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The Director's & Managers invite you to the

Thames and Kennet Machinery Ring Ltd **27th Annual General Meeting 2018**

Wednesday 9th May at 7pm

1 South Stanmore Stables
Stanmore, RG20 8SR

Light Refreshment will be available
RSVP: office@tkmr.co.uk



**Thames & Kennet
Machinery Ring Ltd**

**Handbook
2018-2019**



**01635 285405
www.tkmr.co.uk**

The new **TKMR Handbooks** were sent out to members over the last few weeks, we trust you have all received your copy?

A huge thank you again to all everyone who advertised in the book, we wouldn't have been able to produce it without your support.

Forward Buying Fuel 2018

We are currently negotiating prices for 'Forward buying deals for Gas Oil' for the months of July, August & September 2018. If you would be interested in fixing a prices for some or all of your usage for those summer months, please contact Steve in the Ring Office
01635 285405

New TKMR Members Welcome

We would like to welcome the following Members who have joined our co-operative during the first quarter of the year:

*UK Landscapes
William Austin
I J Fencing*

SAVE THE DATE

TKMR Farming Conference

Monday 26th November 2018

@ Deanwood Park Golf Club, Newbury

If you are interested in sponsoring the event, please see prices below Members and None Members welcomed:

Member Rate

- One banner displayed on the day
- Leaflets/sundries within the delegate bags
- Coverage within our Newsletters and on our Website & Facebook
- Logo's on all the invitations sent to Members
- 2 x Free Tickets to attend the Conference

Cost for the Member rate is £175.00 plus VAT

Non-Member Rate

- One banner displayed on the day
- Leaflet/sundries within the delegate bags
- Coverage within the Newsletters and on our Website & Facebook
- Logo's on all the invitations sent to Members
- 2 x Free ticket to attend the Conference

Cost for Non-Member rate is £250.00 plus VAT

If you would like to Sponsor the TKMR Conference please do contact Sandi or Camilla @ office@tkmr.co.uk

GDPR Regulations – May 2018

Within the next month we will be sending an email to all members to confirm that you are still happy to receive 'communication emails' from TKMR. This is to enable TKMR to conform to the new GDPR Regulations & the email will include a box which you will need to tick & confirm/subscribe to our list.

It is important that you subscribe to our list, as if not from the end of May 2018 you will not be able to receive any email communications from us, including this monthly Bulletin/Newsletter.

Dates for the Diary

May

- 9th TKMR AGM, South Stanmore Stables, RG20 8SR 7pm
- 15th BPS deadline
- 26th Oxfordshire YFC County Show & Rally, Ducklington Showground
- 27th Berkshire YFC Country Fayre Englefield Estate

June

- 13th & 14th Cereals, Duxford, Cambridgeshire



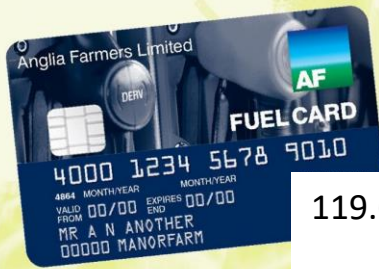
Please do use the Facebook page **Thames & Kennet Machinery Ring** – we intend to start posting special offers and adverts on our page a lot more in order to help advertise the Ring to those not involved as the newsletter only goes to members via email at the moment.

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.

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

119.64p

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 News from AF

Both Nitrogen and Sulphur are highly mobile in the soil. Bearing in mind the recent rains and if growers "re-apply" any sulphur fertilisers, N + Sulphur product supply may become an issue. K + Sulphur products are available if you do not want to apply more N.

April is expected to be a very busy month as all fertiliser applications started well behind schedule. AF advise to order at least two to three weeks before you intend to apply to ensure fertiliser is on farm when you need it.

Prices for all major nutrients (N, P, K & S) look stable for the time being with prices flat for both April and May. International Urea prices have fallen and should continue a gradual decline into the warmer months as usage falls in Europe. Any spot price reductions will not appear in the UK until new cargos arrive in the summer.

Telecoms

The new 9.7" iPad

This is now available through AF from £250 with Wi-Fi /Cellular options and a choice of 32GB or 128GB, Apple Pencil from £68. They also have access to a 6% discount on all iPhone models, including the iPhone X.

Please contact Sandi or Camilla on 01635 285405.

Seed News from AF

Game Cover

Crops should now be ordered. AF have preferential terms with a large number of suppliers and source straights such as maize, millet and sorghum as well as a large range of mixes to best suit your requirement.

Grass seed

Prices have been confirmed from suppliers offering all types of agricultural and amenity grass seed. AF have very competitive prices and delivery can be made nationwide. Speak to us to secure your requirements.

Environmental seed mixes

AF source mixes such as pollen & nectar, wild bird and wild flower seed mixes along with bespoke blends to match your specific scheme and requirements.

Maize Seed

Varieties are available from a range of suppliers. We have some very good terms and pricing in place for the 2018 maize planting season. Popular varieties are selling out. We advise placing orders quickly to secure your preferred choice.

