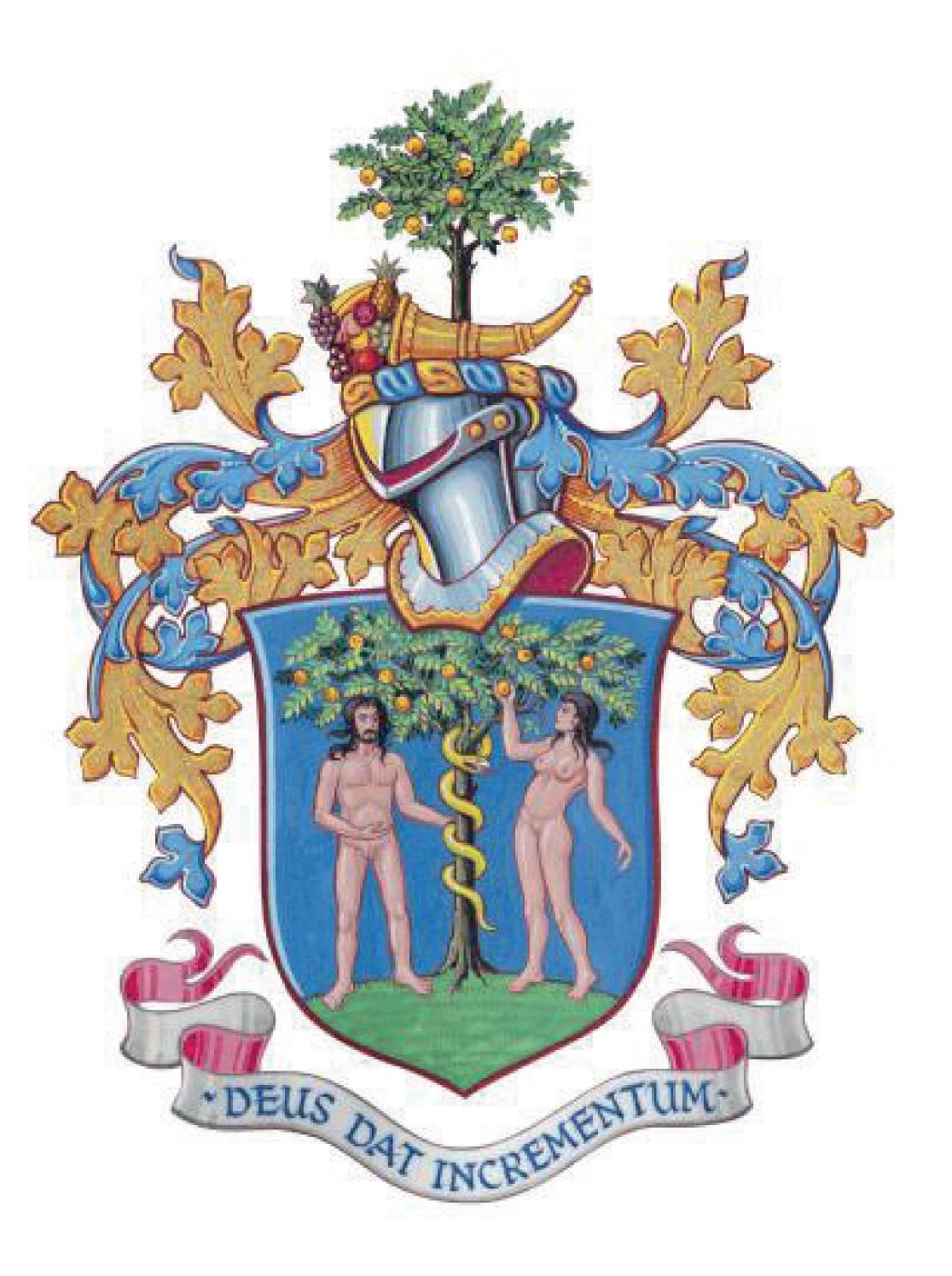




The Fruiterers Conference

2 November 2022

- 10.15 Welcome from the Master Fruiterer
- 10.20 Lauren Farwell: The Epidemiology and Management of Cladosporium on Raspberry
- 10.40 Adam Peter: 'Apples in a warmer world'
- 11.00 Thomas Heaven: Improving disease diagnosis in Fruit Crops
- 11.20 Pete Thompson: Essex Extra Virgin, Californian Lemons, menu surfing, horti-forestry and the environment
- 11.40 Worshipful Company of Fruiterers 2022 keynote address from Saffy Waterson CEO of MDS: 'Career opportunities and breaking down perceived barriers'





Chair: Master Fruiterer Laurence Stephen Olins J.P., B.Com. Hons

With 48 years experience in fresh produce industry, Laurence is a highly respected member of the international food community. As the founder of the City Food Lecture he has delivered insight and an enduring legacy, now Master Fruiterer for the second time we are delighted that he is leading the panel of livery sponsored researchers, scholars and recipients of special merit awards.



Farming for the Environment

2 November 2022 | 2.00pm

RPG convenes a panel of food's most innovative thinkers to discuss what the future holds for Britain's farmers, growers and producers as every part of society seeks to become more sustainable. We explore the new technologies that could revolutionise the fruit industry, increase the UK's self-sufficiency and boost profitability of food businesses, all while protecting the country from climate change and economic shocks. We also ask how the fruit industry would prepare to take another technological and environmental leap forward and how it can be best supported.

- Tom Heap, BBC in the chair
- Clarke Willis OBE, Food Enterprise Partnership
- Joe Spencer, MHA
- Sarah Dodds, MHA
- Philippe Binard, Secretary General, WAPA (World Apple & Pear Association)
- Jose De Mayne Hopkins, Sustainability & ESG Technical Director Lead, MHA
- Sarah Dodds, Head of Agriculture and Partner, MHA
