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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.

Does having all your fuel receipts on one bill sound tempting?

Then it might be time to look at getting a fuel card. We are able to source a number of different fuel cards through AF, so we should be able to find one to suit your requirements.

The most popular fuel card is the Key Fuels Card, which is served by fuel stations on the Key fuels network, which include co-op and some service stations. All stations are show on the Key fuels app so you can access them anywhere in the UK. The card is free and the price is a weekly discounted supplied by the Buying Group. There are other cards available servicing Shell, Esso and supermarkets, but charges may apply.

The fuel cards can be in the vehicle registration or name of a person (not a company name) and you can have as many as you like of the same or different card.

Billing is easy as TKMR receive the invoice each month for your usage and we then bill in the normal way with accompanying paperwork, so all your fill up's are on one set of paperwork each month, and you won't need to scabble around on the desk for lost receipts!!

If you would like more information about fuel cards please do contact Sandi or Camilla in the Ring Office – 01635 285405.



Covid-19

Facemasks/Hand Sanitiser

As facemasks are now mandatory on public transport, in hospitals and from the 24th July in all shops, if you or any of your employees need any of the above we are able to source them at group rates. Please allow a few extra days for delivery. If you would like any of the above please do contact the ring office.

Fuel Card Prices

The weekly **AF (key fuels card) fuel price** is 110.34 ppl inc VAT

The weekly **Esso fuel price** is 112.02ppl inc VAT

As with all prices please check the price at the pump
As it may not be cheaper than the fuel card price.

Will you need help with Harrowing/Drilling?

As a Ring we have access to a wide variety of different Drills / Harrow seeders, we note one of our members has recently purchased a Heavy Duty 6m Harrowcombe & Seeder.

The machine is suitable for grass drilling, or cover/catch crops straight into the stubble, or under/oversowing, or into a seedbed. It has 10mm tines with hydraulic pressure and tine angle control/variation, Heavy duty spring mounted levelling boards, controlled by depth wheels, Capable of following contours & Ridge and Furrow, 300 litre seed tank. It is equipped with the latest Speed-tronic control unit enabling automatic calibration, auto switch off on headlands, tank level sensing, airflow monitor and change of seedrate on the move.

For more information or to enquire about this machine or indeed any of the other drilling options we have available please contact Steve in the Ring Office.



Working from home?

Many of us are now having to adjust to working from home for the foreseeable future possibly into the New Year and sharing wi-fi with many family members can be 'testing at times' so why not look into various options that could include hotspot devices, 4G Routers, external antennas, etc, which can all boost your wi-fi signal in your property/office and mean that you can work happily and your family won't be disturbed on their ipads/computers!

We can help source a number of working from home solutions to allow working from home to be easier for you. Please do contact us for options. Remember we can source copier paper, envelopes and all associated office stationery too.

For Sale

We have a Member who is selling a New (take off) rear tub from a 20 plate Toyota Hi-lux Single Cab Pick-up.

For more information and a price please contact Steve in the Ring Office

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.

Dates for the Diary

August

- 1st Deadline for Spreading Organic manure on sandy or shallow in NVZ
- 31st Deadline for drilling catch crops on EFA September

September

- 1st End of closed season for cutting hedges not in Countryside Stewardship

Do you need to review your Electricity Contracts?

We are able to get quotes for electricity through a broker who has direct contact with the energy suppliers. Many members have already switched suppliers and have saved monies. The process is very easy, we put you in contact with the company and they request the required data from you in order to provide a quote. If you're happy with the quote you can then proceed how you wish. Billing is direct with yourselves and if you have any problems you speak to the broker and not the electric company.

For more information please do contact Sandi or Camilla in the Ring Office.

