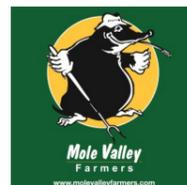


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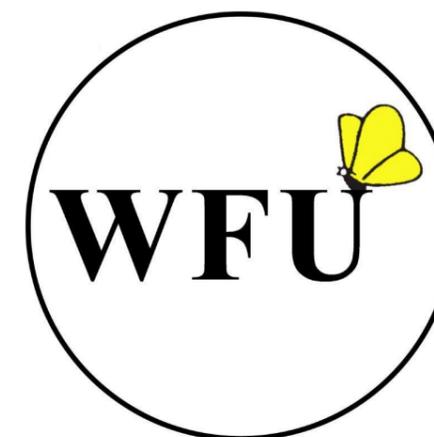


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Annual National Conference

Food for Thought 2012

Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th April 2012

At

Bicton College

East Budleigh, Budleigh Salterton, Devon, EX9 7BH

Organised by Devon WFU

Conference Programme

Wednesday 11 April

4 - 6pm Registration in the Foyer, Bicton House

7 for 7.30pm 1940's Dinner in the Refectory

"Women's Land Army –then and now" Guest speaker *Sue Virgin*

Music by Blitz and Peaces

Thursday 12 April

7.30 - 8.30am Breakfast in the Refectory

8.30 - 9.00am Registration in the Foyer, Bicton House

9.15am Welcome - Russet Room, Bicton House
Helen Bower ARAgS, WFU President

9.25am Conference opens
Baroness Byford DBE, Patron WFU

9.45am The Challenge: food security & sustainability
Prof. Michael Winter OBE, Director Exeter University Centre for Rural Policy Research

10.10am CAP reform made interesting
Richard Ashworth MEP for South East England

10.35am Questions
Chaired by John Lee OBE, Council Chairman Devon County Agricultural Association

10.50am Coffee

11.15am Feeding the future
Caroline Drummond MBE, Chief Executive LEAF (Linking Environment & Farming)

11.40am How does food and farming get the scientific and technical knowledge to run successful and profitable businesses?
Mary Quicke MBE, Quickes Traditonal Ltd

12.05pm Inspiring young people to green living and green careers
David Henley, Principal Bicton College

12.30pm Questions
Chaired by John Lee

12.45pm Lunch in the Refectory

1.55pm Assemble outside the Refectory - Visit to Bicton College Farm and EaRTH
(Environmental & Renewable Technologies Hub)
David Henley - Principal, Graham Waddell - Section Leader Environment and Sustainability, Jonathan Davis - Renewable Technologies Training Co-Ordinator, Paul Redmore - Farm Manager

3.15pm Devonshire Cream Tea in the Refectory

3.40pm How I get my way in a male dominated environment
Jane Townsend, Deputy Principal Academies

4.00pm Getting the message across in a digital age
Charles Baughan, Managing Director Westaway Sausages

4.20pm *Farmers on Film* - Feeding the Olympic Dream
Sarah Gayton, Taste of the Moorlands Bakery

4.40pm Questions
Chaired by John Lee

7 for 7.30pm **Conference Dinner, Russet Room, Bicton House**
After dinner speaker *Howard Petch CBE, FRAgS,*

Friday 13 April

7.30 - 8.30am Breakfast in the Refectory

8.30 - 9.00am Registration in the Foyer, Bicton House

9.15am Can UK farming compete in a global market?
Neil Parish MP, DEFRA Select Committee

9.40am Animal health and welfare - challenges and opportunities.
Prof. Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales

10.05am Zoonosis - can we stop them and at what cost?
Dr Marina Morgan, Consultant Microbiologist Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital

10.30am Questions
Chaired by John Lee

10.50am Coffee

11.15am What is Fair Trade?
Richard Haddock, Churston Farm Shop, FSB Agriculture spokesman SW

11.35am What will farming look like without fossil fuels?
Nicholas David Cooper, Oak BioEnergy Ltd & Laverstoke Park Charitable Foundation

12..00pm The future's bright – the future's farming!
Helen Camp, YFC Ambassador 2011

12.20pm Questions
Chaired by John Lee

12.40pm Conclusions and Open Forum
Helen Bower ARAgS, President WFU

1.00pm Conference closes followed by lunch in the Refectory

2.00pm Assemble outside the Refectory - Visit to Bicton College Equestrian Centre
Alex Robinson-Barr, College Equine Leader

Guest Speaker Biographies



WFU President Helen Bower ARAgS

Married to a Nottinghamshire farmer for 40 years, farming sand land and light clay loams in growing combinable crops, Helen was also a primary school teacher. Helen was elected as WFU President in 2010 after holding office as Acting President between 2009-2010. She has been a member of the WFU for 28 years, served as Notts Chairman and member of CEC from 1987 to 2000. Helen represents WFU on the Pesticide Forum and Human Health sub committee. Helen became an Associate of the Royal Agricultural Societies in 2011.



