



1920s

Koberwitz
(Germany/Poland)

8 lectures to heal the land and farming.



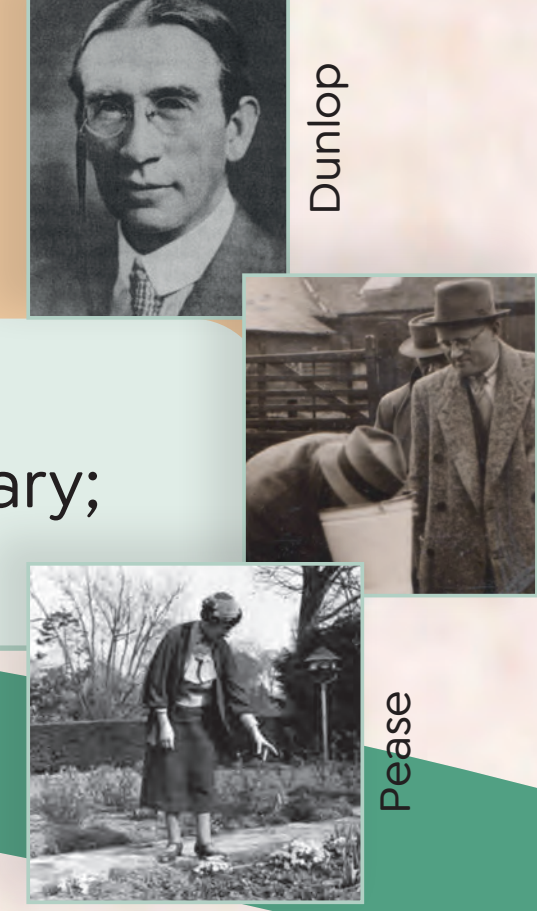
Anthroposophical World Conference
(London, August 1928)

Lectures on the New Agriculture - Carl Mier (from Koberwitz) / Ehrenfried Pfeiffer.



Anthroposophical Agriculture Foundation (AAF) founded
(November 1928)

D Dunlop is chair; M Pease is secretary; C Mier coordinates.



The Mill House at Bray on Thames

Marna Pease making preparations, a laboratory, bees, practicing the New Agriculture.



Sleights Biodynamic Farm
(Huby, Yorkshire)

Maurice Wood and George Kaufman (Adams) translate the lectures.



British Experimental Circle

Marna Pease coordinates admin, types and duplicates lectures.

Glastonbury Conference (1932)

David Clement and Ita Wegman - 100 attendees.

1930s

Big summer conferences
(1936 Westonbirt, Gloucestershire and 1939 Betteshanger, Kent)

Betteshanger is a different stream and audience to the other summer conferences.



Biodynamics in the British Isles manifests through seven streams as found by the Genius Persona process in 2021.



AAF activity: lectures, study groups and experiments (mainly in large gardens)

Carl Mier travels around the country; **Association and Experimental Circle** are active, making and sharing preparations, but in private; Marna Pease has enthusiasm share = Quick Return (QR compost starter). Ehrenfried Pfeiffer, as well as Eugene and Lily Kolisko and Gunther Wachsmuth, visit UK to give lectures.



The war reduces travel and meetings.

Diversity of views - a separate Biodynamic Association (BDA) is formed in 1934

BDA based at Kings Langley and coordinated by Miss Cross.

Dornach Split

GB Anthro Society ex-communicated along with Daniel Dunlop, Ita Wegman, Elizabeth Vreede and the Netherlands Anthro Society.

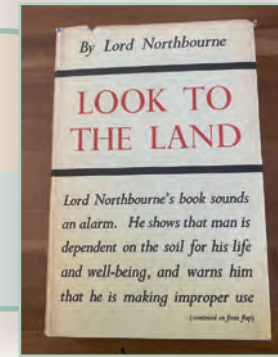
"Bio-dynamic Agriculture for Farms and Gardens"
by E Pfeiffer (published 1938)

Outcome of years of practical research into Steiner's indications across Europe with many people/farms.



