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Swallowfield Show

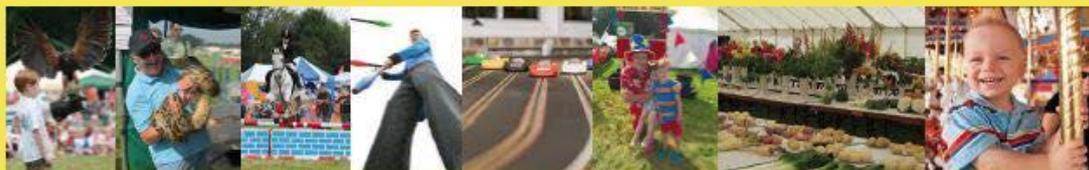
Sunday 26th & Monday 27th August



- Book early for great savings on ticket prices
- Full day arena programme
- Village Green with live music all day
- KidsRome mobile farm - the farm on the Moooooove
- Many free activities for young visitors
- Giant Scalextric for the young and young at heart!
- Grand Raffle - £500 cash first prize
- Want to learn to stilt walk? - visit Circus Scene
- Visit the Horticultural Marquee - cookery, photography, art, craft and childrens classes as well as fruit & vegetables. Enter and see how easy it is!
- Over 80 Craft and Artisan Food stands to visit

Location : Swallowfield Park, Church Road, Swallowfield
Main Show: 10:00 to 17:30, Horse Show from 09:00

For more information and to book your tickets visit
www.swallowfieldshow.co.uk



Thames and Kennet Machinery Ring are going to be at the Swallowfield Show on the 26th & 27th August and we would be delighted to see Members with their family and friends who are going to the Show, please pop in for a catch up and some light refreshments.

TKMR Farming Conference, Monday 26th November 2018

We would like to thank the following sponsors:



We are fortunate to be welcoming the following guest speakers to our event.

- Susan Twining – CLA, Chief Land Use Policy Adviser
- Tom Bradshaw – NFU, National Combinable Crops Board Chairman
- Adelle Isaacs BVSc GPCertFAP MRCVS – Farm Partner, Larkmead Vets
- Tom Hind – Chief Strategy Officer, AHDB

Invitations will be sent out to all members soon so please do put the date in your diary and contact Sandi or Camilla if you would like to attend the Conference.

Fuel Reminder

Please remember the August Bank Holiday is fast approaching so please do check your tanks and leave plenty of time for ordering gas oil, kerosene, derv & ad blue as the fuel companies will be getting busier leading up to the Bank Holiday.

Training Courses

West Berks and Oxon Training

September

25th

Abrasive Wheels

Dates for your Diary

August

26th & 27th Swallowfield Show, Nr Reading

(TKMR will be at the show all are welcome for light refreshments)

31st Deadline for drilling Catch Crops on Environmental Focus Area's (EFA'S)

September

1st End of Closed season for cutting hedges not in Countryside Stewardship Scheme

1st Alresford Show, Alresford

15th & 16th The Royal County of Berkshire Show, Newbury Showground

October

1st Deadline for spreading organic manure on all other soils in NVZ's

1st Deadline for drilling cover crops on EFA's

20th NADAS Ploughing Match, Rowles Farm, West Ilsley

Spare Combine Capacity

We have members who have finished combining, therefore there are combines available if the weather goes against us over the next few weeks.

Should any members need extra combines please do contact Steve in the Ring Office – 01635 285405.

Wanted / For Sale

- Any size Square BALE STRAW is required

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.

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.

Job Vacancies

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.

Fuel Card Prices




128.33p

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.



Countryside Stewardship Hedge Packs

The AF Group have been working in partnership with the UK forestry and hedging experts, British Hardwood Tree Nursery Limited, to provide the best, most cost-effective and appropriate planting options for your Countryside Stewardship Grant Applications and planting in 2018/2019.

You can apply for this Grant to help restore existing farm boundaries and deliver environmental and landscape benefits on your land and the surrounding areas.

