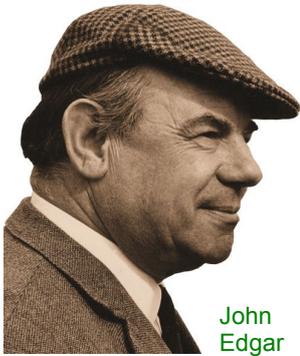




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John Edgar

JET First Impressions 2010

Harry Yorke has survived his week at Cirencester

Being a Harper lad I had vowed not to step foot on RAC soil unless it was to watch them lose on the rugby pitch. That is until two weeks ago when I found myself heading up the main college drive to start my first week of the John Edgar Trust Management Development course. I was not sure what to expect or what the training would involve.

After some well thought out introduction and ice breaking tasks it was clear we had a diverse and interesting group. Among the team we have several of us who are involved in various forms of farming and land management, the man in charge of CLA Wales, a grain trader and an expert in the world of all-weather equine surfaces. One of our first challenges was the Psychometric analysis questions, something I'd never come across before and I was very sceptical. It turned out to be surprisingly accurate and raised some interesting areas for personal improvement.

Monday evenings skittles

tournament in the Severn Tuns was a chance for us to get to know each other better as well as John and James. Rhonda joined us eventually



Harry Yorke displaying his leadership potential

when she found the place.

By Tuesday afternoon we had settled into a busy schedule of lectures covering a

range of topics from partial budgeting to time management. We had some very enjoyable dinners with after dinner speeches from Geoff Elliot and Professor Chris Gaskell.

A welcome break from the classroom came on Thursday afternoon in the form of a visit to Kemble Farm, a large dairy enterprise with an anaerobic digester plant. It was very interesting hearing about the problems and challenges they have faced getting the digester plant up and running.

The group bonded very quickly helped by the odd drink at the bar in the evenings. We even made a group visit to Cirencester's hottest night spot. Saying goodbye to everyone on Friday afternoon it felt we'd known each other a lot longer than a week. I am looking forward to January when we travel to the Grosvenor for our second week of training and get stuck into our first case study.

You are invited....
to an
Alumni Dinner



at the
**Grosvenor Hotel
Stockbridge**

On **Tuesday, January 11th**
for JET Years 1992-2008
or **Wednesday, March 16th**
for JET Years 1971-1991

Please put the appropriate
date in your diary now

Contact your JET friends & contemporaries and book a table.
Price £25/person.

Book via the Hon. Secretary
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2011 is JET's
40th Anniversary
and an autumn celebration
is planned

Watch this space!

Dr Gordon Gatward OBE

Our Speaker at the Alumni Dinner on January 11th

Gordon Gatward is the Director of the Arthur Rank Centre at Stonleigh Park and is the Honorary Chaplain to the RASE. He has a rural background and a life-long interest in farming, and his entire career before and after his ordination has been in-



involved with agriculture and rural matters. Dr Gatward was awarded his PhD by Leeds University for his work on livestock Ethics.

We can be sure of a lively and thought-provoking talk.

JET Scholars 2010-2011

Our selection panel had a hard task selecting from over 40 applicants

	<p>Sam Burge</p> <p>Southampton Solent graduate (25) now partner in 750 acre family arable farm near Winchester and responsible also for diversification projects.</p>	<p>Sarah Hosmer</p> <p>RAC graduate (26) now working in Berkshire as Operations Director for Martin Collins, the world's leading supplier of synthetic surfaces for racetracks and arenas.</p>	
	<p>Ben Butler</p> <p>Wye graduate (29) worked for Savills as agribusiness consultant and now director on 1900 acre mixed family farm and arable contracting business near Marlborough.</p>	<p>Tom Hughes</p> <p>RAC graduate (25), now Assistant Manager with Chris Musgrave near Marlborough and part of a team responsible for 8000 acres (3000 arable), equestrian and shooting enterprises.</p>	
	<p>Ed Deeley</p> <p>RAC graduate (31) running with father 850 N. Oxfordshire acres. Has incorporated this land into a new 3500 acre arable joint venture with 3 other farmers and is keen to build a large diverse business.</p>	<p>Andy Sprake</p> <p>Self-employed (48) currently working for Roundwood Estate and Geoff Elliott Farming while looking for an arable / mixed farming management position. BASIS & FACTS qualified.</p>	
	<p>David Exwood</p> <p>Sussex family farm partner (44) who has built up a 1200 acre beef and arable farm (from original 160 acres). Business now includes farm shop and vegetable-growing enterprise</p>	<p>Ben Underwood</p> <p>Wye graduate (29) currently Deputy Regional Director for the CLA in the South East following a spell in the CLA land use policy team. Runs small goose rearing enterprise.</p>	
	<p>Mike Farrell</p> <p>Hartpury Graduate (27) now on-farm grain trader in Hampshire with Robin Appel and manages the company's arable farming activity in addition to inspecting crops for seed production.</p>	<p>Geoff Venn</p> <p>Sparsholt NDA graduate (25) and partner in Hampshire family farm. Started a wood waste recycling business to produce compost and wood fuel, with recycling gypsum in the pipeline.</p>	
	<p>Edward Gibbon</p> <p>Newcastle graduate (27) currently managing an agricultural contracting firm in West Sussex</p>	<p>Harry Yorke</p> <p>Harper Adams graduate (29) BASIS and FACTS qualified, working for James Dockray since 2008. Now Farm Manager responsible for 1000 acres in Berkshire and with involvement in a further 2500 acres</p>	