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## Swallowfield Show 2018



'Set up & ready to go, before the rain!'



We attended Swallowfield Show, Nr Reading at the end of August which seemed like a great idea at the time of booking during the record busting hot summer we experienced! The Sunday was a complete wash out and the show seem to fold very early (like after the first round of bacon sandwiches!). Bank Holiday Monday was better and received approximately 5000 visitors throughout the day. It was a very well run event and the committee had obviously worked tirelessly. We welcomed some members to the stand and had a couple of enquires. The children's wheat pit with tractors and trailers was popular, while the parents entered our competition and learnt about the Ring (thank you to Porchester Farms for the donation of the wheat). We received a few hilarious entries with answers ranging from 'Lady Farmer, Grass and Roger the Sheep!'

Our pictures are below can you identify all 10? No one achieved 10/10 on the day. Sorry the prize did go on the day but just for fun we imagined it was easier than it turned out to be, but you are the experts so we know they will be easy for you....



Answers will be published in the next newsletter!. Please email if you would like larger photos or to give us your entries.... It's the breed or type of machine we are looking for.

# TKMR Farming Conference, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 18

We are delighted to include within the Newsletter the personal profiles for each of the guest speakers who will be speaking at the TKMR Farming Conference in November.

## Tom Bradshaw, NFU, National Combinable Crops Board Chairman

Tom is the managing partner in a 62ha family farm in Essex. Tom returned home to the farm in March 2004 having spent 6 months working in New Zealand after graduating from Imperial College at Wye in 2003 having studied Agricultural Business Management. He is also BASIS and FACTS qualified. The home farm is based around a large equestrian diversification with 70 stables and a riding school which was set up in late 2004 when the dairy herd was sold. The main arable business is 1250ha of whole farm contracting growing combinable crops within a 20 mile radius of the home farm. In 2011 he completed a Nuffield Scholarship researching 'Soil fertility and fertiliser use efficiency'. Our business philosophy is to: "sustainably increase business profits through maximising efficiency and appropriateness of all inputs and through managing soil fertility". Soil health and precision farming therefore play a big part in this overall strategy.

In 2013 Tom was lucky to represent the industry on the BBC Harvest program which was sold to me on the basis of 'trying to reconnect the public with farming'. Outside of the farm Tom has roles in the NFU locally and nationally being Chairman of the Combinable Crops Board and the East Anglia Crops board. We have been an AHDB Cereals and Oilseeds Monitor Farm which proved to be an excellent initiative and extremely rewarding.

## Tom Hind, Chief Strategy Officer, AHDB

Tom Hind is Chief Strategy Officer at the Agricultural and Horticultural Development Board (AHDB). Funded by farmer levies, AHDB inspires, farmers, growers and the food industry to succeed in a rapidly changing world. Tom leads the organisation's work on strategy, covering the organisation's 6 sectors in order to identify where AHDB can deliver the most value through its work. He leads a team of over 60 directors and experts who provide specialist sector knowledge as well as insight and evidence on markets and economics to farmers, growers and the wider industry.

Tom spent over 15 years at the NFU England & Wales, working in a range of roles including Chief Dairy Adviser, Head of Economics and Corporate Affairs Director. He also spent some time leading the UK NFU's lobbying efforts in Brussels. Before joining AHDB Tom held the position of Agriculture Director at Tesco, working closely with colleagues and suppliers to shape the business' agriculture strategy. Married to Sara, Tom was brought up on the outskirts of Sheffield working school holidays on his uncle's livestock farm. He has also worked on a mixed dairy/ arable farm in Normandy, France. Outside of work, Tom enjoys cycling, fishing and walking. He holds an honours degree in politics and French from Warwick University.

## Adelle Issacs, Farm Partner, Larkmead Vets

Adelle is a farm animal vet, she qualified from the University of Bristol in 2007 and has been working in farm animal practice at Larkmead Veterinary Group since then. In 2010 she completed the postgraduate general practitioners certificate in farm animal practice and in 2013 she joined the partnership at Larkmead. Adelle has a particular interest in ruminant health and production. She is motivated by proactive and preventative medicine to not only optimise animal welfare but to ensure and promote profitability in the businesses with which she works. Adelle has sat on the AHDB Dairy Genetics Advisory Forum and within her practice she heads up the vet-lead dairy discussion group for clients.

## Susan Twining, CLA, Chief Land Use Policy Adviser

Susan is the Chief Land Use Policy adviser at the Country Land and Business Association (CLA). The land use policy team focuses on agriculture, forestry and the environment, and work closely with the rural economy, tax and legal teams to cover all aspects of business, land and property ownership. In the last year Brexit has dominated the policy agenda, with trade, labour, regulation and future agriculture policy all key issues. We lobby local and national government representing the interests of rural businesses across England and Wales.

Susan comes from a beef and sheep farm in Scotland and joined ADAS after studying Agriculture at Edinburgh University. She started as an agronomist and farm business management adviser eventually becoming Associate Director and leading the Sustainable Food and Farming consultancy team working with farmers and the supply chain before moving to the CLA in 2017.