Spring Cereal & Pulse Seed is still available. Some varieties are running very short and we recommend placing any remaining spring orders as soon as possible.

String & Bale Wrap

Now is the time to order any string and bale wrap you will need for the summer season. We can get prices through AF from their various suppliers. Some prices have extended credit terms available.

For quotes on string and bale wrap please contact Steve in the Ring Office.



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).

Wanted / For Sale

- **We have a member with 150t of Clamped Maize available in the Reading area. Please contact Steve for prices.**
- **We have a member with 60 acres of 1st cut Silage available in the Basingstoke area. Sensible offers considered.**
- **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**
- **Temporary Help Required**
Fencing Contractor based in the Newbury area looking for temporary help starting immediately. Quality fencing ability required. Please contact us if you can help.

Job Vacancies

- **Member in the Alton is** - looking to hire a full time tractor driver. Experience preferred, but training can be given. To start as soon as possible. References required. For more information please contact Steve in the Ring office.
- **BCA are looking for an Agriculture Lecturer** (Full-time, Permanent) to join their Agriculture Department. The successful candidates will have the ability & drive to inspire diverse groups of young people to achieve their full potential. The successful candidate will teach and course manage their Level 3, Year 1 Agricultural Students. They will have a relevant professional qualification &/or industry experience. A crop specialism & experience of teaching in a classroom setting are also highly desirable. The successful candidate will have excellent communication & be able to work as part of a team & have strong IT skills.

To view the full advert contact Ring office or For further details and an application pack, please contact the Human Resources Department: hr@bca.ac.uk

**Closing date: Midnight, Thursday 26th April,
Interview date week commencing 30th April**

LPG available through TKMR

It's well known that LPG ticks many boxes as a drying system fuel, Environmentally Friendly, Affordable and Highly Controllable to name a few. An average of 2.5 litres of propane will decrease a ton of grain by about 1 percent. LPG is the most environmentally sensitive conventional fuel option available without access to natural gas grid, it will not contaminate crops it has the added benefit of not posing any water pollution hazards plus it can be used in static and mobile grain dryers.

Plan ahead now for 2019 Harvest!!

If your contract is coming to an end with your current supplier why not consider asking us to help you get a good deal.

J Gas has recently joined the Ring and intend to offer a complete service to our members. Innes Miles will be our account manager and covers the whole of our Ring area. Innes is very happy to come and see you talk things through. Initially we would appreciate knowing your contract end date and the approximate consumption for your business.

- **FREE no Obligation Site Survey**
 - **Fixed prices for the Season, members will be offered a TKMR Group discounted rate.**
 - **Standing Charge – One payment a year of £75.00 per site regardless of tank numbers, this includes a pre harvest safety check and clean.**
 - **JGAS will oversee removal of old tank and installation of your new tanks, in liaison with your current supplier.**
 - **Order through the Ring as you do with Gas Oil and Derv**
 - **FREE telemetry fitted to tanks on request**
- Domestic Customers also included in Group Buying rates

Please contact the Ring Office for more information 01635 285405

"We offer a fast and reliable service to our agricultural customers, with a guaranteed **two-day delivery service during harvest**. We also let you lock in the price of your gas during harvest protecting your business from price volatility – with over 30 years of experience, J Gas fully understand the challenges facing seasonal business.

Innes Miles
JGas

Proud to support the
Thames & Kennet
Machinery Ring



Discounted bulk gas, domestic and commercial for all Machinery Ring members. Contact Sandi of the TKMR on 01635 285405 for more details.



R.A.B.I.
Supporting Farming Families



Beetle Drive

Saturday 12th May 2018

Warnford Village Hall, Hampshire

6:45pm for a prompt 7:00pm start

A simple fun game that is so easy to play

Canapés
followed by butchers hangers and mash
and homemade pudding
All dietary requirements catered for,
please ask!

Bring your own drink

Raffle

Mini auction

Adults £10 * Children £5

For tickets and further information, please contact:

**Robert Medway - 01489 877218 / 07930525475 /
robert@godshillorchards.co.uk**

Sally Field - 01903 882741 / sally.field@rabi.org.uk

Please note that photographs may be taken at this event
to help publicise R.A.B.I.'s work

Registered charity number 208858



Training Courses

West Berks and Oxon Training

April

- 11th 1 day Emergency First Aid at work
- 17th PA1 Foundation Module (Training)
- 18th LANTRA 1 day ATV
- 23rd PA1 NPTC Assessment day

May

- 2nd Management Techniques
- 8th PA4s Slug Pellett (Training Day)
- 9th Driver CPC
- 15th PA1 Knapsack Sprayer (Training Day)
- 21st PA6 NPTC Assessment day

Kennet and Thames Training

We are looking to run the following courses:

- Safe Use of Veterinary Medicines
- Game Heat Handling
- Telehandler Courses – both 2 day and 1 day refreshers
- 360 Digger
- ATV & RTV
- Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cut
- PA2 and PA4S (slug pellets)

We are aiming to run them from April to July but need more trainers on each course to enable them to be run. If any members would be interested in any of above courses please do contact Sandi or Camilla.