



# Thames & Kennet Machinery Ring Ltd



## Ring Bulletin

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[www.tkmr.co.uk](http://www.tkmr.co.uk)

And on Facebook

## Annual Farming Conference Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

- 1 Banner displayed on the day
- Leaflets/sundries within the delegate bags
- Coverage within the Newsletters and on both our Websites
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Thank you to all that have come forward so far and we look forward to hearing from other interested Members.

2 Free  
Tickets per  
Membership

## Important Dates and Deadlines

1<sup>st</sup> October Deadline for drilling cover crops on Environmental Focus Area's (EFA's)

1<sup>st</sup> October Deadline for spreading organic manure on all other soils in Nitrate Vulnerable Zone's (NVZ's)



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



## Anglia Farmers Membership



We have 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. Information will be available on our website, however if you have an initial request please do contact the Office.

[www.tkmr.co.uk](http://www.tkmr.co.uk)

Thank you to our Members for sending us information for our website. If you haven't already looked at the website, please do. Please remember you can order your fuel (Diesel, Red Diesel, Kerosene, Ad Blue & Lubricants) online.

We also have a For Sale & Wanted page, so please do let us know if you have any items/forage for sale.

## Alresford Show

We had a very enjoyable day at the Alresford Show on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September with Hampshire Training. The day begun in glorious sunshine but slowly deteriorated as the day went on, and when 'the heavens' opened at about 4pm the show organisers closed the show early due to the weather -health and safety! It was such a shame to end this way but it did save everyone getting 'drenched'.

It was nice to put a few 'names to faces' and to also have a few new enquiries for membership. We also ran two competitions through the day, which both received a high response from current members & members of the public. The winner of the adult quiz was Mr Roger Denton and the winner of the Children's quiz was Miss Amelia Turner.



## Are you on top of the New Rodenticide Legislation?

Through our new supplier, Anglia Farmers, we are able to supply rodenticide to our members, however the regulations mean that they cannot not accept orders without a correct and in date Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide (CRRU) aligned Farm Assurance Scheme or CRRU Proof of Competence Certification.

The Regulations changed on 1 April and mean that you now have four options for purchasing rodenticide:

1. Hold a CRRU Approved Proof of Competence Certification
2. Employ a professional who holds a CRRU Approved Proof of Competence Certification
3. Be able to prove membership of a CRRU aligned Farm Assurances Scheme (until Dec 2017)
4. Require non-professional quantities – less than 1.5kg.

If any of our members would like to order rodenticide through the Ring please do contact the office for a specific price.

## Label Changes to all Rodenticides

Product labels of SGAR's (Second Generation Anti-coagulant Rodenticides) will be revised later this year in line with the CRRU (Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use). Product labels will include a new 'stewardship phrase' stating that it can only be applied by certified individuals, who are able to demonstrate compliance with UK rodenticide stewardship. Remaining stocks of old label products that do not require proof of competence will be available for purchase until 1 October 2016, and can be used up until 31 March 2017. After that date it will be illegal to use old label products.

- On the new labels products will be marked either: for use in and around buildings only or for use indoors only or for use in open areas only.
- There will also be a label stating that products must be used in accordance with CRRU code.



# Woodland Management – is it worthwhile?

Many farms/estates have small parcels of woodland of varying size on their holding but are they actually managed or productive?

There may be any number of reasons to manage your woodland – amenity, shooting, wood fuel or even environmental scheme requirements if they were established using grant funding. By ignoring your woodlands, although it may not cost you anything now it is losing you potential income when you come to fell the final crop (as unless you are growing trees solely for amenity they are a crop) as they will not reach their full yield potential. It may also produce future problems of wind blow and dropped limbs where trees are drawn up to quickly by competition. For example first thinning's: often viewed as a cost as you are removing selected trees of low yield (age) so their marketable value is relatively low. However what this does is allow the remaining trees more space to improve their growth and future yield class. A second or late thinning may also be carried out where further trees are removed to leave your final crop with the best opportunity to increase the timber volume you have for sale.

