



Thames & Kennet Machinery Ring Ltd



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We're on the Web!

www.tkmr.co.uk

And on

Facebook...

The TKMR website is now live

www.tkmr.co.uk

Please do have a look at it when you have time. Within the Contact Us page there is a fuel order form, for all members to use to order fuel (Diesel, Red Diesel, Kerosene, Ad Blue & Lubricants). Once you've selected your commodity you will be prompted to go on and complete quantity and delivery instructions. On submitting the form you will receive a confirmation email which confirms that we have received your order. We will also confirm to you personally once the order has been placed with the fuel company.

We also have a For Sale & Wanted page so please do let us know if you have any items/forage for sale. We look forward to receiving your photographs doing any TKMR jobs, for us to display on the Photoboard on the website.

The website is a live document and will be constantly amended and improved, so please do let us know if you would like to put any suggestions forward.

Anglia Farmers Membership



We have finalised an agreement with Anglia Farmers which will entitle all full TKMR Members to the benefits and potential discounts across a wide range of services, including vehicles, all main farm inputs, electricity and phones.

More information will be available over the next few weeks on our website, however if you have an initial request please do contact the Office.

Important Dates and Deadlines

31st August Deadline for drilling Catch crops on Environmental Focus Areas (EFA's)

1st September End of closed season for cutting hedges not in Countryside Stewardship

1st October Deadline for drilling cover crops on Environmental Focus Area (EFA'S)

Please do contact us if you need help with any hedgecutting or drilling as we have member's available.

Fuel Reminder- Bank Holiday

Monday 29th August 2016

We have had an exceptionally busy week for fuel being ordered by members. The week of 12th August we ordered over 300,000 litres of fuel.

With many still harvesting & baling, please do remember the Bank holiday – 29th August, is this weekend, so please check your tanks and don't delay in ordering derv, gas oil, kero or Ad Blue from us.

Annual Farming Conference

Monday 21st November 2016

New venue! Deanwood Park Golf Course, Newbury; 2 minutes from the A34. We have a great line up of guest speakers and look forward to hearing from you if you would be interested in Sponsoring our event.

The Sponsorship Packages available are:

Member Rate = £175.00 plus VAT

- 1 banner displayed on the day
- Leaflets/sundries within the delegate bags
- Coverage within the Newsletters and on our Website
- Logo's on all the invitations sent by post to 600 TKMR & Orion Members
- 2 x free tickets to attend the Conference

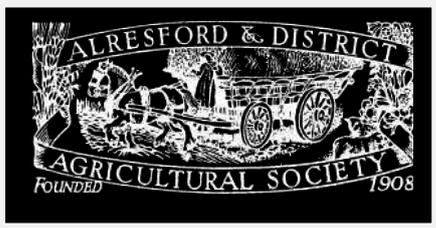
Non-Member Rate = £250.00 plus VAT

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**2 Free
Tickets per
Membership**

Thank you to all that have come forward so far and we look forward to hearing from other interested Members.



Alresford Agricultural Show

TKMR are having a stand at the
Alresford Show, Tichbourne Park, Alresford, SO24 0PN
on Saturday 3rd September.

We are delighted to be having a stand at the Show and to be sharing it with Hampshire Training Providers. We are situated on Stand A22.

If you are attending the show, please do come and see us all between 9am-6pm, where will be serving nibbles and drinks for you all to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you.



**"A great day
out for all
the family"**

Remember your Ring ...

Your ring works on a trust basis we put members in touch with each other and on occasion don't ever see paperwork in the office, your loyalty, support and use of the ring is the only guarantee we have to ensure Rings survive. As always Members are encouraged to use the ring and remember to put repeat jobs through the office as it ensures our survival. Member names are listed in the handbook and where members are put in touch its fantastic when we are remembered down the line. We are in our 25th year and as a Member Owned and Run Co-operative we need your support to see its continued survival.



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ALRESFORD SHOW 2016

TICHBORNE PARK
SEPTEMBER 3rd (9am - 6pm)



A GREAT DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

- Celebrating Hampshire Food Fare 25th Anniversary
- Shetland Pony Grand National
- Shire Horse Competition
- Iberian Horse Display
- Carriage Driving
- Horse Jumping
- Display of Vintage Machinery
- Tree Climbing
- Bee & Honey Show
- Birds of Prey & Flying Display
- Farmyard Fun Playground
- Grand Parade of Champion Livestock
- Glass Blowing
- Rural Craft Village
- FitzCook, Educational fun for children
- Food & Craft Tents
- Caribbean Steel Band
- The Alresford Ukulele Band (with free workshops)
- Dog Show
- Hedge Laying Demonstrations
- Horticultural Show
- Juggling Jake (with free workshops)
- Punch & Judy
- Poultry Tent
- Ferret Racing
- Tug of War
- Cattle, Sheep & Goats
- Education Tent
- Local Ales & Cider
- 150+ Trade Stands

WANTED

Yard to Rent

We have a member who is looking for a yard or yard space to rent ideally situated within 5 – 10 miles of Theale. Ideally the site would have space for a portable office & room for about 3 rigid HVG's. 50ft x 125ft as a minimum. If the yard already had small office + the space we would be interested in that too.

