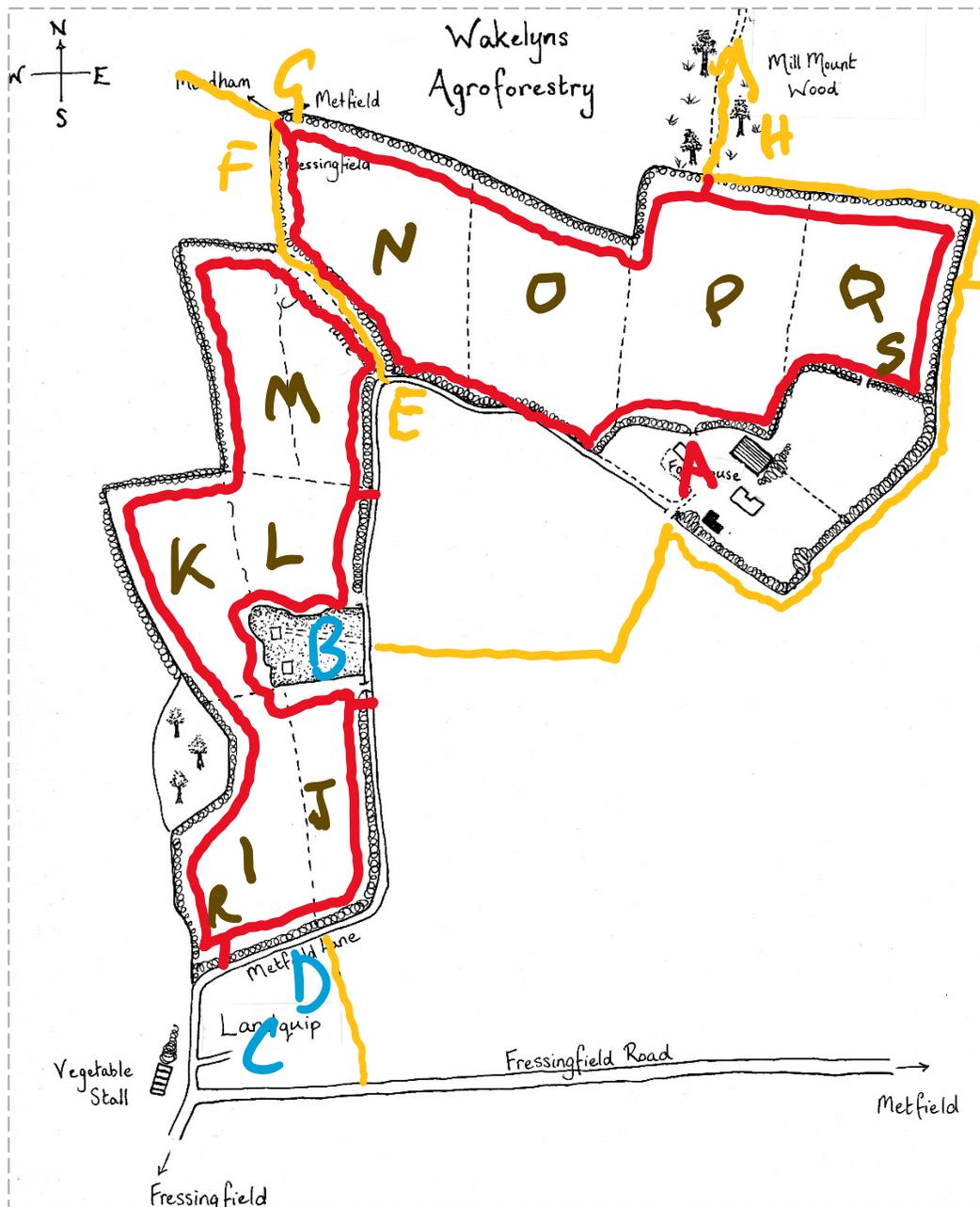


Wakelyns public access taster (to the end of 2020)

Members of the public are welcome to walk on the **red lines** routes at Wakelyns provided they respect our neighbours and Wakelyns. **DOGS ONLY ON LEADS.**



Public Rights of Way (footpaths) around Wakelyns

Permissive paths on Wakelyns

Wakelyns

A Wakelyns house, yard and farm buildings

Other homes – please respect privacy

- B Metfield Lane Farm.
- C Lawn Farm/Landquip.
- D Lawn Farm Cottages.

Places

- E End of the public highway – if you can park by the corner here without blocking the road or getting stuck in the mud that would be great.
- F This section of the green lane (a PROW and historically a main route Metfield - Fressingfield) is currently overgrown. No-one owns it though. We have in mind a volunteer day to help clear it in March 2021.
- G NW corner of Wakelyns, where Fressingfield, Metfield and Mendham Meet. Access bridge onto Wakelyns fields.
- H Mill Mount – the way to Metfield. Access bridge onto Wakelyns fields.

