All day Thursday and Friday

*Blackwell's will be running a bookstall throughout the conference, stocking relevant and often hard-to-find publications, as recommended (and in many cases written) by the plethora of interesting individuals we are proud to have gathered together. The stall will be open during the mornings, when there is not a full programme, as well as during lunch breaks, tea and coffee breaks and registration.*

# The deep structure of Agrarian Renaissance

13:30 to 15:00, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012, The Auditorium

Chaired By: Colin Tudge

Speakers: Sir Crispin Tickell GCMG KCVO, Graham Harvey, Patrick Krause

*Agriculture affects everything and is affected by everything. We cannot simply plug it in to the political ideologies and the economic dogmas that happen to be fashionable. So what kind of power structure, and what kind of economy, could truly support “Enlightened Agriculture” – the kind that is needed to feed us all well without destroying the rest of the world?*



## Colin Tudge - Biologist and Writer

Colin is a biologist by education and a writer by profession, with published books on evolution, genetics, phylogeny, trees and birds. He also has a lifetime's interest in food and agriculture, and in particular in the technologies and economic and social structures that are needed to feed everyone forever without wrecking the rest of the world. This was first outlined in his first book, *The Famine Business*, in the mid 1970s. In *So Shall We Reap*, in 2003, he invoked the phrase “Enlightened Agriculture” and developed this further in *Feeding People is Easy*. In 2009 together with his wife, Ruth, he founded the Campaign for Real Farming which led to the College for Enlightened Agriculture.



## Patrick Krause - Chief Executive, Scottish Crofting Federation

Patrick is the chief executive of the Scottish Crofting Federation, the only member-led organisation dedicated to promoting crofting and the largest association of small-scale food producers in the UK. He has been in this position for 8 years. Before this he worked in international rural development, chiefly for a livestock development organisation which was based in Scotland and worked mainly in Africa. He moved from international into Scottish rural development as he could see that Scotland faced interesting challenges in rural development practice, especially regarding the Highlands and Islands, crofting and small-scale food production.



## Sir Crispin Tickell GCMG KCVO

Sir Crispin is arguably the world's foremost authority on climate change. He is a leading international environmentalist and has been independent environmental advisor to successive UK Prime Ministers. He educates and advises governments, scientists, businesses and universities throughout the world on the importance of sustainable development.

Sir Crispin wants to save the planet and gives at least partial credence to fears that civilisation will not survive into the next century. “Everything is a system, including yourself. If you hang up a human corpse, 10 per cent of its weight is bacteria that we rely on to survive,” he says. “Cities are just big systems like living organisms too. They suck in materials and emit waste.” After a distinguished career in the Diplomatic Service and United Nations, Sir Crispin spends most of his time driving home the message that unless something changes, that very system is about to break down.



## Graham Harvey - Writer and Campaigner

Graham earned a degree in agriculture at Bangor in the 1960s followed by post-grad research on grassland. He has contributed freelance writing on food and farming to the national and farming press for many years, he has written several books including *The Forgiveness of Nature* (2000), *We Want Real Food* (2006) and *The Carbon Fields* (2008), and he joined The Archers script-writers in 1984, acting as agricultural story editor from 1997 to 2011. Graham is a co-founder of the Oxford Real Farming Conference.

# The future is grass

15:45 to 17:45, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012, The Auditorium

Chaired By: Graham Harvey

Speakers: Neil Darwent, Tom Malleson, Chris Jones, Dave Stanley, Guy Beaufoy

*Britain has a unique ability to grow good grass. Not surprisingly grassland has played a key role in food production on this island since Neolithic times. But with the arrival of cheap oil and chemical fertilizers, grassland management has been neglected. We are now paying the price for this in reduced soil fertility, poor quality foods and lower returns for farmers. It's now clear that well-managed grassland is essential for profitable and sustainable farming in the UK. There's a lot of ground to make up.*



## Dave Stanley - Beef Farmer

As Head of Environmental Management with the Environment Agency, Dave developed and facilitated its environmental strategy. Dave is now is an independent sustainability consultant working in the public and private sectors. He supports organisations in developing and implementing sustainability and environmental strategies, and environmental management systems. As an advocate of “cyclical thinking”, his approach is to primarily focus on the potential for organisations to achieve significant economic and environmental gains through improvements in resource use efficiency. Dave has produced environmental management guides and procedures covering procurement, land management and estates, premises, estates, project management and auditing. He incorporated Sustainable Development issues into the Government's Estates and Premises Management Guides. Dave has written articles on sustainability and presented at international seminars.

Dave has carried out a wide range of audits, including a food supply chain for a multi-national retailer, a leading property developer, buildings and operational functions, and produced supporting audit guides and procedures. He has carried out a sustainability appraisal for DEFRA of the Government's food procurement strategy and of a region's waste management strategy, identifying fresh issues and opportunities. The application of sustainability and cyclical thinking in his recent report “Achieving the UK's Climate Change Commitments and the Efficiency of the Food Cycle” has generated considerable interest by highlighting eco-efficiency opportunities within the “food chain”. Dave has supported a leading NGO in developing their sustainable land management strategy.

He is an associate lecturer at the National School of Government and at various universities presenting on sustainable development and government policy appraisal, and environmental management of estates, premises, buildings and facilities.

Dave also runs a “zero input” smallholding producing sustainable beef and mutton from traditional local rare breeds. The system approach centres around the application of cyclical thinking, and identifying and replenishing the specific trace element deficiencies in the soil.



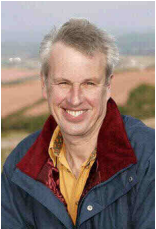
## Chris Jones - Beef Farmer

Chris was born in Cornwall at Roseveath Farm in 1959. He moved to Woodland Valley in 1960 and has lived there ever since apart from 3 years spent in Rhodesia in the late 70's and the Transition to Zimbabwe in the early 80's. Took a degree in forestry from Bangor in the 80's and worked for Fountain Forestry for 3 years. Went back to the farm during fathers terminal illness, and set up a suckler herd. Went to work as a mud engineer in the oil industry in '97 as a hedge against the devastation of BSE, converting the farm to Organic status in 2003. Chris has spent the last 15 years trying to reconcile a future of resource constraint against a background climate change and burgeoning population. A founder member of the PFLA (Pasture Fed Livestock Association), he sees that farming needs to reflect the ecology we live within, in his case producing high quality meat at least impact to the planet (arguably with more positive impacts than negative).



