

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Back to the Future
Innovative ways for the future

Thursday 20th March 2025

FarmED | Honeydale Farm
Station Road | Shipton under Wychwood



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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TIME	DETAILS	SPEAKER
8.00	FarmEd Opens	
8.45	Registration – tea/ coffee & pastries	
09.15	Welcome	William Waterfield, Farm Consultancy Group
09.20	An introduction to FarmEd	Ian Wilkinson, FarmEd Founder

SESSION 1: WHAT DOES THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

Session Chairperson: Thrings Solicitors

09.45	What Has Changed (and What Might Yet Change) in the Wake of the Rock Review into Agricultural Tenancies?	George Dunn, TFA
10.10	Multi-functional land use for a changing world	Stephen Briggs, RASE/ AHDB/ AbacusAgri
10.30	Taxation Budget 24 after the dust has settled	Andrew Robinson, Armstrong Watson LLP
10.50	Questions	
11.00	Break	

SESSION 2: WIDER IMPLICATIONS TO THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY

Session Chairperson: Paul Henman, Promar International

11.20	Water regulations	Kelly Hewson-Fisher, Savills
11.40	Gene editing	Lydia Smith, NIAB

12.00	Is decarbonisation a misnomer?	George Collison, Collison Associates
12.20	Questions	
13.00	Lunch Break	
14.00	Walking farm tour with Ian Wilkinson, FarmEd Founder & Kate Henderson, Agricultural Lead	<p>FarmED is a 107 acre demonstration farm situated in the heart of the Cotswolds. It was founded in 2021 by Ian and Celene Wilkinson who recognised the need for climate-friendly solutions to the global issues facing farming and food production. FarmED is a space for open discussion, debate and research. It offers an opportunity to see regenerative farming and sustainable food systems in action. It all starts with the soil! Our facilities include a farm-to-fork Cafe, conference barn, and meeting rooms in award winning buildings, boasting beautiful views across the farm and the rolling Cotswold countryside.</p> <p>The farm walk covers soil health, crop rotations, heritage vs conventionally grown wheat, herbal leys, mob grazing livestock, a Community Supported Agriculture scheme (The Kitchen Garden People), apiary, natural flood management scheme, heritage orchard and more. Attendees will find out how the farm's management approach is providing opportunities to lower input costs, increase biodiversity, rural employment and resilience to climate instability, and also improve livestock health. We hope that seeing what we are doing here will spark ideas and discussions around how these regenerative practices could be implemented in different systems or at different scales.</p> <p>Discussion topics during the tour will include agroforestry, arable rotations with herbal leys, soil health and integrated pest management. There will also be a chance to see the natural flood management system and the Centre for High Carbon Capture Cropping trial.</p>
16.00	Summary & take home messages	Wendy Jenkins, Chairman BIAC
16.15	Tea & cake	
16.30	Conference Close	

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