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## Welcome to our new Directors

The Board are pleased to announce two new volunteer Directors to the Team – following the recent announcement of the resignations of Rachel Archer and Guy Hildred - **Derek Cheriton and Kevin Smith** attended the last board meeting and agreed then to be co-opted onto the Board. Kevin and Derek have 16 and 22 years respectively, of history with the Ring and bring loyalty, knowledge, experience, advice and contacts all of which will be a great help to Steve, Sandi and Camilla.



## Winter Grade Fuel

Is now being delivered by all of our fuel company's.

## Slug Pellet/Fertiliser/Sprayer Testing

TKMR are able to organise Slug Pellet/ Sprayer & Fertiliser spinner testing. Please do get in touch if your test is due and we will help find suitable dates. We have a choice of suppliers.

## Edinburgh Trip 2018

### 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June

Following the postponement of the trip to Edinburgh this year, we would like to try and rearrange it again for our Members and guests in 2018. The Trip will be organised in the same format: to travel up on the 19<sup>th</sup> June by air from London Heathrow, 20<sup>th</sup> – day in Edinburgh or possible farm visit, 21<sup>st</sup> – day at The Royal Highland Show followed by flight back to London in the early evening.

We would like to know from our Members who would be interested in coming on the trip. Once we have an idea of numbers we will confirm prices to you all. We anticipate the price will be similar to this year's trip around £300-350 per person (inc flights, transfers, hotel accommodation & entry to the Show). We would be looking for minimum 10 members to run the trip. Thank you to those who have already replied. If you would like to register an interest please do let Sandi or Camilla know as soon as possible and we can look into options.



Congratulation to our TKMR Member Ben & Katherine Bulter on the safe arrival of Emilia Elizabeth Butler born in November.

## TKMR - Hand Book

**Final Call for Members adverts – all data is being sent to printer next week please do get your art work to Camilla in the next few days.**

We have a fantastic response and thank everyone who has supported in some way to help produce the book. We plan to send it to every member very early in the New Year.

We are currently designing the front cover of the book & would like to put some images on it. If any of our Members have any pictures of their machinery that they would be happy to be used on the front cover please do let us know. It mustn't have any sign writing on it. We cannot guarantee your picture will be used as it will depend on the number received.

## Winter Season Projects

It is the time of the year for winter maintenance, we have available a 15M reach 360 excavator with operator. Ideal for cleaning large streams, small rivers, etc. They will also empty slurry lagoons into spreaders or trailers, reaching way beyond standard reach machines, sometimes eliminating the need for a second machine working in the lagoon bottom. It can also be working with a heavy duty mulcher head for clearing scrub and timber on banks either up or down. For the professional and ticketed operator if you need even more reach. We can source on a self drive basis up to 22m reach machines.

For further information and prices please do contact the Ring Office.



## For Sale

- Chemical Store for sale. 8ft long x 5.5ft wide. Shelving, heating, electric hook up point & locks. Guide Price £1,100 +VAT



- A member has Haylage bales for sale – 120 x 90's. Please call the Ring Office for more information.
- A member has Haylage, Maize & Whole crop silage for sale. Please call the office for quantities and prices.

## Dates for the Diary

### November

25<sup>th</sup> Nov – BCA Open Day (book your place)

### December

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - National Poultry Show, Telford

10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Grouse Season Closes

### January

13<sup>th</sup> Jan - Royal Agricultural University Post Graduate Open Day

### February

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb - Sparsholt College Open Day

## Gas Contracts

### Would you consider change?

Please remember TKMR Members have access to J GAS (who are TKMR Members) and they can offer Gas for Domestic and Business users. They can offer:

- One annual Standing Charge regardless of tank numbers per site
- Free No obligation Site Survey
- Order as you do now for your Gas Oil and Kerosene from the Ring Office
- J Gas will oversee the removal of the old tanks and the installation of the new ones. Any existing gas in old tank will be transferred to the new tank.
- Free Telemetry fitted if required.

Ring the Ring and we will arrange for our representative Innes Miles to contact you to discuss your requirements.

## Sprayer Refresher Courses

### Do you require the following?

Lantra have developed Sprayer Refresher Courses which carry NROSO points. The half day PA1 refresher carries 6 CPD points and the full day PA1 and PA6 or PA2 carries 12 points.

Please do let us know if you would be interested in attending any of the above sprayer courses.

One of our Training companies is looking at running a course for Drones as Lantra are putting a course together. Please do let us know if this would be of interest to you?

# 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.

## Special Offers

### Bosch Vero Cafe

Fully automatic espresso coffee machine Silver TES50221GB. RRP £699.99. AF price £330 (excludes VAT and the AF levy).

