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Would you be interested in sponsoring our: **TKMR Farming Conference** **Monday 26th November 2018** **@ Deanwood Park Golf Club, Newbury**

Sponsorship Packages are as follows:

Member Rate

- One banner displayed on the day
- Leaflet/sundries within the delegate bags
- Coverage within our Newsletters, on our Website & Facebook
- Logo's on all the invitations sent to Members
- 3 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, 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

Our last event in 2016 saw our best ever attendance of 110 delegates and we are working hard to create an informative and enjoyable afternoon this year.

The speakers we have been fortunate to secure so far are:

- **Susan Twining – CLA Chief Land Use Policy Adviser**
- **Tom Bradshaw – NFU National Combinable Crops Board Chairman**
 - **Adelle Issacs – Farm Partner, Larkmead Vets**

We would like to thank Copperwheat Barlow and Certas Energy who have already come forward to sponsor our event.

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



2016 – Event

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/>



Harvest and Insurance reminder for TKMR Members

With the busy time of year upon us and thoughts are going towards the hiring in of extra staff, equipment, vehicles, plant etc, it is important to ensure that you have the correct insurance cover in place.

If you are considering taking on extra staff for the coming months, you may well have to advise your insurance company so that you can be sure that, where necessary, the staff are covered by your insurance. PAYE staff are relatively straightforward as you would need to advise insurers of the likely extra wages you would be paying for the period so that they can be added to the Employers' Liability insurance. Self-employed staff can be covered two ways. If they are Labour Only Sub Contractors, they can be added as casual labour and covered under the Public Liability insurance; if they are Bone-Fide Sub Contractors, they must have their own Employers' / Public Liability insurance covers and you should ask for their proof of cover.

If you are hiring in extra equipment, vehicles, plant etc, they can be covered on a temporary basis. Road registered vehicles should be added to your existing Vehicles insurance declaring they have been hired in and what they will be used for. Cover will be in place until you advise your insurer that they are to be taken off again after the hire is complete. Agricultural implements and trailers either attached or unattached to a tractor or similar will automatically be covered under the agricultural vehicles insurance, although it is worth checking if the piece of kit is bespoke or unusual or of high value in case it needs to be covered separately. Road trailers are covered under your Vehicles insurance policy but it is wise to check the cover in case a trailer needs to be declared to your insurer. Plant hire can be tricky – in most cases if a piece of plant is being hired in, it can be added to your Combined or Contractors All Risks policy. If plant hire is a regular occurrence, it could be cheaper to have a 'hired in plant' extension to the existing Farm Combined or C.A.R. insurance policy. However, this is not universally available so it would be wise to check beforehand if it is possible to add the facility. Where plant is road registered, it must be added to your Vehicles insurance policy.

If in any doubt as to whether you have the correct covers in place, it is important that you contact your Insurance Broker / Agent. Be pro-active in this now and save any possible pain later. It is wrong to assume that the cover you have already in place is the same it has been for years as all insurance policies continually evolve and covers / restrictions can change year on year.

Article supplied by Angus Campbell
Insurance Manager
Copperwheat Barlow

Dates for your Diary

July

10th – 12th Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate
23rd – 26th Royal Welsh Show
27th – 29th The Game Fair, Ragley Hall

Aug

12th Grouse shooting season starts
26th & 27th Swallowfield Show, Nr Reading
(TKMR will be at the show and members are welcome for light refreshments)

Wanted / For Sale

- A member has the following Balers for sale:
Massey 2140 baler and Class baler – please contact Ring Office for prices.
- Any size Square BALE STRAW is required

Thank you for your help we found a Ventacrop Blower / Fan unit – hopefully our members are doing a deal.

The support we offer is tailored to individual circumstances and can be both short and long term. We can help people of all ages in lots of diverse ways. For example, we may be able to pay for relief workers to help on the farm if you have to go into hospital. We may also be able to help with domestic bills, if you cannot work due to illness or injury. We might also be able to help with the costs of a funeral or provide an emergency grant in times of crisis. Please do spread the word to those who we could help.

Other things we can do include:

- Pay for TV licences, lifeline alarms and telephone rental costs
- Buy essential white goods
- Provide food vouchers and hampers
- Buy disability and equipment and finance adaptations in the home
- Pay for hospital travel costs
- Arrange free debt advice
- Pay for heating
- Organise business appraisals

RABI Berkshire has a small committee which has recently re-formed and keen to get started. We are looking at putting one event on this year and hopefully a couple next year.