**Guy Beaufoy - Policy Manager, European Forum on Nature Conservation and Pastoralism**

Guy is Policy Manager at the European Forum on Nature Conservation and Pastoralism - [www.efncp.org](http://www.efncp.org) - a Europe-wide network which raises awareness of the importance of low-intensity farming systems for nature conservation and promotes better policies to support them. His interest in rural-environmental issues began when living in northern Portugal in the 1980s, which was followed by an MSc in Rural Resources and Environmental Policy at Wye College. He worked for 15 years in Spain and manages a small farm in Extremadura producing olive oil and figs. This has brought him into direct contact with the local farming community and the complexities of the CAP.



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**Tom Malleson - Dairy Farmer**

Tom is a first generation dairy farmer from North Dorset. He learnt his trade on farms in the UK and New Zealand, and studied Agriculture at the University of Nottingham. Tom, his wife and their business partner farm 400 Jersey cross cows on a spring calving, grass-based system. Their system is focussed on sustainable, profitable milk production from grazed pasture with hardy, fertile cows. Tom has been a member of UK pasture based farmer discussion groups since 2002 and can be seen waxing lyrical about the benefits of pasture on [www.pasturepromise.tv](http://www.pasturepromise.tv)!



**Neil Darwent - Farm Manager, Lordswood Farms**

Since graduating from Harper Adams Agricultural College in 1986, Neil has run a number of diverse dairy farming businesses. In 1998 he was awarded a Nuffield Farming Scholarship and travelled to both Australia and the USA, where he explored opportunities for dairy farm businesses to grow and achieve economies of scale. In January 2000 he was appointed Farms Director for Lordswood Farms in Somerset, an operation which, at that time, comprised nearly 3,000 cows. Today, the focus of the Lordswood business is one herd of 300 dual purpose Montbeliarde cows, producing both milk and beef from a pasture-based system, as part of a mixed farming operation.

The journey Neil has taken in milking and managing dairy herds has led him to question the benefits of a relentless pursuit of higher volumes of milk from cows and farms. He is acutely aware of the pressure on dairy farmers to adopt increasing intensification, fuelled by those selling science and technology and he has witnessed at first hand, the damage caused by the growing industrialisation of milk production amongst UK herds. He firmly believes that the adoption of robust dairy breeds and improved grassland management, offers farmers the opportunity to escape from the treadmill of commodity milk production.

In September 2011 Neil established a new initiative called Free Range Dairy, with the aim of restoring value to pasture-based dairy farms. Free Range Dairy will encourage milk producers to share their knowledge to help them regain control of their farms and improve profitability, for the benefit of farmers, cows and consumers.



# Farm-scale polyculture

15:45 to 17:45, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012, Summer Common Room

Chaired By: Sue Everett

Speakers: Chris Smaje, Prof Martin Wolfe, Andy Goldring

*Some say that mixed, integrated, low (agrochemical & fossil fuel) input and labour intensive farming systems are the most sustainable and efficient ways of producing food. But talk to conventional British farmers and they will say that polyculture systems are irrelevant to modern times, and that even growing two crops in the same field is an irrelevant scenario. What are the arguments for scaling up small-scale forest-garden or polyculture approaches to farming in the UK? Can these systems be made relevant to a larger number of farmers and the British food industry and if so how?*



**Chris Smaje - Partner, Vallis Veg**

Chris trained in social science and has worked at the Universities of London and Surrey, and at the King's Fund Institute. He is now a partner in Vallis Veg, an agro-ecological smallholding in Somerset which produces food for local sale and experiments with sustainable methods of food production and land use.



**Andy Goldring - Chief Executive, Permaculture Association**

Andy is the Chief Executive of the Permaculture Association, a national education and research charity. His work over the last eleven years has focused on building organisational and network capacity to teach, design and create permaculture systems. In late 2008 the Association established the Research Advisory Board to address the lack of published research on permaculture systems. In 2009 Andy established the LAND network to develop 80 demonstration sites across England. This is now emerging as a 'distributed campus' that functions to support people's learning and as a participatory research network. Andy also initiated the Low Carbon Farming Initiative, which is developing into a training programme and bespoke support for farmers wishing to trial the permaculture design approach. In 2011 the Association initiated a 10 year 'forest garden' trial and a pilot 'mixed vegetable growing' garden trial, as part of the polyculture research programme.



**Professor Martin Wolfe - Principal Scientific Advisor to the Organic Research Centre, Elm Farm.**

After a career at the Plant Breeding Institute, Cambridge, Martin held the Chair of Plant Pathology at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, until 1997. He now farms Wakelyns Agroforestry in Suffolk, which is the main site for ORC arable farming research. The background for the field trials is six organic agroforestry systems, developed over the past 18 years. This diversity theme is continued in the current main project on wheat population breeding as an alternative to monoculture.



**Sue Everett - Consultant Ecologist and Editor, British Wildlife Conservation News**

Sue Everett is an ecologist and sustainability consultant who specialises in restoring high quality and flower-rich habitat to the countryside and in towns. For the past 20+ years she has provided independent comment in her Conservation News column published by British Wildlife. She was involved in developing the ecologists' professional body (Institute of Ecology & Environmental Management) and the UK's ecological restoration charity, Flora locale (which she maintains involvement with as Technical Adviser). More recently she has migrated into the subject of ecological building science with a view to getting involved in making our old housing stock warmer and more climate friendly.

Blog: <http://warmerandwilder.blogspot.com>

Web: [www.meadowmaker.me.uk](http://www.meadowmaker.me.uk)

# Land, Energy & Carbon

15:45 to 17:45, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012, The Daubeny Room

Chaired By: Jamie Butterworth

Speakers: Tom Curtis, Adam Twine, Jamie Butterworth

*Farms have huge potential for generating energy, but for many farmers the concern is how to prepare for escalating costs of fertiliser and fuel. This session takes a strategic look at farm energy flows and asks how we can insulate agriculture from future energy price shocks.*



**Adam Twine - Director, Farm Carbon Cutting Toolkit (CIC)**

Adam obtained a BSc in Agriculture from Reading University in 1983 and has farmed on the Oxon/Wilts border near Faringdon ever since. He is a tenant of the National Trust on 750 acres at Colleymore farm

and a part owner of 450 acres at Westmill farm. The farm business has a 110 cow dairy herd, arable and beef enterprises, several alternative farm enterprises and a HLS scheme.

