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TKMR AGM 2020 – A virtual 1st for the Ring!

As we write this Newsletter we are beginning to see a relaxation in some of the lockdown measures for COVID-19, however as social distancing is still in place we have taken the decision to hold our AGM 'Virtually' this year. We would like to invite all Members to join us for our AGM on Zoom and would ask that you email office@tkmr.co.uk to register your interest in attending. We will keep you updated when a date has been decided & on the day we will send all those who have registered the Zoom link for you to access the meeting.

TKMR Members Handbook

Mid 2020 – 2022



We apologise for the delay in getting the new Handbook out to members but due to Covid-19 the production of it has been slightly delayed. It is in the final proof stage and we are aiming for it to be with you all by the end of the month.

String & Wrap for 2020 Season

We are able to source string and wrap from our buying groups for the 2020 season so please do get in contact with Steve for a quote. Some prices have extended credit terms available until September 2020.



Covid-19

As the Government is beginning to bring England out of Lockdown, we wanted to let you all know that many of our suppliers are still operating, including builder's merchants, fencing suppliers, landscapers, machinery & plant hire companies, etc and more will begin to open (if they haven't already) on the 15th June. They have all got social distancing measures in place and may be operating delivery/click and collect services to members, so delivery times may be longer than normal. Please also remember that not all products/machines may be available due to the cross hire of business, but we are hoping this will improve as the weeks go on.

As a Ring we are very much open and are here to help in the forthcoming hay making & harvest seasons, so please do contact us if you need extra help or suppliers. Our Buying Groups are also fully operational, although some suppliers through the buying groups may be experiencing delays.

Our fuel suppliers continue to offer an exceptional service to our members and delivery times from ordering are back to what they were before lockdown. Please do contact us if you need any gas oil, kero, derv, ad blue or lubricants & oils.

Facemasks/Hand Sanitiser

As facemasks are now mandatory on public transport & in hospitals from the 15th June, if you or any of your employees need any of the above we are able to source them through our buying groups. Please allow a few extra days for delivery. If you would like any of the above please do contact Camilla or Sandi in the Ring office.

Fuel Card Prices

The weekly **AF fuel price** is 104.82ppl inc VAT

The weekly **Esso fuel price** is 106.50ppl inc VAT

As with all prices please check the price at the pump

As it may not be cheaper than the fuel card price.

Face Masks

We have been able to source FFP2 masks and prices vary as stocks are moving so quickly. Surgical masks are also available for delivery very shortly, supplied in packs of 50. Please do let us know if you would like to order any of the above and we will discuss your requirements with the buying groups.

Hand Sanitiser

Hand sanitiser is in stock ready for dispatch. We are able to get the following sizes from the buying groups:

- 5L with pump
- 500ml with flip top
- 250ml with pump

The hand gel is available in different quantities depending on the size that you order. For more information and to order please do contact Sandi or Camilla in the Ring Office.

Antiviral surface cleaner is also available in 750ml trigger bottles for £4.88.

Postage for sanitiser & surface cleaner orders is charged at £8 plus the Levy.

Utility Meter Readings

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, suppliers are less inclined to send agents to site to read meters. To ensure invoices are more accurate please do submit your meter reading to us by the 15th of each month.

Office Fumigation

We have a member who can help to sanitise offices, etc with a fumigator. Please do contact us in the Ring Office if this would be of interest to you.

Fever checks – Do you have a CAT S60 or S61 phone?

Fever checks are rapidly becoming the norm as we learn more about COVID-19. With all sectors needing to get back to work, demand for thermal equipment is rapidly on the rise.

CAT Phones offer a temperature screening smartphone which is simple to use, cost effective, and immediately available. National Physical Lab in the UK, who have been testing products which claim can help in the fight against COVID-19 have rigorously tested the device. They have endorsed its accuracy to be fit for purpose for a mass screening device.

In 2016, the CAT S60 was the first smartphone in the world to integrate a thermal imaging camera. The CAT S61 was subsequently launched in 2018. These devices are tried and tested, and now verified for accuracy by the National Physical Lab. The form factor, connectivity and rugged credentials of the Cat S60 and S61 offer unique versatility.

For more information about the temperature screening please click on the link below:

https://mcusercontent.com/07721d6636e34c28ee8a6c057/files/f3805392-d13d-4473-850e-a81634594257/S61_Thermal_Guide_CT.pdf

Hampshire Training

Hampshire Training are hoping to restart Training courses from June so, if you have any urgent training requirements, they are able to offer "in house" training courses as long as social distancing measures and strict hygiene rules are adhered to. It is vitally important that employers do not forget their requirements under law to safeguard their employees even during the coronavirus pandemic. Subject to Government restrictions being relaxed, they are taking course bookings from June onwards so if there is any training that you require please do let Sandi or I know.

The course that are being offered are as follows:

June

PA1 Safe Handling of Chemicals
PA6 a/w Knapsack training
PA2a Boom sprayer training (must hold PA1 certificate)
LANTRA Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cut training and assessment
LANTRA Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cut refresher
Telehandler Course

July

16th LANTRA Responsible & Effective Control of Commensal Rodent
First Aid

2020/2021

BASIS Certificate in Crop Protection IPM (Agriculture)
BASIS Advanced Cereals
BASIS FACTS in Agriculture

West Berks & Oxon Training Group

West Berks & Oxon are not running courses in their office yet, but they can arrange for an instructor to come to your site and run some practical courses, such as ATV or Telehandlers. There are strict guidelines that must be met to keep both trainees and instructors safe. Most of the courses will have reduced trainee numbers to enable safe training, so there may be an increase in costs; we will confirm prices beforehand.

They can also offer the following Lantra e-Learning Courses.

- [Food Handling and Hygiene](#)
- [Health and Safety on Farms](#)
- [Introduction to Agricultural Vehicles](#)
- [LISS/CSCS Litter Picking & Environmental Maintenance](#)
- [Litter Picking and Environmental Maintenance](#)
- [Mental Health in Agriculture](#)
- [Non-Technical Skills in Farming](#)
- [Professional Bed Bug Control](#)
- [Professional Wasp and Bee Control](#)
- [Responsible and Effective Control of Commensal Rodents](#)
- [Rodent Control on Farms](#)

If you or any of your employees would be interested in doing any of the Lantra e-learning courses please do let Sandi or Camilla know in the Ring office and we will send you the necessary links to register on the course.

Fertiliser New Season Pricing Terms from AF

CF Fertilisers have released their "New Season" pricing terms.

Prices for Nitram, SingleTop and DoubleTop are much lower than 12 months ago and spot prices.

Finance options for payment well into 2021 are available at a very competitive interest rate.

It is unknown how long these prices will be available for, some years it has been a matter of hours or a couple of days. Please get in contact if you are interested in early delivery ammonium nitrate (AN) or ammonium nitrate with sulphur (ANS) products.

Imported AN and ANS prices are available at a marked discount to UK produced products.

Yara have yet to release prices, although we expect they will later today or tomorrow.

Liquid UAN prices are expected to be announced in the next week or two, but are not available as yet.

Please do let Steve or Sandi know if you would like any further information on the above and they will put you in contact with AF.