



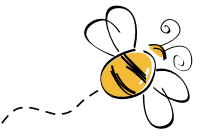


Church Farm, Ardeley

Meetings, Conferences & Events

Great Value : Green Alternatives





“One of the first conditions of happiness is that the link between Man and Nature shall not be broken.”
Leo Tolstoy



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Introduction

Church Farm Events



In 1988 Church Farm was “set-aside” and we established events company MotivAction.

Twenty years later we started a new farm that produces food directly for people, provides social care, education and greener events. It is based on a systems approach, synergy and economies of scope, aiming for wildlife, beauty, diversity, high welfare and low carbon and producing a diverse seasonal diet.

It is a mixed farm. A hundred varieties of vegetables and herbs are grown here, there are new orchards, ancient woodland, new plantations, acres of soft fruit and a forest garden. All the meat is from rare breeds and prepared on site.

We host groups of less than 10 to more than 100 people using the meeting room, the café, fields, cabins and woods. Across the road from us is also the 17th century Jolly Waggoner Inn where you can enjoy farm feasts and local ale.



Everything grown here is taken from the field to the fork, all the primary ingredients that make up your menu come from the farm, water is from our spring and electricity is supplied by Green Energy.

An event with us won't cost the earth, it will enrich it. Your event will be greener, greater value and run by professionals. By booking events here our customers boost the local economy, create meaningful jobs, conserve the green and pleasant land and help re-establish local agriculture and local food.

Do come and visit us to discuss your special event, conferences, meetings, team-build, learning experiences, volunteering projects, family festivals, parties and celebrations.

We look forward to welcoming you,

Best wishes

Tim, Emma, Adrian & Team



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Conferences & Meetings

Great Value : Greener Events



Choose the inclusive package that suits you...
Clear your head: escape the office for important decisions and business meetings. The Education & Events Centre is a high quality, well equipped venue with audio-visual and computer-aided presentation facilities.

Available for breakfast, half day and full day meetings, the converted “Sow Yard” room can be set up theatre style to comfortably seat 70 or can accommodate 40 for round-table discussions.

Come for breakfast, half day or full day meetings.

Breakfast meeting - £ 20 per person
Venue Hire from 8.00am to 11.00am.
Audio Visual / Presentation Equipment/ Wi-fi Enabled.
Hot breakfast menu - serving bacon, eggs and sausages from the farm. Vegetarian breakfasts are available too.
Coffee / Tea / Herbal Tea / Church Farm Spring Water.



Half Day Delegate Rate - £ 23 per person
Venue Hire from 8.30am to 12.30pm or 1pm to 5.00pm.
Audio Visual / Presentation Equipment / Wi-fi Enabled.
Coffee / Tea / Herbal Tea / Church Farm Spring Water & Biscuits.
Two course Hot or Cold Fork Buffet Lunch - seasonal home grown vegetables, home reared meat and vegetarian options.

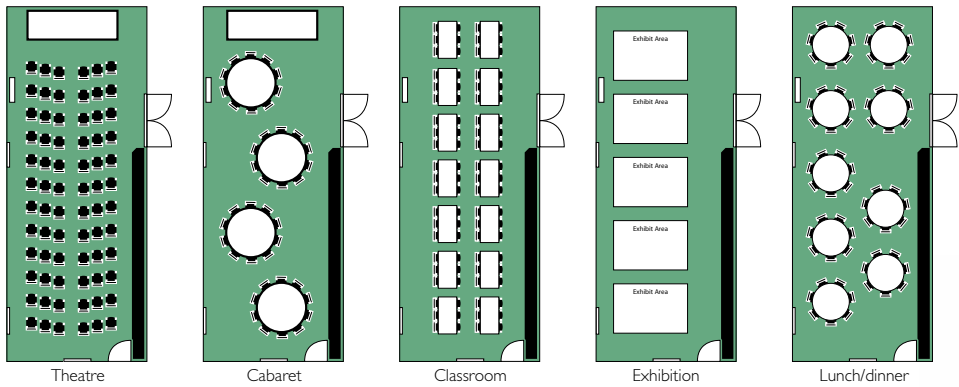


Full Day Delegate Rate - £ 32 per person
Venue Hire from 8.30am to 5.30pm.
Audio Visual / Presentation Equipment/ Wi-fi Enabled.
Coffee / Tea / Herbal Tea / Church Farm Spring Water & Biscuits.
Two course Hot or Cold Fork Buffet Lunch - seasonal home grown vegetables, home reared meat and vegetarian options.