Adam has been working on renewable energy generation and energy saving on the farm for over twenty years ranging from a 5MW Solar PV installation (commissioning July 2011) to extensive use of insulation in the farm buildings, experimenting with a legume understory in wheat to reduce use of nitrogen and N<sub>2</sub>O losses, a heat exchanger for the bulk tank etc etc.

Adam spent far too long (17 years!!) setting up Westmill wind farm, the largest wind farm in central southern England (5 x 1.3 MW turbines - [www.westmill.coop](http://www.westmill.coop)) and he is very clear about the importance and urgency of engaging, both within and beyond his work, with the threat of climate change and our responsibility to make change.

The Farm Carbon Cutting Toolkit is Adam's attempt to do that within his own profession.



**Jamie Butterworth - CEO, the Ellen MacArthur Foundation**

Jamie is the CEO of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation - a charity with the aim of inspiring a generation to re-think, re-design and build a positive future. [www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org](http://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org).



**Tom Curtis - Director, Landshare (CIC)**

With a background in ecological research, Tom also has extensive professional land managing experience, ranging from ancient woodland restoration, to sheep and arable farming. He is concerned with the connection between people and land - the finite resource on which we all rely for the basics of survival.

# GM crops: the hype continues - but why?

15:45 to 17:45, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012, Lecture Room A

Chaired By: Pete Riley

Speakers: Pete Riley, Lawrence Woodward, Ricarda Steinbrecher & Helena Paul

*Information on latest developments plus a chance to discuss ways to ensure agroecology and not GM is the priority. Pete Riley will provide a round up of the latest developments in all things GM, for both the EU and the USA. Lawrence Woodward will explore a practical example of how GM is aggressively promoted even when it's not clear that it's the best approach - showing how genetic modification is entirely unnecessary for controlling aphids in wheat. Finally, Ricarda Steinbrecher and Helena Paul will examine the hype that promotes GM as the solution to hunger, climate change, sustainable farming and malaria.*



**Pete Riley - Campaign Director  
GM Freeze**

Pete Riley has been campaign director of GM Freeze since 2004. Previously we worked for Friends of the Earth as senior campaigner on food and farming. He has also worked as a consultant on waste minimisation and recycling and a vegetable growing co-operative in the Vale of Evesham. He qualified in ecology from the University of Edinburgh and is keen natural historian and has spent many hours observing and recording wildlife in the farmed landscapes of South Yorkshire and Worcestershire.



**Ricarda Steinbrecher - Econexus**

Dr. Ricarda Steinbrecher is a molecular geneticist and developmental biologist. She has a PhD from the University of London, UK, and a first class honours M.Sc. from the University of Kiel, Germany (1985). She has specialised in gene regulation and gene modification and has worked as a research scientist in the field of mutational analysis, gene identification and gene therapy in university and hospital settings. Since 1995 she has been working on genetically modified organisms, their risks and potential consequences on health, food security, agriculture, biodiversity and ecosystems. She is advisor and consultant to many national and international organisations and processes and has acted as scientific expert in governmental and public consultations and court cases.



**Lawrence Woodward - Whole Organic Plus**

Lawrence Woodward advises, writes and speaks about the principles and methods of organic agriculture and other farming and food issues to a wide range of organisations and audiences. In 2001 he was awarded an O.B.E. for services to organic farming, having played a pivotal role in the strategic and practical development of the organic sector in the UK and internationally. He was co-founder and for 30 years director of the Organic Research Centre – Elm Farm and is its Principal Policy Advisor. He has served on many government, civil society and private sector bodies and currently sits on the boards of Organic Arable, Organic Seed Producers Ltd and the IFOAM EU Group. In 2010 he established Whole Organic Plus to undertake work on the regeneration of the organic movement; food quality and health; and GM issues.



**Helena Paul - Econexus**

Helena Paul campaigned for the protection of indigenous peoples' rights and tropical forests, with a special focus on Colombia and Brazil from 1989-1996. During those years she also worked on the impacts of oil exploitation in the tropics and spent several years as European representative on the international committee of Oilwatch International. She was also involved in founding the UK Forest Network.

# Connecting With Local Markets

15:45 to 17:45, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012, Old Law Library

Chaired By: Traci Lewis

Speakers: Luke Hasell, Helen Seymour, Iain Tolhurst

*Producer-consumer relationships are evolving and new examples of how farmers and their local communities can work together for mutual benefit are emerging. This workshop explores some of the ways you can transition your farm business to one which makes the most of community connections by combining business sense with a social conscience. This workshop will present examples from farms which have developed their businesses to ensure they have a strong local customer base - making good use of local marketing and appealing models, and working closely with community partners. Come to this workshop to find out more and ask the panel your questions.*



**Traci Lewis - Organic Buying Groups Project Manager, Soil Association**

Traci lives in Devon and is project manager of the Organic Buying Group project, as part of the Making Local Food Work programme. This is a 5 year Big Lottery funded partnership programme to support the development of community food enterprise in England. Traci has worked for the Soil Association for over 10 years, initially in the areas of certification and then business development. She then moved to Cornwall to manage 'Organic South West' a six year regional production and market support programme for organic farmers and other food producers. She is also currently coordinating a city wide partnership project in Plymouth 'Sustainable Food City: Plymouth' which developed and launched the new Plymouth Food Charter and action plan.



**Luke Hasell - The Community Farm and The Story Group**

The Story Group was established in 2005 by Luke Hasell and Jim Twine when they both inherited their neighbouring family farms. The farms cover an area of 550 acres around the Chew Valley and they breed north and south Devon suckler herds. The aim was to provide great tasting, fresh organic produce direct to the consumer. In 2010, poultry experts Bill and Emma Yeats, of Lowerstock Farm, joined The Story Group. They have developed their own breed of chicken called the Bishops Vale which is sold exclusively through The Story Group. In 2008, Luke and Jim, along with Phil Haughton of The Better Food Company, established The Community Farm on 50 acres of prime agricultural growing land. The aim of the farm is to provide a direct link between the production and consumption of food. In November 2010, the Community Farm launched their community share offer, inviting members of the public to invest in the farm. As of February 2011, the scheme has raised over £100K from more than 260 investors.



### **Iain Tolhurst - Tolhurst Organic Produce**

An organic producer since 1976 operating a 200+ per week box scheme using 90% own produce from 75 different crops on 17 acres of land at Hardwick Estate in south Oxfordshire. The farm was the first to attain the Organic Stockfree symbol in 2004, no grazing animals and no animal inputs to any part of the farm for the past 20 years.