- Emily O'Brien, Food and Agriculture Parliamentary Speaker, The Green Party
- Joe Spencer, Partner, MHA
- Dr Trisha Toop, Chief Technical Officer, Agri-EPI Centre
- · Clarke Willis MBE, Director, Norfolk Food Enterprise Partnership

Chair: Tom Heap

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Tom Heap is a broadcaster and writer specialising in the environment, farming and science. He has been a regular presenter on 'Countryfile' and BBC Radio's 'Costing the Earth' for more than a decade. He also hosts the 'Weekly Climate Show' on Sky News.

Outside of work he likes to go biking, chop wood, grow chillies and watch movies. A small crop of apples, pears, raspberries, blackcurrants and, occasionally, greengages grows in his allotment and garden.





Sustainable innovation in horticulture

3 November 2022

Join the Growing Kent & Medway team on day 2 to learn more about our latest fruit research projects and how the industry is benefiting from GK&M funding.

Technical talks

- 10.00 Developing a new precision dosing orchard sprayer -
 - Charles Whitfield, NIAB
- 10.15 Beespoke new research into pollinator management - Celine Silva, NIAB
- 10.30 Enhancing nutrition of tomatoes Rob James, Thanet Earth
- 10.40 Using biochar from farm waste to lock carbon into soils -Rob Barker, University of Kent
- 10.50 Supporting top fruit's journey to net zero - Rob Saunders, Hutchinsons
- 11.00 Finding a cure for apple canker Matevz Papp-Rupar
- 11.10 Identifying strawberries and raspberries with resistance to SWD -Bethan Shaw, NIAB
- 11.20 A longer season for British cherries - Richard Colgan, University of Greenwich
- 11.30 Impact of recent research on management of bacterial canker in cherry - Xiangming Xu, NIAB

Growing Kent & Medway programme talks

- 11.40 What have we learned from the Growing Green programme? Robert Saville, NIAB
- 11.50: Business grants from Growing Kent & Medway -Sophie Packer, University of Kent