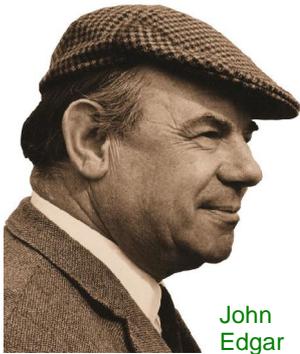




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The 2010 / 2011 JET Course

Applications are invited now

It's already a year since the last John Edgar Course came to an end, and according to the participants it was a resounding success. Now it's time once again to invite applications for the 2010 / 2011 Course which will follow the familiar format of a five-day session at the Royal Agricultural College in November followed by two case-study based modules at the Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge in January and March. The lead tutor will once again be Professor John Alliston, ably partnered by Dr. James Jones.

As always our intrepid interviewing panel will on June 16th be looking for a well-rounded group of twelve dynamic people who are each established in a career in rural business, and who are looking to acquire the skills they need to face the business challenges of an uncertain and increasingly volatile future. The John Edgar Course is unique in its way of meeting this demand with a mixture of formal

study, discussion, case-work and personal interaction all compacted into three separate action-packed weeks. Few have come through the experience unchallenged and unchanged.....

the English Higher Education Council for the next Course.

We now need to get the word around and attract applicants. Last time we had a bumper response. Our team is contacting as many people as it

Diary Dates



Applications Close	28 th May
Selection Interviews	16 th June
Cirencester Course	15 th -19 th November
1 st Stockbridge Course	10 th - 13 th January
2 nd Stockbridge Course	15 th - 18 th March



Professor Alliston's Management Training Philosophy

An innovation last year was the academic recognition granted to the Course via the Royal Agricultural College. Participants were able to submit a piece of work which will if they wish contribute 30 credits of the 100 needed for a postgraduate diploma. The Course continues to be free of charge, but the Trustees have been pleased to receive financial help from

can think of who can help publicise the Course, but as always we rely too on readers of this newsletter to persuade a colleague, neighbour or friend to apply. PLEASE think of someone and tell them about it!

The relevant dates are on this page, and full details of the Course and an application form can be found on the website

JET Reunion Afternoon

on Tuesday 11th May at Rotherfield Park, East Tisted, Alton from 1.30 to 7.30 p.m.

Our biennial farm walk and reunion will be held this year at Sir James Scott's Rotherfield Park Estate. To fit in better at a busy time of year this will be an afternoon event, starting with a tour of this magnificent 4500-acre dairy and arable estate.



The theme for the visit is "Sustaining the Community"; a philosophy which is at the heart of the management at Rotherfield where an integral aim is to maintain a viable village. This topic will be explored further in the seminar session before we finish with a hearty hog roast.

John Alliston says "This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to study all aspects of agriculture's responsibilities and to show in action how food production underpins environment, biodiversity, energy usage and social issues. This is one of the

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One Year On.....

Charlie Payne reflects on the last JET Course

When I was asked to write about the course and what it had given me, it set me thinking about what has changed in my career. My ambition was, and still is, to run a successful farming company in what are extremely volatile times. Hopefully I am succeeding in that ambition, through risk management strategies on input costs and sales, more detailed figures on day to day costs and overall better business management.

My time on the John Edgar Trust Development programme certainly highlighted where I needed to improve, the things I do well and the need for long and short term business objectives. It provided me with the time away from the business needed to set those objectives and also have the opinions of others who are all in similar positions. The topics covered on the course were all relevant as were the long chats over a beer with 11 like minded people.

The biggest bonus was realising I was not the only one with mountains to climb or older generations to succeed

and hopefully the freinds made on the course will all stay in touch and have already proved to be able to discuss problems over the phone at length. I would certainly recommend it to anyone who is up and coming in our industry and has the ability to think outside the box, Micheal and Ed's OAP'S home near Oxford will be remembered for a long time! (*In-joke which the Editor doesn't understand either.....*)

Charlie Payne was a JET Scholar in 2008-9 and farms in Buckinghamshire

Alumni Dinners Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge

Wednesday 11th January 2011

JET Groups 1992 - 2009



Wednesday 16th March 2011

JET Groups 1970 - 1991

Further details will follow

Changes afoot.. Our Hon. Sec(s).

For the past 18 years the Trustees and the Trust as a whole have enjoyed the services and wise counsel of Christopher Langford as Honorary Secretary, but all good things inevitably come to an end, and Christopher has decided to lay down his quill (or mouse) at the end of the next course in March 2011. We all owe an enormous debt to him for his diligence, enthusiasm and good humour over this long period, and it is also appropriate to thank his colleagues and Partners at Dreweatt Neate (now Carter Jonas) for their support and forbearance. Christopher is a former JET Scholar who has contributed as a visiting speaker to recent courses and we won't have seen the last of him.



Christopher

John

The tradition continues, coincidentally (and with no pressure applied), as John Read, JET Scholar 2006-7, has nobly volunteered to shadow Christopher over the next year and will take over the reins next April. John grew up on his family farm in Buckinghamshire and is an Associate with Carter Jonas in their Newbury office where he has worked for the past 8 years. John comments 'I am looking forward to becoming more involved with a fantastic organisation and speaking as an ex-scholar I can say that the course itself is a great opportunity to meet and work with others in the industry and to develop management skills.'

Rotherfield (*Continued from page 1*)

most beautiful estates in Hampshire and it is hoped that many people will want to share in this important day."

Full details of the day and an application form are enclosed with this Newsletter and on the website. Please come, bring your JET colleagues and encourage any potential applicant to come too.

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