Iain Tolhurst is well known within the organic movement having been active for over 35 years. He also works part time as an advisor for many horticultural farms nationally and internationally, various organic organisations delivering seminars and conducting farm walks. He carries out some voluntary work overseas as well as being the chairman of Thames Organic Growers, and is one of the formative members of the Organic Growers Alliance. He is considered to be a leading expert on stock-free organic horticulture, green manures in practice, bio-diversity at work and low carbon local vegetable production and distribution systems. He has written numerous technical articles in a range of publications and co-wrote "Growing Green"

[www.tolhurstorganic.co.uk](http://www.tolhurstorganic.co.uk)



### **Helen Seymour - Headingley Development Trust**

Helen Seymour is a director of Headingley Development Trust and helped to set up Headingley Farmers' Market and the Headingley Fowl and Pig Co-ops. She is chair and was one of four founder directors of The Natural Food Store Limited, which was bought by the community from its former private owners using a community share issue. She is a board member of the Plunkett Foundation a charity which promotes and supports co-operative and community enterprise in rural communities. She was formerly Head of Projects and Development at Co-operativesUK.

Friday

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# Exhibition and Bookstall

The Auditorium Foyer

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EXHIBITION - all day Friday

*Throughout Friday there will be small exhibition stands in the Auditorium Foyer, providing information on some of the projects, products and services that are springing up to support real farming. Stalls will be open throughout the morning, when there is not a full programme, as well as during lunch breaks, tea and coffee breaks and registration.*

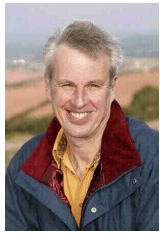
# Soil and Health

09:30 to 12:30, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012, The Auditorium

Sponsored By: Pasture Promise TV and Independent Soil Services Ltd

Speakers: Martin Lane, Robert Plumb, Neil Fuller

*In 1959 the distinguished French biochemist and farmer Andre Voisin published his classic book Soil, Grass and Cancer. In it he explored the link between human and animal health and the mineral balance of the soil. He concludes that the principal aim of medicine must be to establish the cause of disease rather than to look only for cures. In particular attention should be concentrated on the chief source of health protection – the soil that produces our food. Fifty years later science is now beginning to confirm that Voisin was right.*



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#### **Neil Fuller - Soil Solutions Ltd**

Neil is a specialist in soil fertility and its influence on both crop health and human health. He lectures on the subject around the world – so far he has spoken in more than 18 countries. In the 1980s he worked with a Scottish community in developing sustainable patterns of living.



#### **Robert Plumb - Independent Soil Services Ltd**

Robert has been involved in maintaining and improving soil fertility for 40 years. Initially he worked in the conventional fertilizer industry, but through his company, Independent Soil Services, he is now firmly committed to biological agriculture. His customers include both organic and conventional farmers producing both arable crops and livestock.

#### **Martin Lane - Field Science Ltd**

Martin founded his company, Field Science, 12 years ago. The company carries out soil remedial work leading to raised mineral levels in the foods grown on it. Field Science is also developing non-oil based fertilizers and researching sequestration techniques for removing nitrates and phosphates from watercourses.



# Taking the Initiative

10:00 to 12:30, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012, Summer Common Room

Chaired By: Mary Clear

Speakers: Anthony Davison, Angie Bywater, Ed Hamer, Julian Cottee, Nicole Vosper

Those attending are advised to consider bringing their lunch. There will only be an hour before the afternoon sessions begin, and there are likely to be lots of burning questions after the session, when we will adjourn somewhere to eat.

*For the Agrarian Renaissance to take hold, we need bold new ideas, mixing the best of the old with innovative techniques and approaches, to create the food systems of the future. We also need bold individuals who can seize on those ideas and make them a reality. People who just go for it. At the Oxford Real Farming Conference we are lucky enough to be able to bring together just these types of people – whether they're farmers, campaigners, organisers, entrepreneurs or simple enthusiasts – and their ideas, for the sake of shared inspiration and information.*



**Mary Clear - Campaigner and general inspiration**

Mary is a dreamer and schemer; she is living her life on the edge.

Mary sleeps like a baby because every day is filled with adventure.

Food and growing are important to her, she believes in the saying “Be the change you want to see”

She thinks nothing can be nicer than feeding a crowd round the kitchen table.

Her stew is tops.

Mary believes she will be a long time dead so likes to crack on with the jobs that needs doing .

She has ten grandchildren and want to leave a better world for them to enjoy.



**Angela Bywater - Methanogen**

Angela Bywater has a background in IT, having implemented and managed projects for a number of well-known UK companies. An interest in anaerobic digestion (AD) was sparked when she was asked to project manage the construction of a digester and other building works in early 2001. Over the last decade, she has maintained an interest in the technology and has been involved in a number of AD-related projects and publications. An avid gardener with an interest in sustainability, she is currently focussing on small farm and micro-AD technologies. Her recent seminal report for the Royal Agricultural Society of England on Farm Digesters has attracted worldwide interest, with downloads in excess of 30,000 copies.



**Anthony Davison - Founder, BigBarn**

Anthony is a fifth generation farmer and has an MBA from University of Warwick. Anthony understands the needs of farmers and the way the food industry works. Over the past ten years he has worked tirelessly to get BigBarn to where it is today and carefully built the BigBarn brand.

He attributes the success of the business to a strategy of capitalising on BigBarn's first mover advantage without growing too fast, as well as avoiding the dotcom trend to seek excessive funding that cannot be repaid and developing products and services before customers are ready for them.

Anthony has built up a huge network of business contacts crucial for the company's next rapid growth stage. He is confident that BigBarn will be able to grow quickly with the complacency of the supermarkets and growing demand for better, cheaper, local food.



**Ed Hamer - Chagfood CSA**

Ed Hamer is a young farmer and a journalist. As a part of co-founding a three-acre CSA supplying seasonal and ecologically produced veg-boxes on the edge of Dartmoor, Ed has learnt to farm with horses. He broke his own horse Samson to harness, and performs most of the regular cultivations using modern small-scale horse-drawn machinery sourced from Europe. He is passionate about getting more young people farming with horses, and about exploring exactly the best uses of horses, both in the competitive present, and in a resource constrained future.



