

## Making Wood Fuel Work for Your Development

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### Speaker Biographies

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#### **Nick Sandford** **Estate Manager, Godinton House**

Nick is a Rural Practice Surveyor who has been managing the Godinton Estate for the last nine years, previously worked for the National Trust and in private practice. He has spent many years being concerned over the markets for woodlands, especially in the south east where the coppice industry has declined rapidly. Combined with an interest in all sorts of renewable energy it seemed obvious to try and promote, support and make use of Kent's woodland resources. The first step is the installation of a woodchip heating system for the buildings at Worten Farm, but hopes this and other examples will lead to a much wider uptake of woodchip heating using this local fuel source with all its environmental benefits.

#### **Cllr Paul Clokie** **Leader, Ashford Borough Council**

Cllr Clokie was a computer consultant for twenty five years and has been Leader of Ashford Borough Council since July 1999. He is also Leader of the Conservative group at Ashford and previously was Leader of the Kingston upon Thames Unitary Authority for four and a half years, Chairman of Education whilst at Kingston and a councillor for Leeds City Council for three years.

#### **Matthew Woodcock** **Operations Manager, Forestry Commission**

Since 2000 Matthew has been Operations Manager for the Forestry Commission's South East England Conservancy responsible for managing the delivery of grants and licences and the administration of Forestry Regulations across the Region. He also takes the FC lead on encouraging the development of wood as a renewable fuel in the Region. In doing this he has worked closely with SEEDA and a range individuals and organisations across the Region.

Previously he was Operations Manager in the Midlands for 3 years (where his involvement with woodfuel started), the Scottish Borders for 4 years. From 1985 to 2004 he was one of the FC's Woodland Officers covering Kent and East Sussex so has an intimate knowledge of the pressures upon trees and woodlands in the SE, and the range of benefits they do, and can, deliver environmentally, socially and economically.

**Pete Raine****Managing Director, Environment & Regeneration Directorate, Kent County Council**

Pete Raine has worked for KCC since April 1998, initially as County Environment Officer, and from April 2001 as Director of Strategic Planning. Since April 2006, he has the role of Managing Director of Environment & Regeneration Directorate. The 770 staff in the Directorate are responsible for a challenging variety of work including land use and transport strategy, regeneration and sustainable communities, economic development, environmental management, domestic waste disposal, road maintenance and other services to the general public.

Prior to joining KCC, Pete spent 20 years working with environmental charities, including 10 years as Director of the Kent Wildlife Trust and 6 years as Director of the Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales. Pete has an MA in English and Philosophy from Aberdeen University, an MSc in Wildlife Conservation from UCL, and is also, strangely, a qualified chartered accountant. In 1990 he wrote "the Rough Guide to Mediterranean Wildlife".

**Chris Miles****Managing Director, Eenergy Limited**

Chris has had a variety of business and engineering management roles in the process and energy sector for the last 20 years. Over this period he has gained extensive international experience with two American multi-nationals and two mid-sized service companies covering roles in a majority of functional areas. In his last full-time role, as CEO of a private technical services company, he led the delivery of world-class supply chain management solutions to the global oil and chemical sector.

He has recently moved into the biomass sector, where he has carried out extensive research and assisted the start-up and growth of two ventures. He started working with Eenergy in 2005 and was pointed Managing Director in February 2006. He is a director of the Renewable Energy Association and Solent Sustainable Energy Ltd, a 50MW biofuel CHP project.

**Stewart Boyle****Business Development Manager, Wood Energy Ltd**

Stewart Boyle is a Senior Associate of Renewable Heat and Power Ltd. He is also Business Development Manager for Wood Energy Ltd, a leading modern wood heating installation company. He has previously worked as a consultant for the Combined Heat and Power Association (CHPA), DTI and Shell International, and a journalist for Financial Times (Energy Newsletters). Prior to this he worked as Policy Director for Greenpeace International, and campaigner for Friends of the Earth. He is based in Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

**John Leigh-Pemberton**  
**Torry Hill Farm**

John Leigh Pemberton is a farmer and landowner of Torry Hill Farm, a farming and woodland estate on the North Downs in Kent. The farming operation is mixed arable and livestock, and there is a commercial fruit operation growing cherries and plums. A speciality of the woodland is the 800 acres of chestnut coppice which is managed traditionally on a 14 year rotation and processed for the fencing trade.

John has recently installed a 150KW wood chip fired district heating system on his farm to supply heat and hot water to a residential complex in a farmyard development. It is fuelled by wood chip from his own woodlands. He is Chairman of Kent Wildlife Trust and a trustee of the Godinton House Preservation Trust.

**Dr Keith Richards**  
**Director, TV Energy**

Keith has 25 years experience of renewable energy and energy efficiency project management and consultancy through ETSU (the Energy Technology Support Unit, Harwell), managing various £multimillion portfolios of projects. He has been central to the take up of energy from waste and biomass projects in the UK developing strategies for Government and then implementing them. He has championed the development of resource assessment tools (particularly GIS) to aid in regional and community initiatives in the UK, Europe and OECD counties (through the International Energy Agency).

Keith established TVE and over the last four years, has been focusing on working with community groups in close collaboration with Local Authorities and Regional Government to introduce hybrid renewables solutions. Of particular interest has been the development of local policies including SPG (supplementary Planning Guidance) to aid with the introduction of green energy solutions. Keith spearheads major renewables development initiatives at Bracknell, High Wycombe, Thames Gateway (Medway Council), Dundalk & Newry in Ireland. Keith is an expert evaluator for the European Commission and Task Manager for the International Energy Agency (IEA), a role extending for more than 20 years.

**Tom Vosper**  
**Project Manager, Renewables Team, Creative Environmental Networks**

Tom has spent the last two years working on biomass projects across London and the Southeast addressing supply and demand side issues by working to implement a secure, quality provision of wood fuels and by coordinating biomass installations of varying size and type. Tom holds an MPhys from the University of Southampton. His research involved designing and building equipment to measure the performance of different types of PV panel under varying light conditions.