If you would like to be involved in the committee we would be delighted to hear from you. Anyone can join, you don't have to be from a farming background, you just need to be willing to help organise events and to attend a few meetings throughout the year. Please contact the Ring Office and speak to newly appointed Berkshire Secretary, Sandi Ackrill (TKMR) or we can put you in touch with Richard Gore who is Berkshire's Chairman. We appreciate there are members reading this from other Counties and we are happy to put you in touch with your relevant County Groups too.

Job Vacancies



TRACTOR DRIVER/STOCKMAN

Merrimoles Farms, a 1250 acre organic dairy and arable farm at Nettlebed, South Oxfordshire require a keen, committed person with formal agricultural qualifications and practical machinery/livestock experience to join our hardworking, friendly workforce in September 2018.

Responsibilities will include: arable tractor tasks, daily livestock feeding and care, machinery and estate maintenance. A willingness to milk if required is desirable. Organic experience is not as essential as a flexible attitude, a positive nature and a willingness to be part of a team.

Remuneration is in relation to experience and good accommodation on the Estate is available.

Full time experienced and competent tractor driver

required for a busy and developing farm contracting business in West Berkshire. Must be able to operate Massey tractors, hay & haylage making, mowing, tedding, raking and for the right operator conventional baling with bale baron. Hedge trimming. Loading & carting bales. Fencing, chain harrowing, rolling & topping. Good rates of pay to match experience.

Part time delivery driver

required to deliver high quality forage and bedding to customers across Berkshire and surrounding districts. The role entails: Loading & unloading small bale hay, haylage, straw & shaving bales. The job would be 3-4 days a week during the winter with flexible house & 1-2 days a week during the summer period with extra hours available at request. Competitive rate of pay. Some agricultural knowledge would be an advantage. A clean driving licence is required.

Please contact the Ring Office if you are interested in the above vacancies and we will put you in touch with the members.

Training Courses

West Berks and Oxon Training

July

2nd Rodent Control (rat & mouse)
23rd & 24th Lantra 2 day Chainsaw

August

7th & 8th Lantra 2 day Chainsaw
16th Emergency first aid – 1 day

Kennet and Thames Training

July

31st Manual Handling

August

10th Tractor Driving

Hampshire Training Providers

July

2nd Telehandler
5th Safe & responsible
control of commensal Rodents

Fuel

Please remember to check your tanks throughout the busy summer months and leave plenty of time for ordering gas oil, kerosene, derv & ad blue as the fuel companies will be getting busier through the summer months.

Fuel Card Prices




126.71p

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.

Phone/Internet deals from AF

New EE deal available from the AF Group

Excellent business grade tariffs with quarterly cash back. Typical savings are in excess of 40% compared to existing deals. If you are close to the end of your contract please do contact the Ring Office with a sample bill and we will contact AF on your behalf for a quote.

Do you have a disaster recovery plan? If you lose your internet connection how do you operate your business? AF can supply a 4G router as a back-up connection.

Once installed into your IT network this system works in the background as a fail-safe if your main internet connection stops due to faults or other outages within the network. The system will allow your internet connection to continue to operate, via a 4G mobile network connection (signal dependent), enabling you to carry on with your day to day business while your main connection is restored. The router hardware costs £435 plus VAT – this cost can be divided into 4 bi-monthly payments at no extra charge if required.

The system comes with a standby package of 1GB at £16 per month, then only if you need to use the system will the price increase to the costs in the table below. You are billed for the final tariff your usage reaches in the month it is used, the tariff returns to the standby £16 1GB at the start of the next month if it is no longer needed. The system is fully monitored with remote management using 'InControl' software giving you the ability to view usage from another location.

The charges are below -

Backup 4G Router

Service	Monthly Data Limit	Contract Term	Hardware Charge	External Antenna	Monthly Charge	Excess Data Charge
Pepwave Resilient Backup Router Standby	1GB	24 months	£435	£60	£16	2p per Mb
Pepwave Resilient Backup Router 8GB	8GB	24 months	£435	£60	£32	2p per Mb
Pepwave Resilient Backup Router 16GB	16GB	24 months	£435	£60	£39.50	2p per Mb
Pepwave Resilient Backup Router 32GB	32GB	24 months	£435	£60	£52	2p per Mb
Pepwave Resilient Backup Router 64GB	64GB	24 months	£435	£60	£99	2p per Mb
Pepwave Resilient Backup Router 128GB	128GB	24 months	£435	£60	£198	2p per Mb

For more information please do contact the Ring Office and we can liaise on your behalf or put you directly in touch with AF telecoms for further advice.