# Thank you to the sponsors of the Conference



Carter Jonas



The CLA have also kindly agreed to sponsor.

More information about the Conference can be found on the TKMR Website <https://www.tkmr.co.uk/event/tkmr-farming-conference-2018/>

## Training Courses

### West Berks and Oxon Training

#### October

3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lantra 2 day Chainsaw
18 <sup>th</sup>	PA1 Foundation Module Training
22 <sup>nd</sup>	One day Emergency First Aid

#### November

5 <sup>th</sup>	PA6 Knapsack Sprayer Training
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lantra 2 day Chainsaw
12 <sup>th</sup>	PA2 Boom Sprayer Training
19 <sup>th</sup>	PA4s Slug Pellet Training

### Kennet & Thames Training

#### October

24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross cutting Training
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#### November

28 <sup>th</sup>	PA1 Safe use of pesticides
29 <sup>th</sup>	PA6 Knapsack sprayer training

### Hampshire Training Providers

#### October

15 <sup>th</sup>	PA1 Safe Use & Handling of Chemicals
15 <sup>th</sup>	PA4 Slug Pellet Training
16 <sup>th</sup>	PA6a Knapsack Training
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Chainsaw – safe use for casual user
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lantra Brushcutter/Strimmer training

#### November

7 <sup>th</sup>	Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting Training
14 <sup>th</sup>	ATV Training
19 <sup>th</sup>	Telehandler Training

## Slug Pellet/Fertiliser/Sprayer

### Testing

**Book your test now before the price increases!**

Our member is increasing their prices as of Oct 1<sup>st</sup> but they are happy to honour 2017 discounted prices to TKMR members if you have your machines tested before Christmas 18.

#### **For Information:**

TKMR members receive a **£10 discount** on all prices. Further discount are available to those booking in more than one machine.

- Testing of 2 or 3 machines - 10% discount off each machine test cost\*
- Testing of 4 or more machines - 20% discount off each machine test cost \*

NB \* Machines to be tested at the same location on the same day.

This applies whether the machines all belong to one member or if they are in a position to host other farmers at their premises.

Remember to order kero before prices start to rise for the coming winter.

Winter grade gas oil is not guaranteed until mid November.



## 23<sup>rd</sup> September the first day of Autumn.....

We have members available for **Hedge Cutting** so please do call the Ring Office should you require any help throughout the hedge cutting season.

We have some **Log** suppliers, so if you are about to stock your log pile up for the winter please do call the Ring for a quote.

We also have members available with **Tree Shears** on 360s and **Tree Surgeons**.

Should your **Boiler** need servicing before winter sets in please do call the Ring as we have members available who can carry out boiler services.

We have members who can provide all types of **Fencing Work** carried out throughout the Ring area and have suppliers with **Fencing Products** available so please do call the Ring for a quote.

## Dates for your Diary

### September

30<sup>th</sup> Royal East Berks Ploughing Match, Taplow

### October

1<sup>st</sup> Deadline for spreading organic manure on all other soils in NVZ's

7<sup>th</sup> Henley Ploughing Match, Bishopsland, Dunsden

20<sup>th</sup> NADAS Ploughing Match, Place Farm, West Ilsley

## Save The Date

### *TKMR 2018 Farming Conference and Supper*

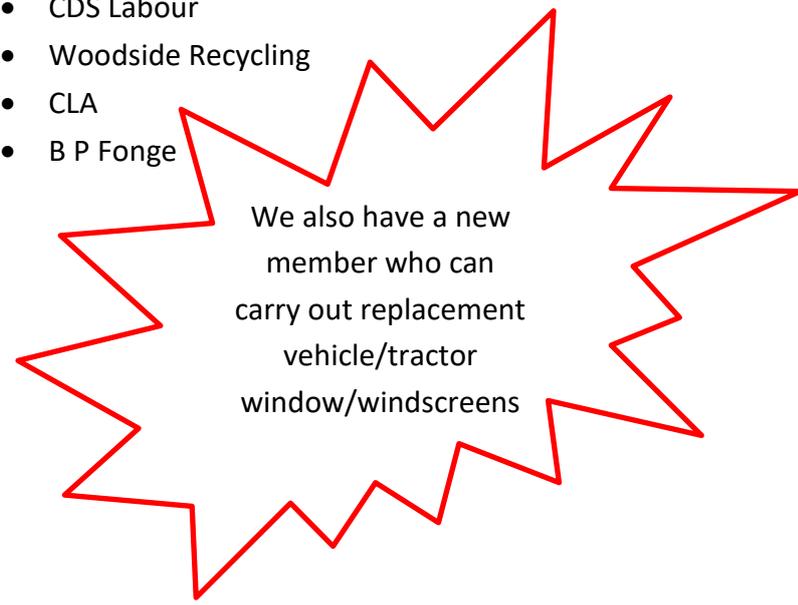
All members and guests cordially invited  
26<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm for 2pm  
Deanwood Park Golf Club, Newbury  
Official E invite will follow soon

Please contact the office to book your place. 2 places per membership. Additional tickets available

## New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have recently joined TKMR:

- Castlehaven
- CDS Labour
- Woodside Recycling
- CLA
- B P Fonge



We also have a new member who can carry out replacement vehicle/tractor window/windcreens

## Plan ahead for 2019 harvest

### **Is your contract coming to an end with your current gas supplier?**

We have a bulk gas supplier who can offer a complete service to all members who would consider switching gas suppliers. It is well known that LPG ticks many boxes as a drying system fuel and is environmentally friendly, affordable and highly controllable.