**Nicole Vosper - Reclaim The Fields**

Nicole Vosper is a permaculture designer, part time grower and project worker with local food charity, Somerset Community Food, on an access to land project to support people to get growing. She is also active with grassroots group, Reclaim the Fields, a constellation of young people and collective projects willing to go back to the land and reassume the control over food production. Her website is: [www.wildheartpermaculture.co.uk](http://www.wildheartpermaculture.co.uk)



**Adam Payne - Reclaim The Fields**

Over the past four years Adam has been working with grassroots community food growing projects in London to create growing spaces and build networks between producers who are working for food sovereignty and land rights. He has been active with Reclaim the Fields, a European wide movement of landless peasants, and recently cycled from London to Palestine on a project to build links between politicised food growing projects. Adam is currently working with Organiclea, a workers co-op who grow and sell vegetables from a 12 acre site in Chingford.



**Julian Cottee - Cultivate**

Cultivate is a new co-operative social enterprise aiming to make local food more accessible to more people in Oxford and surrounding communities with our mobile organic greengrocers, the VegVan. We are crowd-funding our start-up by launching a community share offer in mid-January.

Julian is one of the five young co-founders and directors of Cultivate. He has an MSc in Environmental Policy, has previously worked with the Environmental Justice Foundation and was a founding member of OxGrow, Oxford's edible community garden.



**Dagan James - Broughton Water Buffalo**

Usually in the fields of Asia, farmer Dagan James brought water buffalo to his part of Hampshire in 2001. In the 10 years since then Dagan has sold his water buffalo meat both locally in shops and in nearby farmers' markets. The buffalo have flourished on the thin grass that would not favour more conventional cattle and they also have a very easy-going nature and are generally very placid and curious, up to a point - when they get angry they certainly get angry.

# New generation, new ideas

13:30 to 15:30, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012, The Auditorium

Chaired By: Sam Henderson

Speakers: Rona Amiss, Russell Carrington, Ed Hamer

*Throughout history farming has used the skills, initiative and ambitions of its new entrants to feed a growing population with limited resources. Over the next 50 years we must demonstrate how this can now be achieved in the face of unprecedented environmental and economic shocks - from peak resources to volatile markets. This is the challenge for the the next generation of farmers - the new entrants who have a unique opportunity to make their new ideas count.*



**Rona Amiss - Duck and goose farmer, Higher Fingle Farm Dartmoor**

Rona Amiss farms in Devon with her husband at Higher Fingle Farm which is a County Council farm on the edge of Dartmoor. They produce organic poultry, duck eggs, beef, lamb & goat, much of which they sell direct via farmers markets and their mailorder website. She has recently published her Nuffield Report on Opportunities for New Entrants, which highlights the need for a more flexible approach to tenancies to create a more dynamic farming ladder. The Nuffield Scholarship gave Rona the opportunity to meet farmers in USA, France, Cambodia, Thailand, India and around the UK.

[www.higherfingle.co.uk](http://www.higherfingle.co.uk)



**Russell Carrington - Herefordshire Farmer**

Although Russell grew up on his family's farm in Herefordshire he left to study Civil Engineering and follow a different career. However, after a stint of international travel he decided to revert back to what flows in the family bloodline and become a full time farmer but with a string of off-farm skills and a passion for embracing the challenges of food production in the 21st century. He now assists in the management of an 800 acre farm in Herefordshire as well as helping out at home. On top of this he is very active in the young farmers movement, writes in several village magazines to help explain the work of farmers, sits on Defra's Green Food Project working group, is part of Herefordshire's Rural Hub steering group, contributes to the British Pasture-Fed Livestock Association and in addition has started a local Transition Farming movement in Herefordshire.



**Ed Hamer - Chagfood CSA**

Ed Hamer is a young farmer and a journalist. He is co-editor of The Land magazine and has written regularly for The Ecologist, The Guardian and Resurgence. Over the past two years he has co-founded Chagfood community market garden, a three-acre CSA supplying seasonal and ecologically produced veg-boxes on the edge of Dartmoor. He is passionate about getting more young people farming with horses.



**Sam Henderson - Church Farm, Ardeley**

Sam lives and works on Church Farm, in Ardeley, Hertfordshire, which he has helped re-establish from set aside since January 2008. Church Farm uses sustainable, ecological methods, based on traditional mixed farming, to grow almost everything that can be grown in the UK.

Having grown up as a bit of a "city bumpkin" Sam's current work, alongside learning to farm, is to bring farming into the city - creating more awareness of farming and where food comes from among city folk, encouraging urbanites to grow all they can, and creating direct personal relationships between town-dwellers and the farms that surround them. His current focus is developing the Church Farm box scheme into a fully fledged membership, including a pioneering scheme that links households in North London directly to the farm. In July 2010 Sam started work with Andy and Paul (his partners in Something & Son LLP) to transform a disused East End shop into a farm. Over a year later, "FARM:shop Dalston" is producing fish, salad, herbs, vegetables, eggs, mushrooms and even lufahs, and has genuinely "gone viral", attracting global interest and media coverage.

# Why Large Pig Units Threaten our Health

13:30 to 15:30, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012, Summer Common Room

Chaired By: Peter Melchett

Speakers: Peter Lundgren, Tracy Worcester, James Davies, Johnny Lewis, Emma Hockridge

*The scientific evidence Carter Ruck did not want you to hear - plus new evidence on the economics of large-scale dairies, the impact on family pig and dairy farms, and are AD units linked to industrial livestock units green-wash?'*



**Peter Melchett - Policy Director, The Soil Association**

Peter Melchett is Policy Director of the Soil Association, the UK organic food and farming organisation, involved in campaigns and policy. The Soil Association led the move to ban GM under organic standards and has consistently campaigned for agroecological farming and food systems. Peter also runs a 360-hectare organic farm in Norfolk, with pigs, beef cattle and arable seed crops. He was a Labour Government Minister 1974-79, at the Departments of Environment, Industry, and Northern Ireland, and was then President or Chair of several conservation ngos. He was Director of Greenpeace UK from 1985 to 2000. Greenpeace launched their global campaign against GM crops in 1997, and Peter was one of 28 volunteers arrested for removing GM maize in 1999; all the volunteers were found not guilty in the subsequent court case.