Please contact Mark at Nolan Oils on 01869 342111

Irrigated Land

We have a member looking for Irrigated land for potatoes – up to 600acres. Any location considered. Please contact the office for more information.

Tesco Future Farmer Applications are open until 29 August

If you see your future in farming, are hungry to learn new skills and want to be inspired by other bright young farmers, whilst broadening your understanding of the farming and food supply chain then the future farmer foundation is for you

Applications are now open until the 29th August
www.tescofuturefarmerfoundation.com

JOB VACANCY'S

- We have a member looking for a Part time shepherd for help required for a small flock of pedigree sheep in Chaddleworth. The ideal person will be experienced, knowledgeable, confident in overseeing all routine jobs, and willing to communicate regularly with the owner. Responsibilities include: Regular (ideally daily) looking, Foot treatment, Worming, Any other vet & med as required, Lambing & tagging, Sorting and transporting. We can offer grazing land for your own flock, and/or monthly payment. Please contact Andrew Atkinson at Strutt & Parker on 01635 576917
- We have a member looking for a herdsman to work in a team of dairy staff carrying out all the duties associated with tending to a herd of 550 high yielding cows. Must have milking experience and knowledge of animal welfare and dairy cow husbandry. Competitive salary and single accommodation available.
- We have a member looking for a general worker to start immediately for a couple of months. Competitive wage. Newbury area.

Please contact the office for more information about each vacancy.

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Are you complying with the Law?

As professionals, we are all expected to follow guidelines and obey the laws that are relevant to our businesses. It might come as a shock to some of you that there are still plenty of businesses out there that do not always comply and that more often than not it is down to ignorance rather than intent. Now, as you know, failure to comply with health and safety legislation can potentially have serious consequences to your business, not least the increased risk of accidents, reduction in workforce efficiency and ill health. This failure could also lead to enforcement from the Health & Safety Executive, heavy fines or even in some cases imprisonment.

A critical area of health and safety for businesses is the examination of plant and equipment to comply with various legislations, including the following:

PSSR	The Pressure Systems Safety Regulations
LOLER	The Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations
EAWR	The Electricity At Work Regulations
PUWER	The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations
COSHH	The Control Of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations
COMAH	The Control Of Major Accident Hazards Regulations
DSEAR	The Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations

It is a requirement of the Health & Safety Executive for all qualifying equipment to be inspected on a regular basis. The range of equipment is massive and includes, but is not restricted to the following:

Air receivers (Compressors)	Fork Lift Truck
Steam Boilers	Lifting Accessories
Hot water boilers (pressurized)	Sheer legs
Cranes / portable cranes	Vehicle Tailboard Lift
Chain blocks	Mobile gantries
Winches	LPG Storage
Generators	Fans
Lathes	Electric/Hydraulic Guillotines



There are no businesses that are exempt from these regulations yet it is somewhat surprising that there are plenty that are under the impression that it will not affect them. The short answer to this is that, if you own a piece of equipment that falls into the above categories, it is the law that they are maintained and inspected on a regular basis. There are no exceptions to this. It is important to note that, in the event of an accident or an incident, the resulting investigation will take into account the paperwork / documentation that shows the regular maintenance / inspections of all equipment involved. Failure to provide such documentation could seriously affect the outcome of the investigation.

It is straightforward to organise the necessary inspections to be carried out on a regular basis and such a service can be organised as part of your annual insurance policy. As a Member of Thames & Kennet Machinery Ring, we at Copperwheat Barlow can arrange inspection certification of such equipment plus, if required, "Sudden and Unforeseen Damage and Fragmentation" insurance and will be happy to quote as part of your insurance review. If you would like us to quote, please contact Sandi or Steve in the Thames & Kennet Machinery Ring office on 01635 285405 in the first instance.

Testimonials – calling all Members

(It's not too late!)

Thank you to those Members who have sent us in Testimonials. We will be displaying them on our boards when we have our stand at the Alresford Show in September. We would like to invite more Members to send in a paragraph or two about how the Ring currently helps you and your business, what you like about using the Ring be it prices, access to services, choices, flexibility, options, the ease of invoicing on your behalf etc. Your company name can be printed on the Testimonial, but as you can imagine we would appreciate the contact being made through the ring.

Dates for the Diary

September

3 rd	Alresford Agricultural Show
8 th – 11 th	World/National Ploughing Championship
14 th	National Dairy Show
17 th & 18 th	Royal County of Berkshire Show

Training Courses

West Berks and Oxon Training

August

16 th & 17 th	Lantra 2 day Chainsaw (16-20yr olds)
17 th	PA1 Foundation Module

September

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