Look to the Land

Lord Northbourne and organic agriculture.



After war, no one wants any more divisions - a lot of work done to bring BDA and AAF together as BDAA.

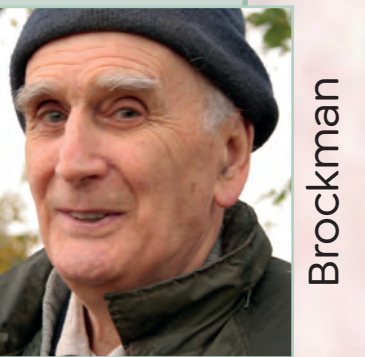
Enthusiasm for good food and healthy agriculture (in spite of Government pushing ICI contracts).

Huby Mill - Sleights Farm producing wheat and flour as well as cattle (some milk) and veg. Few other farms, some experimenting and big house and school gardens. Grange Kirkaldy in Aberdeen makes and coordinates preparations in **Scotland** from 1930s.

Biodynamic Farms increasing around the country.

"Young bloods" start farms

Camphill farms, David Yellowlees, Deryck Duffey, David Clement (Sunfield/Broome Farm), Alan Brockman, Anthony Kaye (Surrey then Ireland), Botton - Carl Mier, and others.



Many BD farmers help get organics and Soil Association going and seen - Eve Balfour / Albert Howard.

1950s

Star and Furrow is born and continues today



Biodynamic Agriculture Association (BDAA) (Registered 1953)

This is the successful bringing together of the AAF and BDA streams of biodynamic thought and practice.

Experimental Circle meets. Collates work from round the country. Notes and Correspondence published regularly. Lily Kolisko joins GB Experimental Circle. Pfeiffer comes to Wales and England from US on lecture tours. **Plas Dwbl** and **Pembrokeshire** important venue and coordination. B Saunders Davies and co.



David Clement chairs the AAF then BDAA for 34 years, Carl Mier Secretary. Later George Corrin and John Soper join - **"The 3 Brooms"**.



Marketing and distribution initiatives develop

1960s-1980s



Tablehurst farm next to Emerson College as practical base; **Plaw Hatch** to feed the Social Training students as well as the College - 200 lunches a day and more. Peter Brown takes on Tablehurst, post Emerson.



Tablehurst Farm wins BBC Food Awards 2022

Silent Spring

Rachel Carson engages a wider public in the debate on chemicals, health and food.

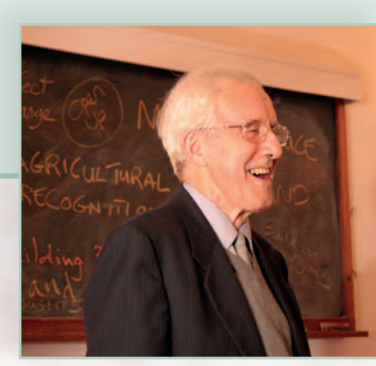
Patrick Holden leads Soil Association then starts Sustainable Food Trust - becomes Patron of BDA



Certification

100 Demeter Farms and Gardens in 2020. Demeter and organic certification for farms, processors and importers. DEFRA and BFDI registered and inspected.

Jimmy Anderson takes on the farming coordination and supporting quality, preparation making etc. He and Pauline visit many farms. They bring in Demeter recognition and then the government organic certification scheme.



Camphill Gloucestershire Apprenticeship training model develops and spreads.

1990s-2020s

Experimental Circle continues. Bernard Jarman is also Executive Director of BDA for a decade, makes preparations for gardens and small farms for sharing via BDA.

"First 100 years of Biodynamics"
by B Jarman (published February 2024)



Field Centre

Ruskin Mill Trust takes on biodynamics to teach life skills and wellbeing to students with difficulties and sets up research centres (1985 onward)



BDA Team



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