All prices exclude VAT.

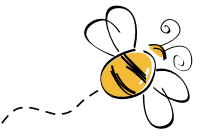


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SET-UPS Max
Theatre 72
Cabaret 40
Classroom 84
Exhibition 5 stands of 3x2m
Lunch/dinner 54





Country Dining

Catering & Hospitality



From field to fork, our farm team and chefs produce great meals with passion and compassion.

Enjoy home-cooked food made with fresh picked herbs, as well as the best tasting heritage varieties of vegetables and fruit.



All of the meat is produced and butchered here, eggs are laid by our hens in the orchard, and vegetables, salads and herbs are freshly harvested from a field 80 yards away. We gather nuts and berries from the woods and hedges and game is available in season.



Seasonal Dining at Church Farm

Inspired by the seasons, Church Farm's range of menus offer traditional English delights and international treats with choices of home-made starters, main courses and desserts followed by fair trade tea and coffee.

Whether you'd like a formal get together with colleagues and employees or a traditional Christmas celebration with all the trimmings, we can design the perfect luncheon or dinner party for you and your guests. Options can also include tours, talks, speakers and workshops.



Our External Catering Service

Food from the farm brought to you. At Church Farm Catering, we offer a personal touch to all our customers. From BBQs, spit roasts, stews and salads to picnics and banquets, we can bring a taste of the farm to you. Seasonal menus are adapted to suit your specific requirements.

A Taste of the Farm at The Jolly Waggoner Inn

Feast on 'a la carte' cuisine where all the primary ingredients come from the farm and choose from an extensive list of wine and local real ales in a 17th century beamed pub. Exclusive menu available Monday to Thursday.



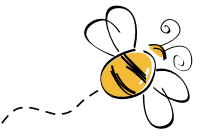
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Team Building

Experiential & Creative Learning



Church Farm is a natural setting for learning programmes, leadership development, implicit team bonding and fun events. We will work with you to design an event that brings results and doesn't cost the earth.



Events can range from half day seminars to programmes over several days. You may just require the venue, or additional events, activities and support. Food is a big feature and eating together facilitates conversation and relationships. Every delegate will experience a different approach to farming, food and the land while they're here.



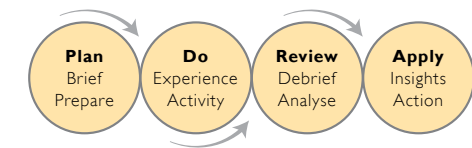
Indoor events can include business games, or art and craft related activities, while outdoor tasks can be real and linked to food, farming and forestry and tailored to the group.



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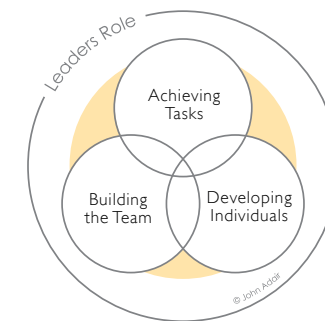
From Field to Fork
Farmer's Apprentice
Drama Workshops
Documentary Film Making
Navigation and Nature Trails

Devil's Kitchen
Clay Sculpture in the Pits
Arts & Field Craft
Woodland Survival



Debriefing, discussions and reflective learning can take place in the woodlands, in shepherd's huts or back at the Farm.