**Peter Lundgren - Farmer**

As well as being a being a conventional farmer in Lincolnshire growing combinable crops and rearing Gloucester Old Spots pigs Peter has spent the past decade campaigning for a viable sustainable future for British farming. Peter set up FARM – the independent voice of farmers ([www.farm.org.uk](http://www.farm.org.uk)) with a group of like-minded farmers and environmentalists and is a board member of GM Freeze campaigning for a moratorium on the growing of GM crops. As a Lincolnshire resident, Peter became involved with the World Society for the Protection of Animals ([www.wspa.org.uk](http://www.wspa.org.uk)) after the Nocton Dairies' application for an 8,100 cow mega-dairy was filed. In particular, he is interested in working to highlight the economic drivers that have led to the mega-dairy concept and to campaign against the advent of mega-dairies in the UK and EU.

[www.peterlundgren.co.uk](http://www.peterlundgren.co.uk)



**Tracy Worcester - Director, Pig Business**

Tracy actively supports efforts to shift ideas of 'development' away from the dictates of giant corporations and banks who put economic growth before the well-being of citizens and the planet. Her documentary PIG BUSINESS has been broadcast worldwide and screened at the UK and EU Parliaments and in Congress to inform lawmakers of the need to regulate factory pig farming, a system which abuses animals, pollutes the environment, damages human health and destroys rural communities. Tracy's other films include *Is Small Still Beautiful?* in India and *The Politics of Happiness in Bhutan*, BBC World 2005.



**James Davis - Local Foston campaigner**

Jim is 45 years old and is part of a family that has lived in Foston, Derbyshire for five generations.

He is an engineer by trade, and is now running a successful recruitment business

that is celebrating its 12th year.

Jim is interested in the local community, local history and the countryside, and has grown up in and around the farming community.

He has five children and step children, all who live in the area and could be affected by the planning proposal.

Jim does not consider himself political, and up to this point has never campaigned about anything.



**Emma Hockridge - Head of policy, Soil association**

Emma is head of policy at the Soil Association. Prior to this, Emma was a project co-ordinator for Sustain: the alliance for better food and farming. She undertook a Masters in Sustainable Development

Advocacy and previously worked for Defra and carried out conservation work in the Peruvian jungle after completing her degree in Geography and Environmental Studies In 2006 she was awarded a Nuffield Farming Scholarship. Emma's family have been farming in Devon for over six generations.

**Johnny Lewis - Director, J S Lewis Ltd**

Johnny Lewis is director at JS Lewis Ltd, who provide advisory and project development services in the sustainable energy sector. J.S Lewis Ltd have carried out research on the claims made on Anaerobic Digestion made in proposals for livestock mega units.

# What's wrong with corporates?

13:30 to 15:30, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012, The Daubeny Room

Chaired By: Felicity Lawrence

Speakers: Felicity Lawrence, Lucy Ford, Helen Rimmer, Dan Crossley

*Corporates have the power to do good and sometimes do – yet they also emerge as a threat to humanity and, in particular, to the cause of enlightened agriculture. Do they do bad things because they are badly run, or because they employ bad people? Or are they systemically flawed – and if so how? Is it wise to contemplate any kind of deal with corporates, or do we have to create something quite different?*



**Felicity Lawrence - Special correspondent, The Guardian**

Felicity is special correspondent for the Guardian and author of two bestselling books on the food system, both published by Penguin and translated in to several languages: Not on the Label -- What really goes into the Food on Your Plate (2004) and Eat Your Heart Out -- Why the food business is bad for the planet and your health (2008). Lawrence writes about globalization and the politics of food, and special areas of interest include inequalities in diet and health, migration, labour rights, and corporate concentration in agribusiness. She has won numerous awards for her writing. The bread chapter of Not on the Label has been widely quoted for its contribution to renewing the debate about the quality of our staples. She lives in London with her husband and three children.



**Helen Rimmer - Tescopoly Alliance**

Helen is a Food Campaigner at Friends of the Earth, and her recent work has focused on campaigns on supermarkets and for a sustainable meat and dairy sector. Prior to Friends of the Earth she worked as a Policy Analyst on food and natural resources at the Sustainable Development Commission, and has also worked in regional government and community development.



**Lucy Ford - Senior Lecturer in International Relations, Oxford Brookes University**

Lucy Ford is a senior lecturer in International Relations at Oxford Brookes University. Her research and teaching focus on the global political economy of environmental governance and resistance. In a previous incarnation she worked for Caroline Lucas MEP in Brussels as researcher and parliamentary assistant. She is passionate about how power operates and has been active in the green movement for quite some years.



**Dan Crossley - Principle Sustainability Advisor, Business Programme, Forum for the Future**

Dan Crossley is Principal Sustainability Advisor at Forum for the Future, the sustainable development not-for-profit working globally with business and government to create a sustainable future.

Dan helps lead Forum's food system work, which is centred on mainstreaming sustainable food. He has worked with many leading food businesses on sustainability including Marks & Spencer, Unilever and PepsiCo.

Before joining the Forum, Dan qualified as a chartered accountant, and then went on to work for a food manufacturing company. Dan has an MSc in Environmental Technology from Imperial College London and a BA in Geography from Cambridge University.

# On-line innovation: mapping the future

13:30 to 15:30, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012, Lecture Room A

Chaired By: Chris Parker

Speakers: Helen Steer & Pete Boyce, Louise Campbell, Ed Dowding, Mark Goodwin

*The people who are doing good things, the people who need help, and the people who want to help, need to be in touch with each other and with the world at large. Astute, informative maps of who's doing what where can help the process no end. This workshop, hosted by Ordnance Survey's open innovation network, GeoVation, explores the challenges mapping can be used to address, with innovative examples and contributions by local food and farming pioneers.*



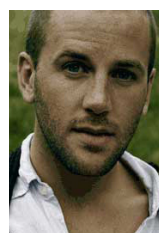
#### **Mark Thurstain-Goodwin - MD, Geofutures**

Mark is founder and MD of Bath-based Geofutures Ltd, a spatial insight consultancy using data analysis and geographic information science (GIS) to help clients map and visualise data, revealing patterns, trends and impacts. Mark was previously a commercial property analyst at PMA, before undertaking a Master's degree in GIS at the Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis (CASA) at University College London and becoming a Senior Research Fellow at UCL. Geofutures was spun out of UCL in 2002. Mark established Geofutures' reputation by undertaking major research studies including developing the Index of Town Centre Activity, used by DCLG to publish town centre statistics for England and Wales, and designing the spatial sampling strategy for the CPI for ONS. Geofutures provides online mapping and information tools, and has a number of high profile sustainability sector clients.



