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Banking - Easter Bank Holiday

Easter is fast approaching and due to Good Friday being a bank holiday we are going to do the Banking a day early, therefore Debits and Credits will be taken/given from your accounts on Thursday 29th March. The banking will be run normally the following week.

Should anyone have a problem with this please do Contact Steve in the Ring office.



Fuel orders over Bank Holiday weekend

The fuel companies are still very busy following the snow, so please remember to check your tanks and order any gas oil, kerosene & derv as soon as possible as many are unable to deliver at short notice as most have lead times of a week.

'Do not let you stocks run too low'!

The Director's & Managers invite you to the

TKMR AGM 2018

On Wednesday 9th May at 7pm

At

1 South Stanmore Stables, Stanmore, RG20 8SR

Refreshments afterwards

Job Vacancy

Farm Secretary Required, SL6 3RX

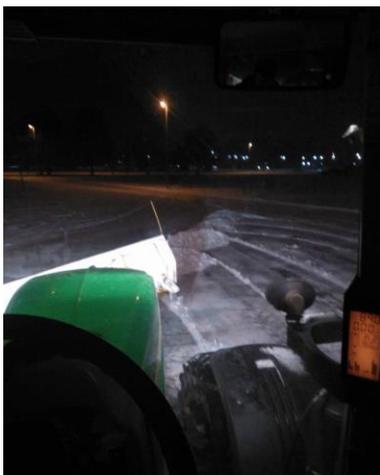
Initially 1 morning per week but this could increase (the ability for some flexibility during busy periods would be useful). Would suit school hour day.

Knowledge of VAT and Payroll, Computer Skills. Farm system is Summit – training can be given on this. No Agricultural office experience necessary. General office responsibilities including invoicing/banking/correspondence.

Please call for the Ring for more details. Immediate start required.

Snow -Thank you

The snow has most definitely made an impact this year!! We cleared 53 sites last Saturday night and Sunday morning, a brilliant team effort, reliability & good communication from members and some nice feedback from our gritting companies who requested the clearing. This goes for the clearing at the beginning of the month due to the bigger beast from the east too!. Below are various photos of our members clearing snow from the 'Beast from the East' and the 'Mini Beast from the East'.



Dates for the Diary

March

- 29th Deadline for spraying out Footpaths in standing crops
- 30th Good Friday

April

- 1st & 2nd Easter Sunday & Easter Monday

May

- 9th TKMR AGM, South Stanmore Stables, RG20 98SR
- 15th BPS deadline
- 26th Oxfordshire YFC County Show & Rally, Ducklington Showground
- 27th Berkshire YFC Country Fayre Englefield Estate



Please do use the Facebook page **Thames & Kennet Machinery Ring** – we intend to start posting special offers and adverts on our page a lot more in order to help advertise the Ring to those not involved as the newsletter only goes to members via email at the moment.

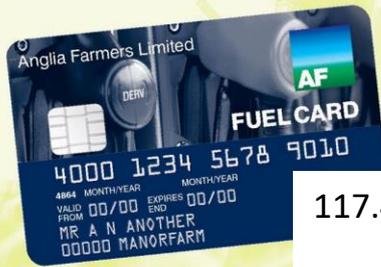
More interaction with the facebook page helps inform people what the Ring does and how we can help therefore will help generate work for our suppliers.

We have two face book pages the old one is still around as it has a fair number of followers, however we always post items onto the new page created alongside our website in 2015.

Just tag the Machinery Ring in any posts where you are working with us it all helps with the promotion.

<https://www.facebook.com/tkmachineryring/>

Fuel Card Prices

117.41p

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.

Fertiliser from AF

Fertiliser processing and deliveries are now at capacity as we have entered the peak season.

The later you leave ordering fertiliser the longer it will be before it arrives on farm. Deliveries are currently taking one to three weeks, which if ordered today, still puts us in the middle of March.

Orders of less than a load are generally affected the most as smaller lots have to be pieced together by individual haulage companies to make the journey viable.

AF are placing orders for immediate delivery, April and even early May at today's prices; delayed and split-payment terms are available to ease cash-flow if required.

Seed

Spring Seed

AF still have access to many varieties but some are running very short. We recommend placing any remaining spring orders as soon as possible.

Barley

Planet, Propino, Laureate and Concerto spring barley seed is in short supply. However, seed is still available.

Maize Seed

AF are able to offer a wide selection of maize varieties, available from a range of suppliers. We have some very good terms and pricing in place for the 2018 maize planting season.

We advise early ordering of maize seed treated with MesuroI or Sonido

These products are currently going through re registration and may no longer be authorised. As a result farmers and suppliers are to treat spring 2018 as the last season of use. See will be in short supply.