Church Farm is particularly suited to organisations and events that are about sustainability and to those that take seriously the impact enterprise can have on people and the environment.



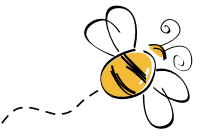
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Farm Experience Days

Making a Difference



Bringing team work to life...

Get stuck in on the Farm and make a long term difference whilst building your team. Half and full day activities as well as longer term projects can be arranged. The activities are seasonal and many others can be devised.

They are ideal for groups who prefer to do something real on Team Building & Away Days. Craftsmen and experts are on hand to guide and create a fulfilling learning programme as well as practical experience.

Call us to create a programme based on your objectives.



Food, Farming & Forestry Experiences

Forestry & Woodcrafts

Coppicing. Hedge laying. Gathering Twigs & Firewood. Constructing a Green Woodworking Lathe. Making an Iron Age Forge. Charcoal Making. Planting New & Maintaining Existing Hedgerows. Planting Fruit Trees. Making a Willow Maze. Creating a Forest Garden. Tree and Orchard Pruning. Woodland Educational Walks.

Wildlife Conservation

Eco-surveys, Species Counts, Educational Information and Outdoor Classrooms. Build and Install an Insect Hotel. Create Beetle Banks. Build Nesting Boxes. Create New Wildlife Habitats. Build a Bee Hive. Farm Walk & Litter Picking. Build a Compost Loo. Create a New Apiary. Making a Duck Pond. Building a Badger Observatory.

Food, Farming & Horticulture

Weeding, Thinning, Sowing, Potting on, Harvesting. Seed Harvesting and Savings. Harvesting and Preserving Herbs. Building and Maintaining Sorceries. Create Information and Education Boards. Build a Cob Pig Hut. Construct Wooden Chicken Huts out of Scrap Wood and Reclaimed Materials. Devise and Insulate Straw Bale Calf and Lamb Huts. Mushroom Cultivation. Build and Bake, Make a Cob Oven. Build a Bee Hive or Badger Observatory. Rural Care Renovation. Raise a Barn.



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Festivals, Parties and Celebrations

Family Days on the Farm



Church Farm is a place for families, festivals and fun. Recognise your team and customers and thank their families and friends with a day on the farm.

This low-impact event includes:

Coffee and Tea on arrival
Seasonal BBQ
Afternoon Tea & Cakes
Shelter Marquee, Picnic Furniture & Bales
Feeding the Animals
Compost Loos
First Aid & Insurance

A Family Farm Day may include:

Splat the Rat	Ferret Handling
Hoopla	Felting & Weaving
Welly Wanging	Wattling & Woodworking
Tug O War	School Sports
Highland Games	Falconry
Strongest Man Tractor Pull	Archery
Field Cricket Football & Softball	Fly Casting
Laser Clay Pigeon Shooting	Egg Collecting
Bale House Building	Tours of Kitchen Garden
Nature Trails	Tractor & Trailer Rides
Scavenger Hunts	Camp Building
Music Campfire	Camping & Glamping



A Day on the Farm can extend into an evening or overnight stay for an additional charge. We will design a low impact great value event for your guests.

Suitable for between 20 and 200 families.

From £30 to £60 per person. Limited Dates!

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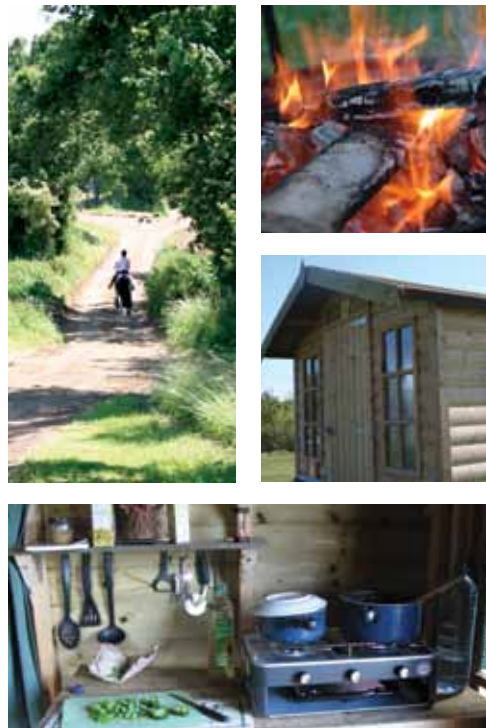
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Wild Camping