For shooting removal of selected trees will open up the canopy and allow more light in. This has numerous benefits, it provides birds with areas where they may dry off and sun themselves, flushing points and also increase the amount of ground cover, improving biodiversity and range of species present.

Wood fuel is very topical as we approach what no doubt the forecasters will call another cold winter!. Wood is an excellent fuel, whether you are looking for chip or logs, it must be dry to burn efficiently, in the right system it can significantly reduce fuel bills. For new plantings, stock and species should be considered, especially with climate change and increasing number of pathogens affecting our native trees. Care should be taken when selecting nursery stock as well as consideration of protection to new plantings and young growth – this ranges from various diseases through to squirrels and deer.



There are many grants currently available aimed at getting neglected woodlands back into a managed state, these can help with creating a management plan – vital to obtain a felling licence – to identify potential markets. While it may be difficult or impractical to divert/train staff to complete these woodland tasks, there are various contractors available through the Machinery Ring from the large through to the small alpine tractors specialising in difficult access, sensitive sites, ride maintenance, and tree shearing, if required.

## 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 full time farm worker to include tractor work and general farm duties. Accommodation on site and reflected in the salary. To be based near Maidenhead. For more information please contact the office.

Please contact the office for more information about each vacancy.

## Anglia Farmers – News

**Cereal** seed should now be ordered if you are intending to plant in September or October. By ordering early, you not only get a greater choice of available varieties, you will also have seed on farm and ready to drill when you are ready.

**Spring Barley** area looks to be increasing for another year as Anglia has already much interest and many members have already placed orders. By ordering early you ensure that you will receive high quality seed for the variety you want, especially important in years of low quality and essential if you have already contracted 2017's produce.

### **Grass seed**

Anglia's suppliers have given early indications that grass seed costs will increase in the New Year. This is because much of the grass seed purchased in the UK is imported and prices are already being influenced by the fall in Sterling. If you know that you need to re-seed next year, you may wish to order now.

Please contact the Ring office and we will make enquiries on your behalf if you are interested as Members you have full access to the group buying rates.

**Celebrate with us! 125th Anniversary Year**

The Henley & District Agricultural Association

# Ploughing Match & Country Market

**BACK FOR HEAVY HORSE  
2016 VILLAGE**

Ploughing Pairs • Logging Demonstration • Working Dray  
Traditional working horses at their best!



NEW for 2016 - Companion Dog Show

## Sunday 2nd October

Frizers Farm, Sonning Eye, RG4 6TN

- Tractor ploughing and working display
- Outdoor trade area and children's rides
- Country market & craft stands
- Ferret and terrier racing
- Tractor and trailer rides
- Poultry auction

**Admission Prices**  
Adults £5  
Concessions £3  
Under 5's FREE

A great day out for the whole family

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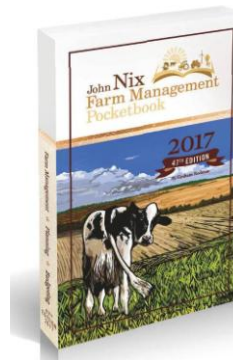
## John Nix Handbook

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## 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.

### Hemp Drying

We have someone looking for any space on the floor of a store, which would be suitable for drying Hemp. Please contact the office for more information.

## Dates for the Diary

### October

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pheasant & Woodcock Shooting season opens
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Henley Ploughing Match,
- 15<sup>th</sup> NDAS Ploughing Match, Sulhamstead
- 30<sup>th</sup> British Summer Time ends

## Mobile Seed Cleaning

**Mobile Seed Cleaning:** Cleaning your own cereal seed can save you in the region of £75/tonne from your seed costs. Looking ahead to the Spring, please contact the ring for details we have members offering preferential rates.

## Training Courses

### West Berks and Oxon Training

#### August

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

#### September

- 1<sup>st</sup> PA1 Knapsack sprayer

### Kennet and Thames Training

#### September

- 29<sup>th</sup> Rodent control with LANTRA certification

### Hampshire Training Providers

#### October

- 21<sup>st</sup> October Transport of Livestock (short Journey)