Our member is able to offer the following service:

- **Free no obligation survey**
- **Fixed price for the Summer season**
- **One standing charge of £60.00 per tank per year, no TKMR levy on this**
- **Existing gas transferred to new tanks**
- **Order your gas just like you normally order fuel through the Ring**
- **All paperwork sorted by our Account Manager**

For further information please do contact the Ring Office who will put you in contact with our Account Manager.

# Fuel Card Prices




129.43p

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.

## Energy from AF

### Important Information for TKMR Members who have Electric contracts through AF

#### Reading your meter

We strongly advise you to take regular meter reads. The ideal time to take reads is before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. It is good business practise and invaluable to providing accurate consumption figures for billing and reference data where there are instances of metering irregularities. There is an online facility for providing AF with meter readings:

<http://www.meter.angliafarmers.co.uk> or please do continue to email Sandi at [sandi@tkmr.co.uk](mailto:sandi@tkmr.co.uk) and we will pass your meter readings to AF.

Should you wish to use the online reading facility please contact the Ring office for your AF membership number should you not already have it.

#### Estimated bills

The best way to avoid estimated bills is to follow our guide to reading your meter above. We must stress that where bills are estimated we cannot query them with the suppliers unless they are backed up by an actual member read which results in a sizeable financial difference (relative to your average consumption).

#### Meter Operator Agreements (half hourly meters)

All members with a chargeable electricity demand (capacity/k Va) are required under the Balancing and Settlement Code to have in place suitable metering equipment and communications. A Meter Operators Agreement must be in place which covers maintenance of the meter and communications link provided. If you require any further information or would like AF to arrange a meter operator's agreement for your supply, please contact the Ring office and we will put you in touch with AF.

#### Removal of Site (s) from future auto renewals

Should you wish to remove your site(s) from the AF auto renewal process, please make sure that you terminate your contract with us by 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year that your site is due for renewal. For example; 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 for the contract end date of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 & 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 for the contract end date 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

If you remove your contract from the auto renewal process, it's your responsibility to ask AF to go out to tender again when your contract ends.

## Country clothing & Shooting supplies

AF are able to source a wide range of guns, cartridges & new season country clothing. Examples on discounted clothing/suppliers include:

 Schöffel

 Deerhunter®  
OUTDOOR CLOTHING



But there are many more suppliers AF can get discounts on so please do call Sandi or Camilla to discuss further.

All clothing or supplies are delivered nationwide at competitive prices. Any prices will be plus AF Levy.

## Seasonal security concerns

With the clocks going back in October this historically gives rise to a surge in rural crime; dark farmyards and buildings and often shorter working days increase the opportunity for criminals to target farms.

Simple steps such as installing lighting and basic CCTV systems can help to protect your property. Please do call the Ring and we can put you in touch with AF to discuss your requirements.



## Now is the time to plant your Spring bulbs.....order now!



AF have an arrangement with 'Boston Seed' who are the company behind the website below.

Orders must be placed through TKMR too AF in order for you to receive a 15% discount from the list price of the items (bulbs, seeds, etc), although full delivery rates will apply. Some species may sell out as the season goes on.

<https://www.kissmygrass.co.uk/products/9/Flower-Bulbs/>

If you would like to order any bulbs please do contact the Ring Office with your order.

## Seed through AF

### **Autumn Seed**

AF recommend placing any remaining autumn seed requirements ASAP to ensure you receive your preferred varieties with delivery in time for your planting schedule. Some popular varieties are starting to sell out

**AF have advised that seed in very short supply- order now.**

Wheat- Graham, Gleam, Skyfall, Siskin, Skyscraper  
Barley- Craft, Orwell, Funky

### **Beans**

Winter beans are now sold out. AF advise placing any firm or provisional orders for spring requirements now.

## I-phones in time for Christmas!...

Apple have now announced three new iPhones to their range. The XS, XS Max and the XR – All available for pre-order via AF.

Take advantage of AF 0% interest payment plan in time for Christmas. We have also seen price reductions on the iPhone 7 and 8 models.

AF most popular phone the iPhone 7 starts at £352.00 + VAT. With 4 colour options, 32GB internal memory, improved battery life and IP67 rating.

For more information please do contact the Ring Office and we can obtain quotes on your behalf.