Wakelyns' agroforestry fields

- I Population wheat drilled for 2021 (tree alleys: coppiced willow).
- J Organic ley in 2021 (tree alleys: coppiced willow).
- K Organic ley in 2021.
- L Lentils + chia in 2021.
- M Population wheat and organic ley in 2021 (tree alleys: walnuts, apples, plums).
- N Organic ley in 2021 (tree alleys: timber, cherries).
- O Organic ley in 2021 (tree alleys: timber, cherries, apples).
- P Community Supported Agriculture and other stuff in 2021 (tree alleys: mixed fruit).
- Q Organic ley in 2021 (tree alleys: coppiced hazel)
- R Tree alley No 1
- S Tree alley No 56

Welcome to Wakelyns' public access taster!

David and Amanda invite people from the Fressingfield and Metfield areas to take their 'lockdown exercise' up to the end of 2020 walking around the fields at Wakelyns, at the end of Metfield Lane, between Fressingfield and Metfield.

This is on a 'permissive path' basis as sketched out over the page. You are welcome to walk on the headland which goes around each of our two agroforestry areas. This is a tester for a longer term permissive path arrangement.

Please respect our farm and our neighbours!

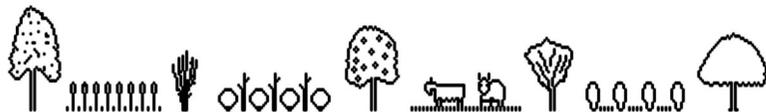
DOGS WELCOME BUT KEEP THEM ON LEADS PLEASE

A bit of history....

Ann and Martin Wolfe bought Wakelyns in 1992. It had been used for pig farming and then dog breeding. But they had a different idea. The 56 acres was to be a family project after Martin's retirement as a government agricultural scientist in Cambridge.

They established and managed a novel "agroforestry" system with lines of trees with crops between in "alleys" 12 - 18 metres wide. That was innovative and eccentric. They built Wakelyns as a research and test venue for developing the scientific and farming ideas around Agroforestry. Wakelyns became internationally famous and was written about in scientific and more popular media. Here's an example: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/jan/06/the-latest-cutting-edge-technology-changing-our-landscapes-trees>

For several years, a team from the UK's world-famous Organic Research Centre was based at Wakelyns. In 2020, they produced an account of some of the amazing scientific work that has been done at Wakelyns in the last few years – do take a look: <http://wakelyns.co.uk/orc-booklet/>



Bringing things up to date

Concerns around food, farming, the environment and climate change, now make agroforestry central to the wider farming debate, featuring in the Archers, and with Wakelyns itself in BBC Countryfile Magazine in March 2020 – <http://wakelyns.co.uk/countryfile-magazine-march-2020/>

Wakelyns is one of the oldest examples of an agroforestry system in the UK and certainly the most diverse of that age. With mature tree lines including a wide range of timber, fruit, nut and other trees, including also willow and hazel for biomass (we have an on-site biomass boiler) and for hedge laying. Others are now setting up agroforestry (including in Suffolk) and on a bigger scale, but the longevity of Wakelyns cannot be reproduced.

In October 2020, BBC World TV came to Wakelyns to film for a programme about modern farming fronted James Wong (for broadcast January 2021 with a worldwide viewership of 40 million people). They are visiting farms around the world of which only a few are in the UK.

David & Toby Wolfe and their families take Wakelyns to its next phase

After Ann's death in 2016 and Martin's in 2019 David and Toby Wolfe inherited Wakelyns. We are carrying on with the organic rotation agroforestry farming which this year included lentils, squash and YQ "population wheat" developed at Wakelyns – read about it here: <https://www.theguardian.com/food/2019/oct/10/flour-power-meet-the-bread-heads-baking-a-better-loaf>. They are mostly retailed through Hodmedods, a speciality food company based near Halesworth: <https://hodmedods.co.uk/collections/wakelyns>. In 2020, we recruited people through the local village shops as pickers for our cherries, plums, apples, pears and quinces.

We are working with organisations such as the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and RSPB to enhance the environmental strength and biodiversity of our land and farming practices – they have helped us with bird, pond and habitat surveys and undertaken to help us with those projects (including to enhance Wakelyns for the rare turtle doves which come here every year: <http://wakelyns.co.uk/environmental-surveys/> And with our 10 kW solar PV array, biomass boiler and ground source heating, we are energy self-sufficient and helping tackle climate-change.

From 2021. Suffolk-born and nationally-known chef/baker/author Henrietta Inman is basing herself here to help evolve Wakelyns to celebrate food and cooking based on our crops and other produce. We are planning to build a small farm bakery/kitchen for food/baking and teaching. Meanwhile, two local growers will be setting up a 'community supported agriculture' scheme on part of our land, which will give local people an opportunity help grow horticulture products for themselves and for us to use on site. And we hope to host other farming/environment related enterprises to help return work and activity to the farm.

We also have in mind mobile 'pods' which will supplement the farmhouse to allow people to stay for courses and events, to enjoy and learn about agroforestry and the wider joys of Wakelyns. Overall, we hope to have plenty going on at Wakelyns over the next few years. Do come and walk round our fields to get a flavour of it all.



For more information please look at www.wakelyns.co.uk and follow us on Twitter or Instagram @wakelyns