Cabins and Overnight Stays



Augment the team building aspects of your conference or event with an overnight stay under the stars at Church Farm. We can provide a range of camping options from basic to luxury.

Camping in the Wild & Log Cabins

Enjoy the beauty of the farm and abundant wildlife by camping under the stars in one of the six woods on the Farm. Alternatively, hire one of our log cabins (equipped with log burner)* located in secluded spots around the farm.

Get away from it all with the comfort of knowing that you can access running water, showers and compost/conventional loos if you want to. Just remember to bring everything you need for your comfort.

*Each log cabin is 10ft x 8ft in size and can accommodate a maximum of 3 adults in sleeping bags. There are 4 cabins on the farm each with a double mattress. There is no other furniture, lighting or electricity inside!

Prices: Camping: £10 pp +VAT

Log Cabins: £25 pp +VAT

Tipis, Yurts & Gypsy Caravans

Tipis, Yurts & Gypsy Caravans have simple but luxurious interiors meaning that you can camp in the wild in a more sophisticated fashion. Give us a call to find out more.

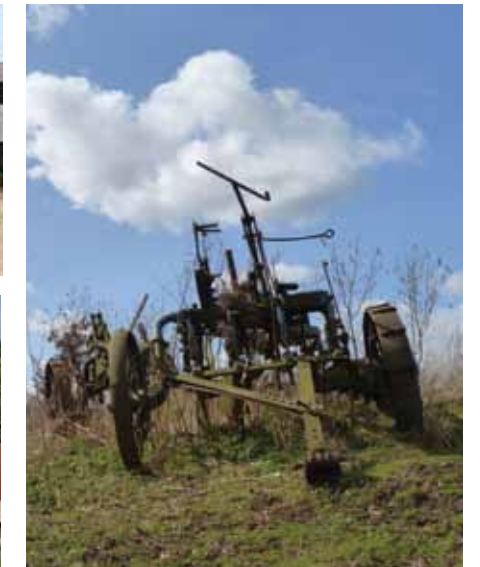


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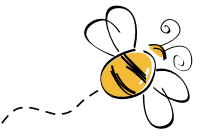
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“The fire is the main comfort of the camp, whether in summer or winter, and is about as ample at one season as at another. It is as well for cheerfulness as for warmth and dryness.”

Henry David Thoreau





Farm Clubs

Weekly Delivery - Free Membership



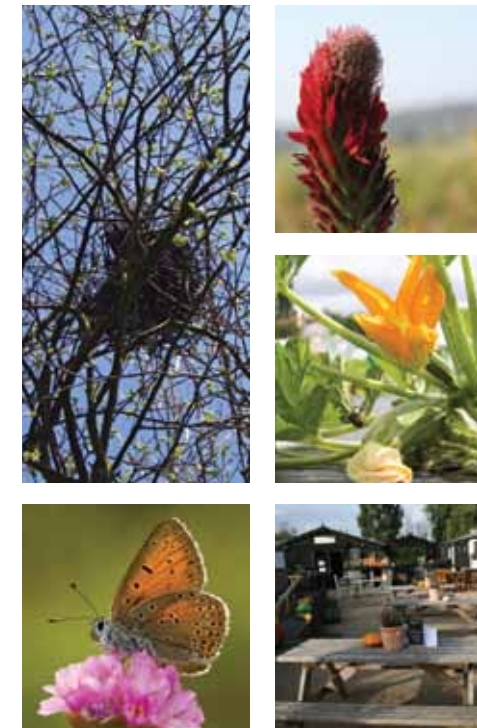
Start a Workplace Farm Club

Farm Clubs create an ongoing link directly with the farm. They consist of twenty or more people who would like to receive weekly farm boxes. This qualifies everyone for free farm membership. Each box is tailored in size and can contain all or a selection of fruit, vegetables and meat from the Farm as well as eggs, dairy, bread, staples and more.