WFU Patron Baroness Hazel Byford DBE, DL, FRAgS

Lady Byford has been a Conservative member of the House of Lords since 1996, and was opposition spokesman on Food, Farming and Rural Affairs from 1997 to 2007. Having attended Northamptonshire Agricultural College she became a poultry farmer producing parent stock for Thornbers. A Canon of Leicester Cathedral, Lady Byford is President of LEAF, RABDF, Leicestershire Clubs for Young People, a fellow of Royal Agricultural Societies and Under Warden of the Worshipful Company of Farmers. She is Patron of WFU National Farm Attractions Network and the Institute of Agricultural Secretaries.



Sue Virgin

Sue has an interest in the social history of the Second World War, especially the effect it had on women and the impact they had on the final outcome, in particular the Women's Land Army. Sue gives talks to school children and for the Education department of Tiverton Museum. She lives in Devon with her husband and son. They own many WWII army vehicles including her 1943 Canadian Jeep in which she drove to the Conference. She is one of very few women who can drive a tank on the road, and has been part of the crew of the only working First World War tank such as the one featured in the film 'War Horse'.

John Lee OBE, FRAgS



A beef and cereal farmer near Crediton, John is Chairman of the Devon County Agricultural Association, which organises the Devon County Show and manages the Westpoint Arena. John is a Chairman of FACE, a director of Mole Avon Trading Ltd, and a Trustee of the Rural Youth Trust. President of Beef South West in 2010, Chairman of Bicton College Governors for ten years until 2010, he chaired the DEFRA Sustainable Farming and Food Strategy group retiring in 2011. John is past Chairman of Devon, SW and National Federation of YFCs, and the only English President of the European CEJA. Currently he is Vice President of Devon federation YFCs and Deputy President of the National Federation. John is a Fellow of the Royal Agricultural Societies.

Professor Michael Winter, OBE



Michael is a Professor of Rural Policy and Director of Exeter University Centre for Rural Policy Research. As well as his role at Exeter University Michael Chairs the Food Security & Land Research Alliance, a joint initiative of the universities of Bristol and Exeter and Rothamsted Research. He is a social scientist who works on agricultural and environmental change. Michael is a former member of the DEFRA Science Advisory Council; a co-author of the National Ecosystem Assessment; and a Commissioner for the Commission for Rural Communities.



Richard Ashworth, MEP for South East England

Before becoming an MEP in 2004 Richard's life revolved around cows. A dairy farmer in East Sussex for over thirty years, he operated his own dairy business and served as Chairman of United Milk PLC. Richard is currently a member of the Committee on Agriculture in the European Parliament and is Conservative Spokesman. He is also the ECR Co-ordinator on the Budget Committee and lead member on future strategy.



Caroline Drummond MBE, FRAgS, FIAGM, FRSA, CEnv, BSc (Hons), Agric Chief Executive of LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming)

Caroline graduated in Agriculture and has broad practical agricultural experience. Her work focuses on encouraging more sustainable farming practices, building better public trust and understanding of farming and the environment. Oxford Farming Conference Chairman 2005, a Trustee for the Royal Agricultural College, Rothamsted and British Nutrition Foundation, she sits on Defra's Civil Society Advisory Board and the Green Food Project Steering Committee. She is a Fellow of the Royal Agricultural Societies, the Institute of Agricultural Management, the Royal Society of Arts and Chartered Environmentalist and director for LEAF Marque.



Mary Quicke MBE, FRAgS, Chief Executive of J G Quicke & Partners and Quickes Traditional Ltd

Mary is the 14th generation on her 1,500 acre farm, with 500 cows. She runs an integrated cheese making farming business (cows and crops) producing world class traditional cheddar with a turnover of £3million, employing 37 people. She is the largest traditional cheddar maker and exports to USA and Australia and in 2011 her cheese won ten major awards and a total of 47 prizes. Her cows graze outside most of the year and she has extensive environmental schemes. Mary is the 2012 President of the Devon County Show, Fellow of the Royal Agricultural Societies, Director of Devon Grain, Vice Chairman of Maize Growers Association, Committee member of Slow Food Devon and Devon WFU member.

David Henley, Principal of Bicton College



The eldest son of a farming family in North Yorkshire David qualified in agricultural engineering at Harper Adams University College, in 1984. Having worked in engineering R&D then teaching engineering and mechanisation at Oaklands and Askham Bryan, he became Vice Principal. In 1999 David moved to Kingston Maurward College as principal, and moved on to become Principal of Bicton College in 2009. David is a founding Member and Company Secretary of Landex was Local LSC Council Member, and graduated from the Principals Qualifying Programme in 2009. His hobbies are sailing and competing in off-road motorcycle trials as an antidote for the stress of being Principal!

Jane Townsend BA (Hons) MSc - Deputy Principal Academies, Bicton College



Jane has always known she wanted to be a strong and competent leader. Challenging outdoor environments formed a large part of her life and educating young people to enjoy this world led to an Exeter University education teaching degree in Physical Education and an MSc in Rural Tourism from Seale Hayne. Jane loves empowering others to be the best that they can be and with 15 years of teaching and management experience her greatest challenge is currently at Bicton College where she is striving to ensure that it too can be the best for the students it serves across Devon. Jane wants to make a difference to people's lives, leading them to fulfil their potential and ensuring they work as a team.