#### **Louise Campbell - FoodNation**

Louise Campbell is a Geovation award winner for the "How Can Britain Feed itself" challenge. Her idea: Foodnation for mobile and web, allows health urbanites to find their local farmer or CSA using location based technology. Foodnation allows users to subscribe to a farm vegbox delivery service, helping to increase loyalty to their nearest farm. Louise is a member of the Church Farm Ardeley CSA in Hertfordshire, Foodnation's case study farm, and has worked with Sam Henderson to help increase the farm's profile while fine tuning the Foodnation business model.



#### **Ed Dowding - Sustaination**

Sustaination is a match-making service which makes it convenient and easy for businesses to find, buy, sell, and promote locally produced food and drink. Our mission is to turn food supply chains into resilient webs of independent buyers, sellers, and distributors which operate in concert to create a sustainable alternative to the supermarket-led food system.

By providing market intelligence Sustaination helps producers, distributors, caterers, and retailers efficiently cooperate to shorten the supply chain to save time, money, and environmental impact whilst delivering more nutritious food to customers.

Promotional tools give consumers access to the information required to make informed choices and support those businesses who bring meaningful livelihoods and sustainable practises to their local area.

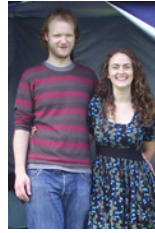
There is no single solution to the complex and interconnected problems the food sector needs to overcome, so Sustaination aims to provide something that everyone wants: easy access to actionable information.



**Chris Parker - Senior Manager, Product Marketing and Propositions (Communities) Ordnance Survey**

Chris Parker is Open Innovation Manager at Ordnance Survey, the national mapping agency. He is co-founder of GeoVation.org.uk, Ordnance Survey's open innovation network. GeoVation runs open, collaborative challenges that help address communities' needs where geography may be part of the solution. GeoVation helps turn peoples' geography based ideas into sustainable ventures and GeoVation's challenges: "How can Britain feed itself sustainably?" (developed with Agrarian Renaissance and the Campaign for Real Farming) and "How can we improve transport in Britain?" resulted in seed funding for eight new ventures in 2011.

As a geographer and land and water resources scientist, Chris has worked at home and overseas for over 25 years, developing innovative uses of geography to address community needs.



**Helen Steer & Peter Boyce - City Farmers**

Helen Steer and Peter Boyce run City Farmers, a social enterprise that creates new growers, facilitates existing growing schemes and helps local government engage individuals and communities through food and mapping, helping existing growing spaces, as well as helping set up new places to grow.

As part of their ongoing work to develop City Farmers, Helen and Peter run workshops, help with funding, organize collaborations and set up projects. They are also developing a number of maps of Lambeth with growing projects, travel information, socio-economic data and details of accessibility.



# Policy Opportunities for Agroecology

A strategy session to discuss policy opportunities to promote ecological and equitable models of sustainable food production and consumption.

13:30 to 15:30, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012, Old Law Library

Chaired By: Patrick Mulvany

Speakers: Julia Wright, Geoff Tansey, Michel Pimbert

*While “local food webs”, many of them ecological, will continue to feed most people in the world, “top-level” processes will grab the headlines. Some will culminate in 2012, including the UN Rio+20 conference and the launch of the ‘Green Economy’. Other UN processes, on the governance of food, biodiversity and climate change will continue to seek sustainable outcomes. In Europe, CAP reforms will be a hot topic. The UK will stage a global scientific event “Planet under Pressure” which will discuss solutions, at all scales, to move societies on to a sustainable pathway, providing scientific leadership towards Rio+20. In this context, this session will focus on how to change mindsets towards the benefits of ecological and equitable models of sustainable food production and consumption in the UK, Europe and Internationally.*



**Patrick Mulvany - Senior Policy Adviser, Practical Action / Chair, the UK Food Group**

Patrick Mulvany is senior policy adviser to Practical Action, formerly the Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG). His work focuses on policy and practice to realise food sovereignty in many countries

in the world, as well as related issues of the governance of food, agricultural biodiversity and technology. He was an NGO member of the governing bureau of the International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD). He is Chair of the UK Food Group (UKFG), an independent network of UK organisations concerned with global food and farming issues that is located within Sustain: the alliance for better food and farming. Among other issues, the UKFG promotes ecological food provision in the framework of food sovereignty, as a way of securing future food. The UKFG also represents the UK NGO network BOND (British Overseas NGOs for Development) in the European Food Security Group of CONCORD, the NGO liaison body for the European Commission. Patrick is an active participant in the civil society lobbies at the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN (FAO) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) as well as in the international food sovereignty networks, which organised Nyéléni 2007 in Mali, the 2009 People’s Forum in Rome, and Nyéléni Europe 2011 Forum for Food Sovereignty in Austria.



**Dr. Michel Pimbert - Principal Researcher and Team Leader (Food and Agriculture), International Institute for Environment and Development.**

Dr. Michel Pimbert is currently Principal Researcher and Team Leader for Agroecology and Food Sovereignty at the UK based

International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED [www.iied.org](http://www.iied.org) ). An agricultural ecologist by training, he previously worked at the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) in India, the University François Rabelais de Tours in France, and the World Wide Fund for Nature in Switzerland. He has also done research for the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), The World Conservation Union (IUCN), and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). Dr. Pimbert has been a Board member of several international NGOs working on food sovereignty, sustainable agriculture and human rights. He is currently the Deputy Chair of the Commission on Environment, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP) of The World Conservation Union (IUCN).

Dr. Pimbert’s work centres on food sovereignty and citizenship, sustainable agriculture and livelihoods, the political ecology of natural resource and biodiversity management, as well as participatory action research and deliberative democratic processes.



**Julia Wright - Deputy Director, Centre for Agroecology and Food Security, Coventry University**

Julia is Deputy Director of the Centre for Agroecology and Food Security, a joint applied research and development initiative of Coventry University and Garden Organic, based in the Midlands, where she is responsible for the development of applied research projects in the thematic areas of the centre, the development and running of higher education and professional development courses, and postgraduate supervision

Julia has over 25 years' experience in sustainable agricultural applied research and development, with a focus on the application of agroecological, organic and permaculture principles and approaches to contemporary farming issues. She has worked for government, the UN and CGIAR systems, non-government organisations and the private sector, and has worked in a broad range of countries: Europe – UK, Netherlands and Spain; Central and South America – Peru, Mexico, Cuba, Brazil, Jamaica; Asia – Afghanistan, China, Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia; Africa – Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Kenya, Nigeria.