### Dyson V8 Absolute cordless Hoover.

RRP £449. AF price £290 (excludes VAT and the AF levy). Whilst stocks last.

### Enhanced savings on Mercedes-Benz

AF can offer enhanced savings across the whole range of Mercedes-Benz. Call to discuss.

### Great discount on VW Amarak

A VW dealer is offering great discounts on a number of VW Amarak stock vehicles. Call vehicles for more info.

### Special low-rate finance offer

One of AF's preferred finance contacts is currently offering a low-rate 5.1% APR on its finance deals for AF members, applicable to (new or nearly new) vehicles, machinery, and most other business asset items.

## 136pc Mechanic's Tool Kit



1/4", 3/8" or 1/2" Sq. Drive

- Comprehensive range of frequently used hand tools.
- 1/4" & 1/2" Sq drive 72-Tooth offset comfort grip ratchet wrenches.
- Includes 1/4", 3/8" and 1/2" Sq drive sockets, hex keys, spanners, screwdrivers, pliers, bits and accessories.
- Housed in a sturdy carry-case with reinforced corners, aluminium trim and lockable metal catches.
- Case Size (W x D x H): 465 x 395 x 105mm.
- Model No. AK7980
- List Price £279.95

SELLING PRICE

£129.98

Prices valid until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

All prices exclude VAT unless stated otherwise

# AF Market Update

## Spring Seed

Popular spring barley varieties such as Planet, Laureate and Propino are already under pressure. AF are taking provisional orders which can be confirmed at a later date to guarantee your preferred variety. AF will bulk orders together to achieve best prices. We also recommend placing any provisional orders for spring wheat, particularly new varieties KWS Cochise and KWS Chilham, as well as any oats or pulse seed requirements.

## Enhanced profit opportunities for spring 18- Explorer barley on premium buyback contracts and spring seed production contracts.

Due to increased demand from AB Inbev for Explorer spring barley for Budweiser production we are able to offer extra area under contract, subject to T & C's. Additional Ha's for spring cereal & pulse seed production are also available with attractive terms.

## FEED

Despite featuring increased EU and Russian production figures (+ 0.45Mt and + 1Mt respectively) last week's USDA report supported global wheat prices, which finished the week quietly. However, UK wheat dipped lower after sterling found strength on Friday. The report was also bearish for oilseeds, with global soybean forecasts being raised. On Friday production increases were reported for both Malaysian palm oil and Canadian rape oil. Though rapeseed futures dropped for a second consecutive session on Friday, UK rapemeal also dipped slightly, again aided by currency.

## FERTILISER

Phosphate prices increased last week and continue to drift upwards on the back of higher production costs and lower availability across many producing nations. Replacement values are much higher than those on offer today.

Potash prices have only marginally increased from those 7 days ago and remain under pressure from all suppliers into the UK market.

India scrapped a 770kt urea tender, immediately halting the upward trend on world nitrogen prices; UK urea values have already started to decrease. Please be aware that we are still very close to the highest prices for 2017/18.

Amid the slight increases in price seen last week, we still suggest that if you can take delivery of your remaining spring fertilisers in January, to order quickly before the next round of increases come into the market. Delayed and phased payment options are available.

## Training Courses

### West Berks and Oxon Training

#### November

22 <sup>nd</sup>	PA6 Knapsack Sprayer – Training
day	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Safe use of Aluminium Phosphide

#### December

4 <sup>th</sup>	PA2 – Boom Sprayer Training Day
13 <sup>th</sup>	1 day Emergency First Aid
14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>	LANTRA 2 day Chainsaw

### Hampshire Training Providers

#### November

21 <sup>st</sup>	Ladders – Working at height
30 <sup>th</sup>	Telehandler

#### December

7 <sup>th</sup>	Emergency First Aid
8 <sup>th</sup>	ATV
18 <sup>th</sup>	Telehandler

For those members who have Electricity Contracts through the Ring, we've learnt that to get accurate readings on your electricity bills you need to provide us with a meter reading by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month when you invoice is due.



organisations working together to promote agriculture

### Integrated farming, now and for the future

A practical event looking at options to build future operational resilience for your farming business working in harmony with the environment.

Hosted by:

**Robert Hobill**

Farm Manager for Hamilton Farms, Ditchley Park, Enstone.

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Meet at Enstone Village Hall, Enstone, Chipping Norton, OX7 4AZ

10 for 10.30am start concluding with lunch at 1.30. Please come attired for farm walk

RSVP to attend to Paul Hill, [paul.hill@ahdb.org.uk](mailto:paul.hill@ahdb.org.uk) or 07964 243699