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Spring is in the air!

We'd like to wish all our members every success with their lambing season. If you require any equipment or supplies throughout lambing please do get in contact with us as we are able to get good discounts on many products through our suppliers.

We are able to get competitive quotes for Fertiliser, Ag Chems, Silage/Bale Wrap /string and many more products, so please do contact us in the Office, if you haven't done already, should you be interested in quote on any of their products/services.



Now is the time to make sure any of your certificates are up to date. If you or any of your employees need further training or refresher courses please do contact us as we have three training providers running various courses throughout the year. Courses for March, April & May are listed within this Newsletter.

Easter Bank Holiday Fuel orders

The Easter break is fast approaching, 14th – 17th April, so please do remember to check your fuel tanks and order gas oil, derv or kerosene in time for delivery before Easter.

Banking

The Ring office will be processing Members Collections & Payments on the 13th April instead of the 14th April. If this will be a problem for you please do let us know as soon as possible.

Annual General Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

TKMR AGM

Wednesday 3rd May

At TKMR Office, Stanmore

Forward Buying Fuel for Summer 2017

We are currently looking into Forward buying fuel for a fixed volume over July, August, and September 2017.

If anyone would be interested in finding out more, please contact Steve at the Ring Office.

Dates for the Diary

March

- 14th – 17th Cheltenham Festival
- 26th British Summer time begins
- 29th Deadline for spraying out footpaths in standing crops

April

- 16th Easter Sunday

May

- 3rd TKMR AGM, 1 South Stanmore Stables, Stanmore
- 16th Deadline for BPS applications
- 28th Berkshire YFC Country Fayre, Englefield Estate, Englefield
- 28th Oxfordshire YFC Show, Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham



March offer for TKMR Members

All of our members will get a **25% Discount** on **Workshop Consumables and Livestock Products** in March. You don't require an Account as you are able to use the TKMR Membership number.

Please call Steve for enquiries and the account number should you wish to purchase any products.

1 April 2017- UK Water comes under de-regulation

Are you ready for de-regulation of the UK's non-domestic water market?

What does this mean?

Deregulation of the non-domestic water market in England is set to take place in April 2017, following the example set by Scotland in 2008, which means that businesses will have the choice to switch supplier. Alongside this, deregulation will allow new suppliers to join the marketplace, opening up competition within the industry.

Currently a regional monopoly of more than twenty different companies, England will need to undergo administrative changes. Whilst nothing changes about the water that reaches consumers or the infrastructure it passes through along the way, account provision and billing will be managed by a business' Licensed Provider of choice.

Many members in our area currently with Thames Water have received letters explaining they are being switched to Castle Water, as we understand you will automatically be placed on a standard business tariff and it would then be up to you to negotiate a better deal or shop around the other licensed providers in the market place.

Over the last 18 months Anglia Farmers have been in discussions with water providers across the country with regards to the deregulation and the pricing of contracts. Through your TKMR membership Anglia Farmers could help bring valuable opportunities to consolidate water supplies across your portfolio, simplifying the management of your water account saving you time and money to focus on the day to day running of your businesses.

Anglia Farmers will ease the process for you by negotiating a competitive contract on your behalf for your water needs. If you would like to be included in this process, please contact us, providing a full copy of your latest water bill/s which give us all the details needed to enter into discussions on your behalf. There is no commitment in doing this exercise.

In the letter from Thames Water there was website giving details on how to switch suppliers.

<http://www.open-water.org.uk/for-customers/how-to-switch/>

This details five steps to switching when the market opens.

- 1 Determine your current water Use (collate all your invoices for your different water sites)
- 2 Check the current deal (knowing the terms will help you understand the new offer and help you decide if you are switching water / waste water / or both)
- 3 Shop Around on this website there are links to many licensed water provider websites (*alternatively contact the office and we could arrange for Anglia Farmers to negotiate on your behalf*)
- 4 Agree a deal & make your choice



Wanted

- A member is looking to buy, second hand, a 1.5-2 tonne lift capacity all terrain forklift, such as an Ausa (not a JCB small telehandler)?"
- If anyone has any Straw for sale please do let us know. Any size bale.
- We have a member looking for any recommendations for company's who do Risk assessments. Please contact the Office if you know of anyone who can help.
- We have a member looking for a set of dual wheels 18.4/38.
- We have had an enquiry from someone looking to buy a 3 tonne tipper trailer. If anyone can help please contact Will on 07852 692631.