Julia has supervised masters students on agriculture in humanitarian contexts (Sri Lanka) and indigenous ethnobotany (Tanzania), PhD students on institutional aspects of organic agriculture (Jordan), and on climate change and agriculture in the UK, and has been external examiner for PhDs in mixed farming systems (Cuba) at Wageningen University. She is a leading expert in Cuban farming and food systems post-1990, and sits on the editorial board of the International Journal of Cuban Studies.

Julia is a Deployable Civilian Expert with the government's Stabilisation Unit and has undergone hostile environment awareness training. She undertakes consultancy work, previously for the FAO, IFAD, Coventry University, International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements, Overseas Development Institute, Learning by Design, Garden Organic, and the Government Office for Science

She has served on the board of trustees for the Bioregional Development Group and Steering Committee of Transition Town Leamington, and is currently on the editorial board of the International Journal of Cuban Studies



**Geoff Tansey - writer and consultant**

Geoff Tansey has worked on food, agriculture and development issues since the mid-1970s, when helped found and edit the journal Food Policy. He has degrees in Soil Science and History and Social Studies of Science and has worked on various agricultural development projects in Turkey, Mongolia, Albania and Kazakhstan. Geoff has been a freelance writer, consultant, and occasional broadcaster since the early 1980s and has contributed to The Guardian, Financial Times, BBC Farming World and BBC Farming Today, as well as having written and edited a range of books, including The Food System - a guide (1995) and The Future Control of Food – guide to international negotiations and rules on intellectual property, biodiversity and food security (2008). He received a Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust Visionaries for a Just and Peaceful World award in 2005, the Derek Cooper Award for 'best food campaigner/educator' in the 2008 BBC Food and Farming Awards and was the joint winner of the award for campaigning writing by the Guild of Food Writers in 2009. He has been a member of the Food Ethics Council since 2000 and is an honorary visiting fellow at Bradford and Newcastle Universities.

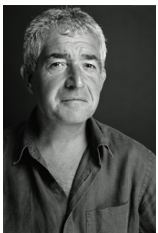
# What can the UK contribute to global food security?

16:00 to 17:30, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012, The Auditorium

Chaired By: Tony Juniper

Speakers: Prof Tim Lang, Christopher Stopes, Michel Pimbert

*Skills-intensive, mixed, integrated, and low-input agriculture demonstrably produces the most good food, most sustainably. What can and should the UK do to develop such farming and promote it throughout the world?*



**Tony Juniper - sustainability and environmental adviser**

Tony Juniper is a campaigner, writer, sustainability adviser and a well-known British environmentalist. For more than 25 years he has worked for change toward a more sustainable society at local,

national and international levels. From providing ecology and conservation experiences for primary school children, to making the case for new recycling laws, to orchestrating international campaigns for action on rainforests and climate change, his work has sought change at many levels.

Juniper presently works as a Special Adviser to the Prince of Wales Charities' International Sustainability Unit, having previously worked (2008-2010) as a Special Advisor with the Prince's Rainforests Project. He is a Senior Associate with the Cambridge University Programme for Sustainability Leadership (CPSL), working as a member of the teaching faculty and in the development of the organisation's new Natural Capital programme

In November 2008 Juniper was declared as an Honorary Fellow by the Institution of Environmental Sciences in recognition of contributions to environmental science. In November 2009 Tony Juniper was the first recipient of a unique and prestigious award created by The Wildlife Trusts in honour of conservation pioneer Charles Rothschild, and his daughter, Miriam.



**Christopher Stopes - Director, EcoS Consultancy / President, IFOAM EU Group**

Christopher has over 25 years experience working with European Commission and parliament, national government, NGO and corporate clients. He is an expert in the development of sustainable food and farming systems, policy, strategies, action plans and innovative techniques for production, processing and supply chain development. Christopher is an accomplished cook and amongst other activities is working on a Faith in Food project. He was previously Head of Research at the Organic Research Centre - Elm Farm and has degrees in biological sciences and agriculture. He is President of the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) EU Group and a Board Member and Trustee of Pesticide Action Network - UK. He serves on the independent Certification Scrutiny Committee of Soil Association Certification Ltd. EcoS Consultancy Ltd. was established in 1997 and provides research, technical and market development services for sustainable food with a primary focus on organic food and farming, climate change, animal welfare and pesticide policy.



**Prof Tim Lang - Professor of Food Policy, Centre for Food Policy, School of Health Sciences, City University London.**

Tim Lang has been Professor of Food Policy at City University's Centre for Food Policy since 2002. He was a hill farmer in Lancashire in the 1970s and for the last 35 years has engaged in public and academic research and debate about food policy. He was Commissioner on the UK Government's Sustainable Development Commission (2006-11). He's co-author of Food Policy (Oxford University Press, 2009), the Atlas of Food (Earthscan, 2008) and Food Wars (Earthscan, 2004). His new book, (G Rayner & T Lang, Ecological Public Health, Earthscan/Routledge) is published April 2012.



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# Practicalities

## Registration

Lunch is not included in conference tickets. There are plenty of places to find good food around the centre of Oxford. We have marked some of those - places we know that provide good, well-sourced food - on the map of Oxford included with this programme, including the Turl Street Kitchen, who are helping us host the event.

The specially arranged Pasture-Fed Beef Supper is strictly by ticket only, and will be held at the Turl Street Kitchen. If you do not have a ticket, most of the places listed will also serve supper, and there are plenty of other options.

## Fringe Sessions

Space in each individual fringe session will be limited (apart from those held in the Auditorium) although there is more space in the fringe session overall than in the plenaries.

To reserve a place in a fringe session, you need to add your name to the relevant list.

The lists will be open from 1pm each day, alongside registration in the Auditorium Foyer.

SPACES IN FRINGE SESSIONS WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

## Lunch and Supper

Registration for both days of the conference is at 1pm in the Auditorium Foyer.

Those who have not already paid will be required to pay upon registration.

Upon registration you will be given a wristband designating which days of the conference you are booked in to.

If you wish to attend a morning session on the day you are due to register, please simply make your way to the session and explain the situation to the volunteers for that session.

## Filming and Photography

All plenary and fringe sessions, including morning sessions, will be filmed, and photographs will be taken throughout the event.

If you are not comfortable with this, please let us know and we will ensure that no footage or photograph which includes you is made publicly available after the event.

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To our wonderful speakers and delegates, who truly do make the conference what it is.

To the organisations and individuals who have helped us put together such an exciting programme this year, by helping to organise (and to some extent fund) all the different sessions.