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MR: I like Steven's humble and lighthearted attitude

PL: devalued by cheap energy?

LD: Goodmorning from Food Forest Institute, Belgium :-)

JH: an mulberry leaves are v tasty

YB: Actually it is just a summary here down

YB: for the full article I mean

YB: Thanks !!

Pd: Thanks, Steve!

DH: Hello from Suffolk, jumping across from East Coast Scotland and Graham Bell, to hear about the rest of the UK!

DH: well, this is a challenging jump... from Graham's presentation to Steven...

DH: Oca!

RP: Morning everyone! Planning a FG in Kent and looking for ideas and inspiration!

ns: Very inspiring, Steven, thanks!!!

aP: Complexity scares people or shuns them off.

aP: The association with complex adaptive systems needs to shift to joy, excitement, wonder and awe. So we're talking multi-disciplinary engagement opportunities for Forest Gardens. How can Academia be in a facilitating role for this.

RA: Hi Steve from Rowan who you helped with an MSc thesis on walnuts in Britain back in 1995-1996!

RA: 'land betterment value'?

RA: LER = land equivalent ratio?

RA: Yup, walnuts and mulberries - my favourites!

RA: Love the provocative targets!

RA: Robert Hart inspired us and it's now up to the rest of us to test his ideas!

RA: Is there evidence from elsewhere around the world where forest gardens have been part of traditional growing for centuries? Are there lessons we could learn from them?

RA: Agree on potatoes. Kenneth Mellanby and Simon Fairlie started with the assumption that potatoes are the main staple. <https://www.thelandmagazine.org.uk/articles/can-britain-feed-itself>

RA: As a Lord of the Rings fan I like the idea of walnut and mulberry as 'lembas', truly delicious 'waybread'.

RA: Very good point about forests! That's why I prefer to talk about orchard gardens. Then you get the spacing and the light. <http://climatefriendlygardener.co.uk/make-an-orchard-garden/>

RA: Oliver Rackham - essential reading! <https://harpercollins.co.uk/products/woodlands-collins-new-naturalist-library-book-100-oliver-rackham?variant=32555747573838>

RA: Brilliant! Thanks Steve!

TR: Hugely enjoyable and informative!

ES: Make sure to ask any questions for Steven in the Q&A tab!

IH: @Raj Puri, HI Raj!, I had been wondering if yo were following today! Glad to see you here

JV: Thanks, great answer!

BR: Hi Steven, thanks for your answer. Ironically, in the tropics productivity is higher with higher densities, but if I understand correctly, you are saying it doesn't work this way in temperate regions and so it's better to plant less densely, like the 20%

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BR: The kind of humility and joy both science and practise need, thanks!

sn: land betterment value is the increment in value that a land owner "captures" when they use land worth x and sell it for y. Agricultural land in the UK is worth about £20,000 per hectare but if planning permission is obtained it is worth around £2m per ha