Each club benefits from:

- Fresh farm produce every week
- Free weekly workplace delivery of a personalised Farm Box
- No membership fees
- Free family farm tractor tours each season
- Farm experience days throughout the season
- Weekly newsletters and updates
- 20% discount on all activities, events and courses

Starting a Farm Club enables direct access to real food at comparable prices to major supermarkets - delivered for free.



Free Farm Membership

Form your own club and receive fresh weekly deliveries and much more.

Join a farm that produces the maximum variety of high welfare food for customers with less fossil fuels from farm to fork.

Our current clubs in Hertfordshire & London help create a new model of sustainable farming.

Members realise we all farm every time we eat. They enjoy good value real food, ecologically grown and connecting to land.

Eat great food to enhance the environment.

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Enhancing Your Event

Workshops, Speakers and Tours



Breaks between work sessions help clear the mind, as well as enable delegates to get to know each other. On the farm there are plenty of effective break activities that can be arranged, lasting from 10 minute walks to 5 hour workshops.



Guided Farm Tours & Talks

Informal or hosted walks and talks or tractor and trailer rides. Generalised or subject specific, topics include:

Woodland Management	Wildlife & Biodiversity
Sustainable and Ecological Farming	Food & Farming
Farmland Birds & Conservation	Sustainable Enterprise

£15 per person (based on a minimum of 20 people)



Tutored Group Workshops, Talks & Demonstrations

Some of England's finest craftsmen demonstrating traditional and modern rural crafts. Half and full day sessions available.

Woodland Workshops	Forest Gardening
Organic Vegetable Growing	Poultry Keeping
An Introduction to Permaculture	Coppicing, Hedgelaying, Wattling
Green Woodworking	Spinning, Felting & Weaving
Hedgerow Herbs & Herbal Remedies	Bush Craft & Wild Food
Managing Habitats for Wildlife	Bodging
Blacksmithing	Foraging and Wild Food

From £30 per person (based on a minimum of 20 people)



Farming & Harvest Walks

Get out in the fresh air, break the ice and get exercise by feeding the pigs, collecting freshly laid eggs from the orchard, collecting wood, weeding, planting or harvesting fruit and vegetables, and much more.

From £10 per person (based on a minimum of 10 people)

Speakers & Workshops

Church Farm is all about social, business and environmental sustainability, starting with land, food and water - the basics of creating life. Along the way we have used some of the UK's foremost food, farming & environmental experts. We can arrange speakers, subject specialists and experts to inspire, motivate and educate your audience. Topics could include:

Sustainability	CSR
Land Use	Building Sustainable Communities
Farming & Forestry	Renewable Energy
Peak Oil	Green Design & Building
Climate Change	

Prices start from £500.00.

* All prices exclude VAT at the prevailing rate.

Fuel your thinking with Church Farm Catering

Whether your appetite is for breakfast buffets, roasts, BBQs, cream teas, bacon sandwiches, picnics, tasty stews, vegetarian delights or traditional puddings, we'll be happy to design a menu to suit you. You're welcome to bring your own alcohol for a small corkage fee.