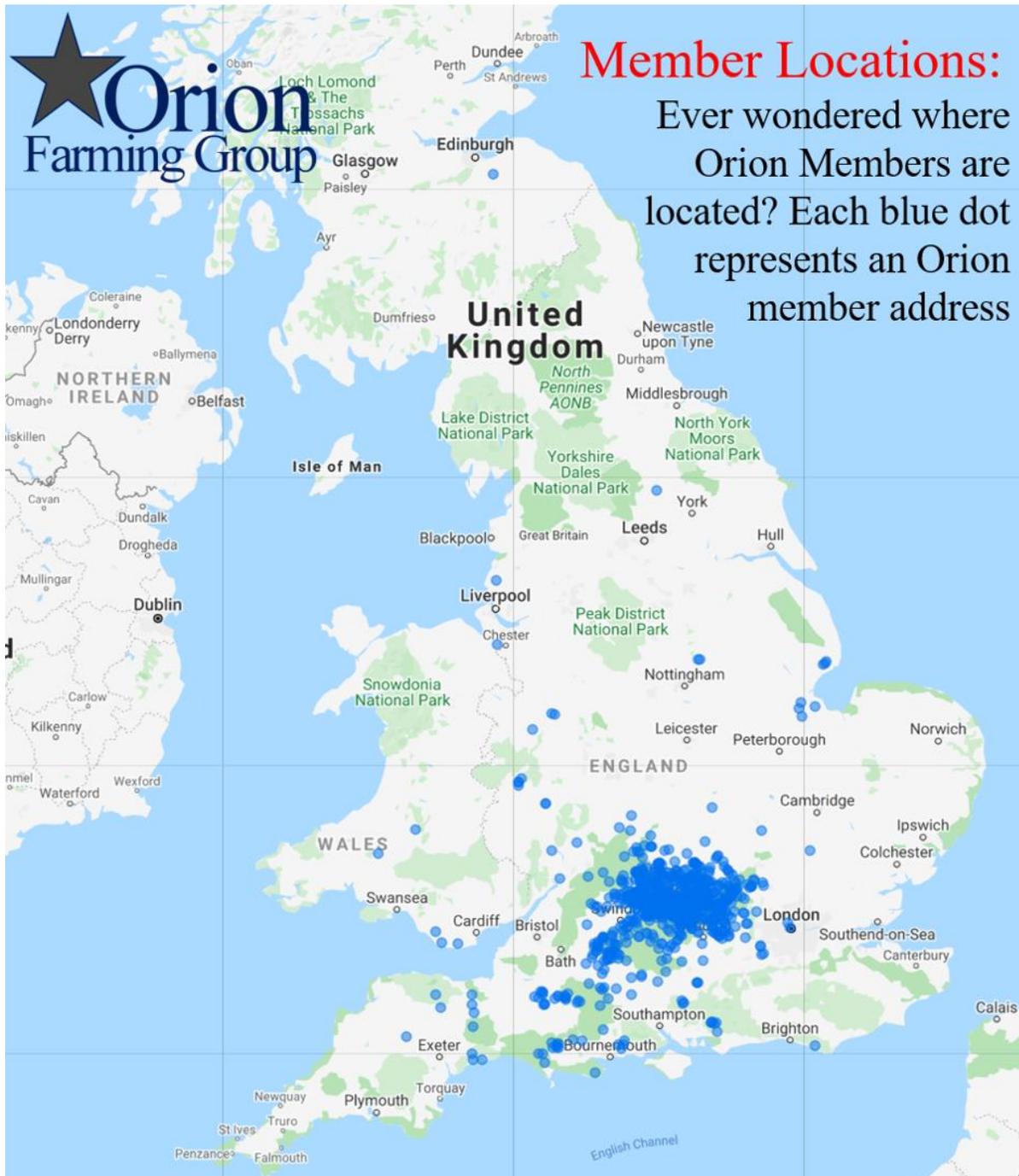
Multi Finish Plaster Shortage

There is still a shortage on Multi Finish Plaster. The manufacturer, British Gypsum, was closed during lockdown and is now trying to catch up with the demand. The suppliers are hopeful that it should start to delivery times will improve by the end of this month, but it's not guaranteed.

If this is a product you will need in the coming weeks, it might be worth considering ordering it now to ensure you get it prior to when you need it, so please do contact the Office.

Orion Farming Group operate in partnership with TKMR and has a growing number of TKMR Members buying through the Group. Going forward Orion will regularly share updates and latest offers in the TKMR newsletter, you can find out more about Orion and view their monthly newsletter at (<http://ofg.org.uk/orion-news/>).

With over 300 Members, you can see their geographical spread below.



Can you help?

- We have a Member looking for a secure yard with space to park 2 Ifor Williams trailers and other smaller forestry items, with an open barn (if possible), within a 20 mile radius of Newbury.
- We have a member looking for a part worn 16.9 R38 (or equivalent) tyre.

If you are able to help with either of the above please contact Steve in the Ring office.

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For local specialist and technical support from Certas, please contact the "Machinery Ring" who will arrange for the local technical representative to contact you.

Summer
only special
offer

Summer promotion

- AgriDrive KX+ SUTO 10w-30 (199l) - £279.95 + VAT
- AgriDrive KX+ Tractor Transmission Oil (199l) - £299.95 + VAT
- AgriDrive KX+ Hydraulic Oil ISO 46 (199l) - £195.95 + VAT
- Gulf Crown EP2 Grease Cartridges (400gm x 36) - £44.64 per box

Contact the Machinery Ring

 **01635 285405**

 **office@tkmr.co.uk**



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:

2020/2021

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

Kennet & Thames Training

Kennet & Thames are currently organising 1:1 courses, or groups where they all come from the same farm. Telehandlers being the most in demand. Dates booked as requested.

They hope to resume more normal face to face training by September and currently have dates booked for Sprayer courses from 8 – 11 September. This will be a PA1 on 8 Sept, with practical modules PA6 and PA2 on the remaining dates. Groups will be a max of 6 trainees for a PA1 and probably no more than 4 trainees on the practical modules.

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.

Summer Machinery Hire Reminder for Insurance

Please remember as part of your machinery ring membership you need to ensure adequate insurance policies are in place as required for the nature of your business, whether you are a supplier or demander to the Ring. We cannot police this as insurance policies expire and renew continually as you know.

- **HIRE - Upon hiring a machine, in most cases, you will need to arrange appropriate insurance cover for the length of time the machine/equipment is on your premises whether in use or not. Please check when hiring.**
- It is good practice to ensure a Risk Assessments/ Method Statements are requested from any supplier working for you ahead of job commencement (your insurers may require this in the event of a claim).
- Ensure machinery is always returned clean and full of fuel (as per hire agreement)
- If you undertake work that requires certification, please ensure your operators hold the appropriate documents.

OFF HIRE - It is your responsibility to phone the Ring Office and off hire the machine when you've finished the job. Please note this off hire call must be made during office hours and in plenty of time for the office staff to be able contact the Supplier on your behalf. For Example 5.30pm on a Friday may not reach the required supplier department until Monday morning which then leads to another day of hire. So off hiring in advance of finishing is the best option on a Friday afternoon following a one week hire.