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To all our Members we thank you for all your support over the last year & we'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Fuel Ordering

If you haven't already please do check your fuel tanks and if you need to order any kerosene, gas oil, derv before the Christmas bank holiday, please do so as soon as possible.

The fuel companies will be open in between Christmas and New Year but may have reduced delivery options.

Office Christmas Opening

We will all be monitoring the phones and emails over the Christmas period so if you have an emergency please do get in contact with us.

For those members who have Electricity Contracts through the Ring, please don't forget to provide us with a meter reading by the 15th of the month, your invoice is due in (i.e.: the last month of your quarter).

Edinburgh Trip 2018

19th – 21st 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 19th June by air from London Heathrow, 20th – day in Edinburgh or possible farm visit, 21st – 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.

Job Vacancy

Local Contractor is looking for an experienced member of 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. If you are interested please contact the ring office or send your cv's and references to office@tkmr.co.uk or call 01635285405.

Dates for the Diary

January

13th Jan - Royal Agricultural University Post Graduate Open Day

17th & 18th – LAMMA @ East of England Showground

February

3rd Feb - Sparsholt College Open Day

Snow Clearing

The snow arrived; even though it was forecast we didn't expect it to get this far South and in the areas of our region that it reached a few members were kept busy most of the day on Sunday and into Monday. It wasn't a blanket covering of the whole of our ring area but it enabled us to put some of the plans we have in place into practice.

If you would like to be on the call out register & haven't already done so, please do contact Steve and let him know whether you would be clearing with a blade or a loader/bucket, as some sites are not able to except loader/buckets. When the next snow is forecast we will do a ring round to check availability but it would help greatly if snow is forecast and you're not able to help, to let us know in advance to help us ensure all areas are covered (especially if it's forecast between Christmas & New Year).

Photos kindly supplied by George Brown



Training Courses

West Berks and Oxon Training

January 2018

- 16th NRoSO Workshop
24th Social Media Marketing Workshop

February 2018

- 5th 1 day Emergency First Aid at Work
6th PA1 Foundation Module (training day)
21st Social Media Marketing Workshop

Hampshire Training Providers

December 2017

- 18th PA2 boomed sprayer training
18th ATV
19th LANTRA Brushcutter
20th Casual user Chainsaw course

January 2018

- 12th PA1 safe use & handling chemicals training
15th & 16th NPTC Chainsaw felling up to 380mm
18th Telehandler
19th Management Techniques
30th PA6a/w Knapsack training
30th PA4 slug pellet training

February 2018

- 1st Telehandler
2nd PA2 Boomed sprayer training
6th Chainsaw refresher
13th Chainsaw refresher

Kennet & Thames Training

January 2018

- 18th Emergency First Aid
22nd & 23rd Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross cut

February 2018

- 14th & 15th Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross cut
14th ATV Quad
21st Brushcutter/Strimmer
22nd Manual Handling
26th & 27th Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross cut

Wanted

We have a member looking to buy a Trailed Sprayer with a min 2500 Litre capacity & 20m plus boom length. Must be in good condition.

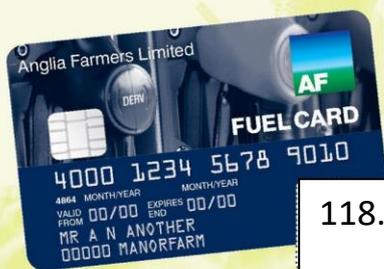
Please contact the Ring office

For Sale

We have a members who can supply logs of any size in some areas of the Machinery Ring. Please contact the Ring for a price.



Fuel Card Prices

118.27

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.

Savings on Vehicles through AF

Enhanced savings on Mercedes-Benz

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

Great discount on VW Amorak

A VW dealer is offering great discounts on a number of VW Amorak stock vehicles.

Ford Ranger Wildtrak Auto with immediate delivery

Widely regarded as being hard to source on a short delivery, a couple of AF's preferred suppliers have excellent availability on a large range of Wildtrak auto vehicles.

Beat the Volkswagen price increase

VW are having an inflationary price increase (namely on Golf and Passat), which takes effect on Weds 20th December. Orders placed with AF by close of play of Tues 19th December will avoid the price increases.

Avoid the Toyota price increase

Toyota are issuing price increases on their Yaris, C-HR, and Proace models. Orders placed with AF by 29/12 will avoid the price increases. Excellent savings are available through AF.



Special offers on Anti-Freeze & Coolant

Antifreeze will protect all engines from frost damage right down to -34°C and ice damage down to -50°C (at 50% of total coolant volume). It also provides outstanding protection against rust and corrosion for all parts of the cooling system and is therefore recommended for all year round use. This Ethylene Glycol based antifreeze, which meets the technical requirements of BS6580:1992 is designed to meet the demands of modern engines and their cooling systems.

Universal Anti-Freeze from **£1.35** per ltr
Sizes in 25ltr and 200ltr

Hybrid Coolant from **£2.01** per ltr
Sizes in 25ltr and 200ltr

Hybrid 50/50 Coolant from **£1.56** per ltr
Sizes in 25ltr and 200ltr. Pre mixed product – ready to use

Special offer: Sealey TP11 Drum Stillage



£68.85

Allows safe storage of 205ltr drums in the horizontal position for quick and safe dispensing of contents.



Delivery charges may apply on orders under £100.