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About Church Farm

Real Food & Farming

Church Farm spans 175 acres in north Hertfordshire. It is an ecological mixed farm and includes:

- New orchard of 8 acres, 130 varieties of fruit: apples, gages, plums, cherries, quince, medlars, pears, damsons, mulberries and more...
- Vicarage Field 2 acre soft fruit enclosure, a little bit of 'every berry'
- 60 Black Welsh Mountain & 60 Lleyn sheep & rams
- 30 Red Poll cattle & bull plus followers
- 20 British Lop & 12 Berkshire breeding sows plus boars
- 400 Light Sussex, Cuckoo Maran, Black Rock, Rhode Island and White Leghorn Laying hens
- 300 Poulet Anglais outdoor reared poultry
- 300 Norfolk Black & British White turkeys
- 100 Embden geese, 100 Aylesbury ducks
- 3 Bee hives & Apiary Garden
- 20 acres of new woods in-filled with wild cherry and hazel
- 2 acre walnut orchard
- 4 acres of wild bird seeds and pollen/nectar mix
- 30 acres of woods: 3 acres of ancient hornbeam coppice, 7 acres of established 60 year old woodland and 20 acres of mixed, mainly hardwoods, planted over the past 10 years
- 2 acres of rough nesting ground amongst a line of old clay pits
- 2 ponds established in 1996, two more flood ponds and a new pond in the vegetable gardens.
- Beards Oak Kitchen Gardens - 8 acres growing over 200 varieties of vegetables and herbs.



Co-farming & Rural Care

Rural Care provides training and work experience for people with learning disabilities and/or mental health issues in a supportive and caring environment within a fully working farm, here at Church Farm, Ardeley.

The team also works in partnership with North Hertfordshire College to provide accredited training for their students with learning disabilities.

Co-farmers work in small mixed ability teams in a variety of jobs to suit individual interests, needs and abilities. Make a difference projects can help us to create new facilities and educational programmes for the Co-farmers.

For more information & videos see www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk

I know how much you've changed peoples lives and they love it, we eat everything from your farm and it's a comfort to be eating good food, no I take that back EXCELLENT HEALTHY FOOD!!

Terry, Ardeley Village

If in a few words I had to sum up my learning experience at Church Farm it would be: "Civilisation, in the real sense of the term, consists not in the multiplication, but in the deliberate and voluntary reduction of wants." M.K. Gandhi

Swati Upadhaya, India

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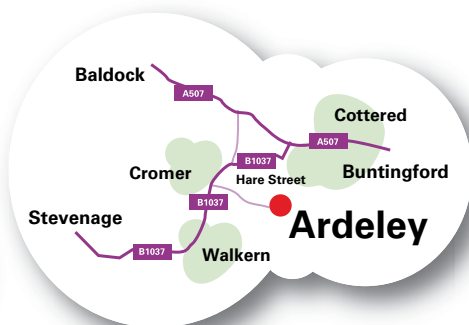
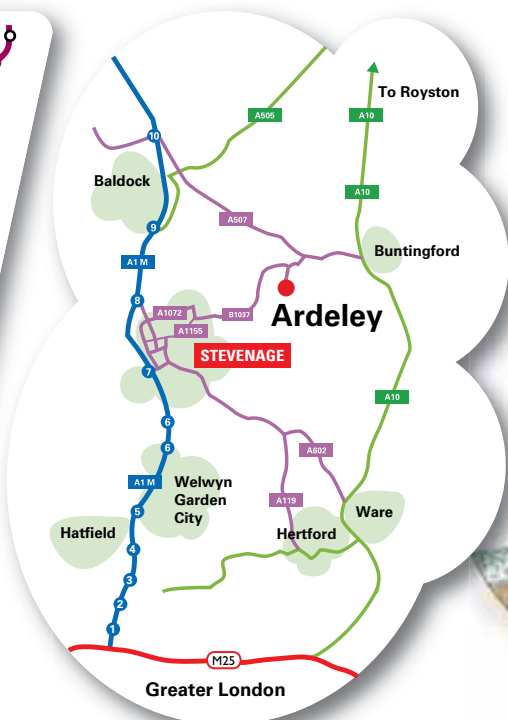
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Directions to Church Farm, Ardeley



Stevenage Station is 20 minutes from Kings Cross. The Farm is 7 miles from the A1 and 5 miles from the A10. Transport can be arranged.



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