Grass seed

We source a large range of off-the-shelf mixtures suitable for silage, grazing, environmental and amenity use, as well as bespoke mixes to suit specific requirements. We have access to the expertise of specialist advisors and offer quality mixtures to suit a range of situations and budgets.

We now have pricing for all Environmental seed, Roots and Game cover.

Special offers on orders placed in March 2018

Fencing

10no 3050mm x 7 Rail Ashbourne s/b Gates @ **£54.00each**

10no 3660mm x 7 Rail Ashbourne s/b Gates @ **£58.00each**

10no Pairs bolt and drive Hinges @ **£6.50each**

105no 1.65m x 75-100mm UC4 Treated Stakes @ **£2.47each**

105no 1.8m x 75-100mm UC4 Treated Stakes @ **£2.67each**

Game rearing supplies

Jumbo release pen netting pallet rates

1.2m x 100m – 24 rolls per pallet: **£67.50 per roll**

1.5m x 100m – 16 rolls per pallet: **£84.00 per roll**

1.8m x 100m – 16 rolls per pallet: **£100.00 per roll**

Outdoor king feeder box rates:

10no. per box - **£18.00 per feeder**

Please note prices exclude VAT and the AF Service Charge.
Delivery charges may apply.

Livestock

Calving and Lambing Supplies

AF have access to significant discounts on lambing/calving equipment, colostrum/milk replacers and electrolytes.

Contact the Ring Office to find out more.

Telecoms

AF offer a range of Rugged/Durable phones to suit all requirements for any challenging job and weather conditions. Smartphones that can go the distance with IP67 and IP68 Dust/Shock and Immersion Certification.

AF has special offers available on all Samsung Cellular Tablets starting at £125, plus AF Levy.

AF are pleased to announce that their exclusive 6% discount is now available across the full range of Apple iPhones including the latest iPhone 8 and X models. We can also extend our 6% discount to all Apple iPads as well.

For more information on any of the above products please contact Sandi or Camilla on 01635 285405.



TP Travis Perkins

Tool Hire

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Travis Perkins Tool Hire - 70% discount for AF members

Travis Perkins have built their tool hire service around the needs of the trade. This means you always get well-maintained, top brand tools and equipment that meet current safety standards. It also means a wide choice of tools and equipment in stock plus a choice of tool hire options. And if you ever need advice, our hire experts are always on hand to help you choose the best type of equipment for the job.

TP HIRE working together with The AF Group are pleased to offer a 70% discount to AF members on selected ranges off the Hire Guide (subject to terms & conditions/offers).

What does the future hold under GDPR?

The EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a major new piece of EU legislation that comes into effect on the 25th May. Replacing the Data Protection Act, GDPR aims to protect the personal data of all EU Citizens and will have far reaching consequences in how businesses handle personal data, including TKMR.

Who does GDPR apply to?

GDPR is extensive in its reach as it applies to 'controllers' and 'processors' of the personal data of any EU citizens, regardless of where they are in the world.

Data controllers are those collecting and storing any personal data, whether the records are customers or prospects. Data processors are those who have been appointed to process the data on behalf of the data controller.

What is personal data?

GDPR applies to all personal and sensitive, both electronic and paper based which refers to any information relating to an individual who can be directly or indirectly identified.

We will always ensure the security of your data is paramount, Therefore we are ensuring TKMR is compliant with GDPR and updating members and suppliers on the changes that will come into effect.

We will be writing to all our members over the next month in line with requirements requesting you to give permission for us to hold your personal data – please do return the form as soon as possible in order that we can continue to operate/communicate as we do now.



Wanted

- We have a member looking for good quality ryegrass hay, and best quality meadow hay in 4 string bales.
- Any size square bale straw is required

Summer Workers required

Members are looking for Summer Students, one would like help over Easter too in the Newbury area if successful then summer job can be offered.

Must be enthusiastic, reliable and flexible with working hours, have some machinery experience, competent with tractors and hold a clean diving licence. References would be required. In some instances accommodation can be provided.

Please contact us if you are interested and we can put you in touch.

Available

CPCS Qualified members

Please be aware we do have some CPCS Qualified Members. We also have some members with CSCS and ROLO certification.

Training Courses

West Berks and Oxon Training

March

20th 1 day Emergency First Aid at work
21st PA4's Training day

April

11th 1 day Emergency First Aid at work
12th & 13th LANTRA 2 day chainsaw
maintenance
17th PA1 Foundation Module (Training)
18th LANTRA 1 day ATV

Kennet and Thames Training

May

9th PA1
11th PA6