Charles Baugham, Managing Director of Westaways Sausages

A 100 year old family business which produces 25 miles of a wide variety of premium sausages every week. Winners of numerous awards including the BPEX 2010 sausage competition they have a worldwide customer base and were short listed for the UK Best Exporter of the Year. They source as much of their produce as possible from West Country farms and believe in high animal welfare standards. Investing heavily in modern technology Charles is a great believer in using social media to promote his business.



Sarah Gayton, Boss of Taste of the Moorlands Bakery Ltd

Since 2005 when Sarah started producing Golden Oatty Biscuits, she has won Gold, Silver & Bronze Great Taste Awards, was Stafford Show champion in 2006. In 2010 Sarah set up the Farmers on Film Campaign and has worked tirelessly to promote British Food for the Olympic Games 2012, recently achieving success at a meeting with LOCOG. She conceived the idea of making films of farmers, countryside which could be accessed using a smart phone via a QR code on food packaging. With Staffordshire University students she recently won a Bronze Medal Award for Creative Cultural Project at the Podium Awards.

Howard W. Petch CBE



After five years in the family business and work with VSO he embarked on a career in Agricultural Education. Howard became Vice-Principal of Warwickshire College of Agriculture then principal at Bishop Burton College for 12 years. He led the formation of Landex and served as Chief Executive, is a Commissioner for the Commission for Rural Communities (CRC) Chairman of Yorkshire Farm Crisis Network (FCN) Vice Chairman of FCN Board of Trustees and a JP. Howard was awarded the OBE for services to Agricultural Education and the CBE for services to the farming community. He is an active member of his local church. His most recent challenge, aged 68, was to climb Mount Kilimanjaro to raise money for charity.

Neil Parish MP for Tiverton and Honiton



Before entering politics Neil managed the family farm in Somerset after leaving school at 16 years old. One of Neil's passions is animal welfare and he is currently Chairman of the Associate Parliamentary Group on Animal Welfare. Neil was a Member of the European Parliament for ten years, between 1999 until 2010 where he was Chairman of the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee and sat on the Fisheries Committee. Neil was described by David Miliband, then Secretary of State for Defra, as a Rottweiler for his dogged persistence. Neil was instrumental in setting up the European Parliament's public Inquiry into the Foot and Mouth Outbreak.

Professor Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales.



Christianne has lead the Welsh Assembly Government team responsible for animal health and welfare policy and strategy since 2005. Her top priorities are to ensure a state of preparedness for any incursion of exotic notifiable disease, and to vigorously pursue a programme of TB eradication in Wales. She qualified and completed her PhD at the Royal Veterinary College, London University. Past President of the International and British Pig Veterinary Societies, she served on the Rare Breeds Survival Trust and British Veterinary Association Councils. Joining the State Veterinary Service during the 2001 Foot and Mouth Disease epidemic, Christine was Divisional Veterinary Manager in Reading.



Dr Marina Morgan, Consultant Microbiologist, RD& E Hospital Exeter

A farmer's daughter from the Black Mountains in Wales with a special interest in zoonosis. She is the author of numerous papers on zoonosis, and the '**Streptococcal zoonoses**' chapter in the textbook of zoonosis – in press. Marina is a member of Devon WFU and played an important role in helping to update the Medical Contact Card.



Richard Haddock, Churston Farm Shop, SW Agriculture spokesman for FSB

Richard grew up on a farm in Somerset and worked in civil engineering, mining and building before starting farming with 12 acres and a few calves. Full time farmer since 1989, he expanded to 1500 acres, and opened a large farm shop in 2007. Moving into agri-politics and more recently local politics, Richard is well know for his zealous, outspoken defence and promotion of British food and farming, winning the Carlton TV's Westcountry Personality of the year 1999 and Farmers Weekly Personality of the Year.



Nick Cooper, Commercial Director at Oak BioEnergy Ltd. and Ambassador for Laverstoke Park Charitable Foundation

After studying Agriculture and Farm Business Management Nick joined the Advisory department of MAFF (ADAS), has been a successful agronomist and Farm Management Consultant. During the last ten years he worked as senior Project Manager with Natural England, specialising in renewable energy projects and environmental issues. He led the bid for the Challenge Fund Project on Farming Without Fossil Fuels using the Goodwood Estate as the model. Married with two daughters he has a lifelong passion for cricket.



Helen Camp

Helen farms with her husband David and is Finance Manager for J G Quicke and Partners. On their 800 acre tenanted, organic farm Helen and David have a herd of pedigree and commercial South Devon cattle, rearing all calves to finishing and sell through a local meat box retailer. They run a flock of 300 mixed breed ewes and grow 80 acres of cereals. Helen has been a very active member and office holder in the YFC and was runner up at the National final of Senior Ambassador of the Year 2011.

Special thanks to all our guest speakers and to Bicton College

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