As specified within Countryside Stewardship instructions:

- Plant at 6 plants per metre
- Hedging Plants in size 45-60cm
- Hedging Plants of 2 years old (1+1)
- Bare Root Plants
- No more than 70% of a single species
- Spiral Guard (we recommend 60cm x 50mm diameter)
- Bamboo Cane (we recommend 90cm 12/14lbs)

Buy by the metre

You plant by the metre, not by the pack - so we've priced by the metre. Your Hedge Pack will comprise: Hawthorn (max 70%); Blackthorn (10%) and 3-4 other species such as Field Maple, Dogwood, Hazel, Dog Rose, Guelder Rose, Buckthorn, Spindleberry and Crab Apple. Container Holly to be purchased separately if required. Includes our recommended 50mm diameter clear spiral guard and 90cm bamboo cane

Per Metre:	Size	Age	Spiral	Bamboo Cane	£ per M (ex VAT)
<i>Hedging at 6 plants per metre</i>					
10-49m	45-60cm	1+1	Clear 60cm x 50mm dia	90cm 12/14lbs	£5.70
50-99m	45-60cm	1+1	Clear 60cm x 50mm dia	90cm 12/14lbs	£4.95
100-249m	45-60cm	1+1	Clear 60cm x 50mm dia	90cm 12/14lbs	£4.65
250-999m	45-60cm	1+1	Clear 60cm x 50mm dia	90cm 12/14lbs	£4.32
1000m+	45-60cm	1+1	Clear 60cm x 50mm dia	90cm 12/14lbs	£4.14

DELIVERY: Charges may apply. FOC over £750.00 ex vat.

Prices are plus VAT and AF Levy.

If you would like any further information please do contact Camilla or Sandi on 10635 285405.

Shooting Season

With less than a week to go before this season begins, make sure you're ready for it by stocking up on everything you need.

AF can source a wide range of guns, cartridges, new season country clothing such as Schoffel and Hoggs of Fife and footwear such as Le Chameau and Aigle, delivered nationwide at competitive prices. Any prices will be plus AF Levy.

For further information please do call Camilla or Sandi and we will obtain a price for you.

Did you know that BT are increasing their prices this September?

BT have announced they are raising their prices for all their services. AF can provide Business Broadband and Fixed line services? From as little as £9.87 line rental and Broadband from £16.00.

AF can also offer competitive pricing on phone systems. They often find savings between 40 – 60% on your current services.

For further information or to get a comparison quote please do call Sandi or Camilla in the office on 01635 285405.

Vehicles For Sale through AF

Toyota Hilux – best ever saving. For the next few months, AF can offer their best ever deal on the Toyota Hilux pick-up - On a double cab the saving starts at £4000.

The new **Amarok Highline 3.0 TDI V6 258ps** is now available to order. It replaces the 224ps version, and makes the Amarok the most powerful vehicle in its segment. The order book is now open, and current delivery is October.

For a quote please contact Steve in the Office on 10635 285405.

Seed through AF

AF advice is to order any remaining cereal seed requirements now. Quality seed could be hard to come by later in the year for your preferred variety. A higher than normal amount of seed crops have been downgraded pre-harvest and this trend is expected to continue once we start getting more sample results in. For the same reasons, Spring Barley Seed should also be ordered.

Gleam winter wheat along with **Craft** Malting Barley are in very short supply and are almost fully sold out. Clearfield OSR, Hybrid Barley and Oats are very popular again this year. We recommend placing your requirements now to secure preferred varieties.

Order now- this seed will sell out. For further information or to get a quote please do contact Steve in the Office on 01635 285405.

Vehicle Hire through AF

AF offer the full range of hire vehicles (from just 1-day of hire to 12-months and beyond). All sizes of cars and vans, as well as pick-ups and 4x4 vehicles. Curtainside, Dropside, and Tippers. Chiller vans, crew vans, and minibuses.

Agricultural vehicles can also be hired – quad bikes, gators, mules.

Our suppliers are spread across the UK and competitive business rates are in place.

For a quote please call Sandi or Camilla in the Ring Office on 01635 285405.