YARD TO RENT

A member has a small yard with a large secure brick barn and outbuildings, for agricultural use.

Located between Reading and Basingstoke. For more information please contact the Office.

Fertiliser

Order all spring fertilisers now Article from AF

CF are now manufacturing their last batch of DoubleTop. We advise that if you need any high quality NS products for this growing season that you place orders as soon as you can.

Stocks are getting tight for March deliveries; we highly encourage members to place any outstanding fertiliser orders as soon as you can. Further price rises through this peak season are expected.

Small lots and part loads of fertiliser can take longer to be delivered. Even if usage is not planned until April or May, we strongly suggest placing orders now so that you have product on farm ready when you need it.

Please contact Steve or Sandi for further details they will be happy to make enquires or put you in touch directly with the relevant department within AF regarding costs and delivery times.



Seed

All spring cereal seed is in short supply!

We advise all members to order any remaining requirements of spring barley, wheat, oats, oilseed rape and beans as soon as possible. Popular varieties are selling out and delivery time scales will soon become urgent once soil temperatures increase.

AF have access to all varieties of **Maize** seed, to be a part of our early bulk orders, place your requirements us now. We can service all of your requirements, such as: AD plants, Forage, Maize Maze and Game Cover.

Please contact Steve or Sandi to obtain a price.

Yara ImageIT - FREE APP with unlimited usage

Yara ImageIT is a smartphone app designed to measure nitrogen uptake in Oilseed Rape and generate a nitrogen recommendation based on photographs of the crop.

Quickly and easily determine the biomass and the amount of nitrogen taken up by your oilseed rape both before and after winter

ImageIT calculates the nitrogen uptake based on leaf cover (leaf area index), leaf green colour (green area index or gai) and estimated fraction of brown leaves.

ImageIT is largely insensitive to camera type and works with low resolution images with a file size as small as 50 – 200 KB.

If your fields are in areas with poor network coverage, ImageIT can save the photos on the smartphone so you can carry on taking photographs and then send them later for interpretation when you regain reception.

<http://www.yara.co.uk/crop-nutrition/Tools-and-Services/yara-imageit-app/>

BIG SAVINGS ON NEW VEHICLES

Anglia Farmers has manufacturer discounts in place with over 20 makes of vehicle in the UK. The deals available are above and beyond those achievable by a retail customer.

All types of vehicle are available – cars, vans, 4x4/SUV, and pick-ups. Discounts range from approx. 10% up to 30% for most vehicles and even 40% for vans.

The deals are available with any main UK dealer, and finance can be offered off the back of the cash purchase discounts. Only brand new vehicles are eligible for the discounts; used or nearly new do not qualify. With the exception of the AF fee, all transactions relating to the vehicle is independent of Anglia Farmers. Vehicle registration is also in the end user's name.

For further details and to make an enquiry please contact Steve in the Ring Office.

Lambing Shopping List



AF have created a Lambing checklist, please click on the link below:

<http://angliafarmerslimited.cmail19.com/t/t-l-hktyhtk-urhykdyhy-k/>

Please do let us know if you require any supplies before or whilst you're lambing.

Livestock

Cattle & Sheep Tags

AF have set discounts with most of the main cattle and sheep tag suppliers in the UK. As there is an increase in demand for new runs of tags with calving and lambing, the lead time on tag orders can often be increased at this time of year.

Calf Milk Replacer

Order The Calf Company's Milk Replacers in February and get 2 FREE CALF JACKETS. Elite, Premium Plus, Gold Start, Advance and Advance 20-20.



