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Congratulations



Derek Popped the Big Question the only way a sprayer man could.....

Derek Cheriton & Louise Hatton
(DRC Contracting)

We wish you both all the very best.
See Derek's artwork below – Genius

Thank you

We say Goodbye to 2 TKMR Directors

Thank you to two long serving Directors, who for different reasons have recently resigned from our Board. Both **Rachel Archer** and **Guy Hildred** have been on the Board of Directors since 2005 and have been extremely involved in the development, growth and direction of the Ring, over the last 12 years. All our Directors give their time readily and free of charge and we (the staff) and the membership are extremely grateful for this. They both remain committed members to the ring and we wish Rachel all the very best as she settles into life in Suffolk.



Recent Theft of Hire Machine from Members Farm

Members Insurance Reminder

Due to a recent theft of a hire machine from one of our Members it served as a reminder and we would like to remind our Members how important it is to have the correct insurance in place when hiring machinery through the Ring. In this instance the machine was covered but it always needs to be double checked and considered.

As per our Ring Regulations: "Every member must ensure that adequate insurance cover is held throughout the period of ring membership. The member's insurance must cover the activities supplied or received in connection with membership of the Ring. The member undertakes to inform the Ring of any circumstances which alters the insurance cover expressed within the Statement of Insurance."

All members who intend to carry out work through the Ring should ensure that their insurance policy is extended to include all work carried out for other members. **Any plant hired through the Ring without an operator must be insured for all risks by the Demander.** Ultimately it is up to the owner of the Tractor/machinery to satisfy him or herself that their equipment is adequately insured. The Demander should have full insurance cover for employers' and public liability. The level of cover required is a minimum of five million pounds. The member's insurance must cover the activities supplied or received in connection with membership of the Ring. The member undertakes to inform the Ring of any circumstances which alters their insurance cover.

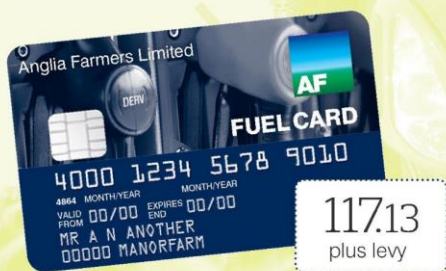
The Demander will be responsible for damage to Supplier's machinery if caused by neglect. Those members who operate terms and conditions over and above those of Thames and Kennet Machinery Ring, should obtain a signature to such terms from the Demander or his agent agreeing to all such terms and conditions at or before the delivery of the equipment. It is the responsibility of the Supplier to ensure that equipment is mechanically sound and fit for its purpose and that it is fully guarded to comply with health and safety legislation in force at that time. Machine operators, stockmen and other workers should have received adequate training and hold up to date certification.

News & Offers

Fuel Card Prices



AF



As with all prices AF prices do vary weekly so please do remember to check the pump price before filling up.

For more information on taking out a fuel card with AF please call the Office.

2 cancelled Ford Ranger Wildtrak's available for short delivery. Panther Black or Sea Grey - AF Discount applies

2018 Diaries – Now Available

All available in Black, Red and Blue.

- A4 day to page £2.35
- A5 day to page £1.35
- A4 week to view £1.30
- A5 Week to view 75p

2018 year planner

- Mounted £2.05
- Unmounted £1.05

All prices are plus VAT & the Levy. To order please call the Office.

Phone Contracts through AF

Thames & Kennet Machinery Ring members continue to benefit from working with Anglia Farmers.

As our relationship with Anglia Farmers (AF) progresses we are finding more and more ways in which our members can benefit. Be it building materials, water or electricity contracts or just a great price on some toilet paper!

One key area for AF, which we are pleased to be able to offer our members is **telecoms** – business grade mobiles phone, landline and broadband contracts – the deals we can access via AF have shown fantastic cost reductions for members, but also come with a level of day to day support you just cannot get elsewhere. AF offers a wide range of contract options on Vodafone, EE and O2. All their rates are unique, and typically reduce costs by around 40%, sometimes by much more.

If you would like to see what they can do for you please find out when your current contract ends, and get in touch when you would like us to arrange a quote – we will liaise with the AF team on your behalf and get your bespoke deal put together. To get a detailed cost analysis you need to send us a fully itemised bill per line or mobile. If you like the results of the analysis, the deal can be set up with a minimum of fuss, and you will then have access to the dedicated support desk at AF for the life of the contract. The team is very helpful and ready to work with you.

Wanted

JGas are looking for sites in Berkshire for LPG Gas tanks & Storage. Please contact the Office if you are able to help.

GRITIT are looking for storage yards for salt from October 2017 – 15th April 2018 in the following areas: Bracknell, Camberley (Farnborough), Guildford, Basingstoke, Southampton & Portsmouth. If any of our Members have any storage space available please contact the Ring Office.

Job Vacancy

Merrimoles Farms require an enthusiastic student or similarly experienced worker required for immediate start until at least July 2018. A varied role on a 1000 acre dairy/arable/sheep farm with plenty of opportunity to gain valuable experience. Duties include: tractor work, stock feeding, fencing and farm maintenance. Must have some tractor driving/telehandler experience.

For more details please contact: Sandi Ackrill, TKMR, 01635 285405

OJM Farm Contractors are looking for experienced staff required to join busy Berkshire based contracting business. A varied role but main jobs will include hedge trimming, conventional baling with bale baron packer, tractor loader work, all aspects of hay making, fencing and hay deliveries. An attention to detail and high standards of work are essential to this role. The right candidate will have a full, clean driving licence, and have the ability to work on their own.

All applicants should send cv's to oliver.morris@yahoo.co.uk by 30th September.

Dates for the Diary

September

- 16th – 17th Royal County of Berkshire Show, Newbury Showground
23rd Avebury and District Ploughing Association Match
30th Countryside Stewardship – entry for Mid-tier level closes

October

- 1st Deadline for drilling Cover Crops on Environmental Focus Areas (EFA's)
1st Deadline for spreading Organic manure on all other Soils in Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (NVZ's)
21st NADAS Ploughing Match, Woolley Estate, Woolley

Training Courses

West Berks and Oxon Training

September

- 21st Driver CPC
21st Rough Terrain Telescopic Forklift

October

- 12th & 13th LANTRA Chainsaw 2 day
16th PA4's Slug Pellet Training Day
30th 1 day Emergency First Aid at Work

November

- 2nd & 3rd LANTRA 2 day Chainsaw
6th LANTRA 1 day chainsaw refresher
8th PA1 Foundation Module – Training day
13th LANTRA Rodent Control (Rat & Mouse)
22nd PA6 Knapsack Sprayer – Training day
28th Safe use of Aluminium Phosphide

We have two other training companies who are members so please do call us with your training requirements that you require for any of your employees.