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TKMR members will get a 20% discount on the rates displayed on our website. Delivery and Collection to be priced accordingly.

Is your Training Up to date

The Ring has 3 Training Members and can accommodate an array of courses as listed in the current handbook. As a general reminder, details of how long some certificates are valid for have been provided by one of our Training Members and are as follows:

- First Aid – every 3 years. Certificate expires
- Forklift/Telehandlers – every 5 years is the HSE recommendation for Lantra, ITTSAR, Training Group
- Diggers/Dumpers/Telehandlers – NPORS - Sometimes 3 years sometimes 5 years (depending on what course you opted for) but you will get notified by NPORS
- Chainsaw – every 5 years, *Recommendation*

Please do check and contact us if you require further help or to book a course.

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Please contact the Ring Office

Sprayer & Fertiliser Test

TKMR are able to organise your sprayer & fert tests through our Training companies. Please do get in touch if your sprayer & fertiliser test is due for renewal.

Openfield Moisture Meter Clinics 2017

Listed below are clinics run by Openfield and are for Openfield customers only:

20th June 2017 Openfield, Compton Business Centre, Compton Abdale, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL54 4DL. 10am to 3pm

22rd June 2017. Swanbourne Home Farms, The Shoot Room, Home Farm, Swanbourne, Bucks MK17 0SR 10am to 3 pm

22nd June 2017. Wiltshire Grain Nr. Rollestone Camp, Shrewton, Wiltshire SP5 4DS 10 am to 3 pm

27th June 2017. Hampshire Grain, Ltd, Overton Road, Micheldever Station, Winchester SO21 3AN. 10 am to 4 pm

4th July 2017. Cannington Grain Ltd, Combwich Road, Cannington, Bridgewater, Somerset TA5 2PL 10am to 4pm

11th July 2017 . Ridgeway Grain Ltd, Lambourn Woodlands, Hungerford, Berkshire RG17 7TJ 10am to 3pm

JOB VACANCY'S

- 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.
- A member is looking for a Farm Secretary/Book Keeper for 2 days a week. Secretarial or bookkeeping experience is not essential, however farming knowledge is required. Programmes used are Sum-It & Gatekeeper. To be based near Farnham.
- A member is looking for a full time tractor driver. Must have PA 1 & 2 certificates. To be based near Basingstoke.
- A member is looking for an energetic & enthusiastic person to work for an agricultural and forestry company. Opportunity to learn the trade in a vibrant company. Good wages offered. Based Nr Thame.
- A member is looking for a motivated, experienced, professional gardener, with a minimum NVQ Level 2 (or equivalent) in Horticulture. Working under the supervision of the Head Gardener. Based Lambourn.

Please contact the office for more information about each vacancy.

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 the Ring survives.

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 it's fantastic when we are remembered down the line. We are in our 26th year and as a Member Owned and Run Co-operative we need your support to see the Rings continued survival.

Training Courses

West Berks and Oxon Training

March

14th & 15th Lantra 2 day Felling
17th Upholstery & Soft Furnishings

April

4th PA4's Slug Pelletter training day
8th Tractor driving 13-15yr olds

May

5th Woodchipper
8th One day Emergency First Aid
12th Brushcutter
15th & 19th 2 day LANTRA Chainsaw Maint
18th LANTRA Rat & Mouse Control
25th Safe Use of Aluminium Phosphide

Kennet and Thames Training

March

20th & 21st Chainsaw & Maintenance Cross Cut
22nd PA6 – knapsack sprayer

Hampshire Training Providers

March

16th PA6a Knapsack training
20th & 21st Lantra 2 day Chainsaw Maint & Cross Cut
23rd Emergency First Aid
27th Telehandler

April

6th PA2a Boomed Sprayer Training
6th & 7th City & Guilds 2 day Chainsaw Maint & Cross Cut
27th Refresher course for PA1 & PA6

The Wurzels

17th June 2017, Folly Farm, W. Ilsley RG20 7AZ
7pm - Midnight

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