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**The Directors and Management of TKMR would like to invite all Members to the**

**30<sup>th</sup> Virtual Annual General Meeting  
On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May  
At 6.30pm  
On Zoom**

The accounts year ending December 2020, Agenda and Minutes have all been emailed to Members. If you would like to attend the AGM please could you email [office@tkmr.co.uk](mailto:office@tkmr.co.uk) by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and we will endeavour to get zoom links to you as soon as possible.

## **Change is on its way for UK farmers, can we help you?**

The way farmers and land owners will be financially supported is moving away from Basic Payments to heavily incentivised environmental improvements.

After 47 years of EU membership and 28 years of area based subsidies under that regime, 2021 represents the first year of the phasing out of the Basic Payment Scheme and the introduction of a package of UK support measures. This will, undoubtedly, be the most significant change for farming businesses any of the current generation of farming leaders will have seen.

It will present some very significant challenges to many businesses, particularly those that are heavily dependent on BPS to support profits. Nevertheless, there will also be plenty of opportunities for the best operators to grow their businesses.

The Environmental Land Management (ELMs) scheme is due to replace Basic Payments. Currently there are opportunities open for the 2021 Countryside Stewardship Scheme for new agreements and capital grants as a stepping stone to ELMs. In addition, next year, all those who currently receive payments under the Basic Payments Scheme will be able to apply for the Sustainable Farming Incentive.

We have members who can help in an advisory capacity as to which scheme would be best for your farm/Estate. For more information please contact the Ring office.

**The deadline for submission for the Basic Payment applications this year is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

# Ergot Contamination

## - Milling Wheat Case Study

on Richard Beldam, East Lodge Farm, Gloucestershire

“I’ve been around the industry for a while! The Mobile Optical Colour Grain Processor, the Evans and Pearce team has built is a really beautifully engineered piece of kit. It does exactly what it says on the tin. Absolutely. Completely.

EST 1968

**EVANS & PEARCE**



**YOUR HARVEST SORTED**



Arrived 7am each morning, 15 minutes set up, spring wheat processed until 5pm each evening, continuous flow maintained at all times, in and out.



Pass one, 2,600 tonnes, 18 tonnes of discards  
Slower sort for Pass two, 18 tonnes, 5 tonnes discards = **0.2% rejects in 2,600 tonnes!**  
Needless to say, that was ‘pretty darn good!’



You feed in grain, it processes and removes the contamination by colour differentiation.  
**It leaves you with a clean, sellable crop at top market price.**

*If we ever end up in a similar situation, we will definitely be straight back on the phone to hire the machine again, confirms Richard.”*

See it in action at [www.evansandpearce.com/sorted](http://www.evansandpearce.com/sorted) • Tel: 01935 850750



## Forage Waggon For Sale



A member is selling this forage wagon as shown in these photos.

Asking price £49,000 + VAT

For more information, please contact Steve in the

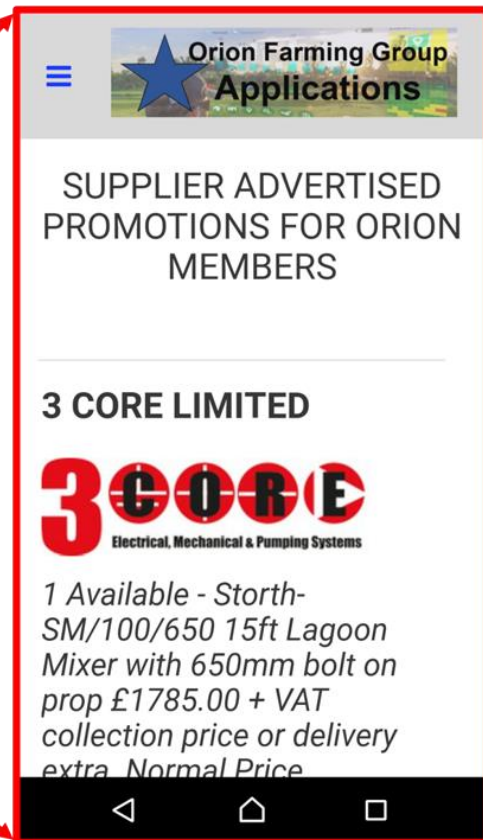
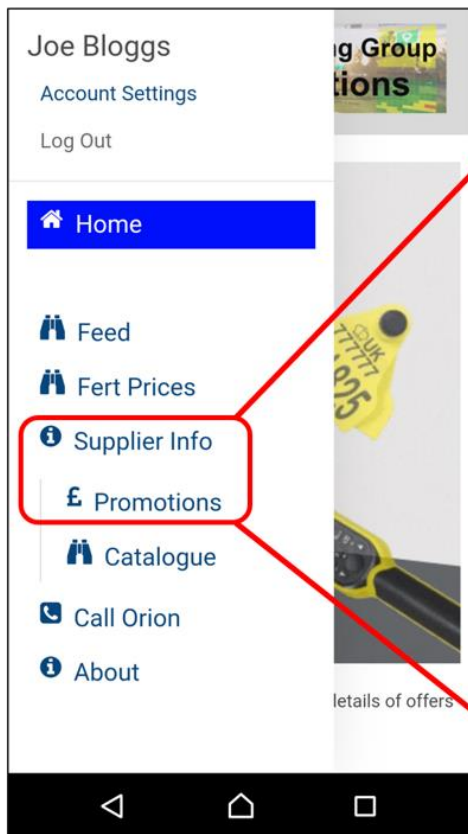
Ring office.







Orion Farming Group App for TKMR Members: Access to latest supplier promotions is now available & continually updated



Simply search 'Orion Farming' on Appstore or Google Play, install and signup, or contact Camilla at [camilla@tkmr.co.uk](mailto:camilla@tkmr.co.uk)

## Members Information:

- We have a member looking for any amount of 'cord wood'. They are happy to travel to collect as soon as possible.
- We have members that have an amount of Grass silage and clamped maize silage for sale. Please contact Steve for more information and prices.
- **Forward Buying Fuel**  
If you would be interested in fixing your fuel price for the summer months – July, August & September, please contact Steve for more information.
- **String & Wrap**  
If you would like to get prepared for the summer season, we are able to order string and wrap for our Members now. Please do call Steve for a quote.
- **Machinery for Drain jetting**  
We have a Member who has all the machinery necessary for jetting land drains. If this would be interest to you please do contact Steve for more information.

# West Berks & Oxon Training Group

West Berks and Oxon Training are going to be running open courses from April onwards. Courses with availability are listed below:

## May

27<sup>th</sup> Rough Terrain Telescopic Forklift  
28<sup>th</sup> PA1 and PA6 assessments

## June

10<sup>th</sup> 1 day Emergency First Aid at work  
11<sup>th</sup> Lantra 1 day ATV  
14<sup>th</sup> PA1 Foundation Module  
16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Lantra 2 day chainsaw  
17<sup>th</sup> Rough Terrain telescopic Forklift  
18<sup>th</sup> PA6 Knapsack sprayer  
18<sup>th</sup> Lantra 1 day Chainsaw refresher

They are also running the Lantra e-learning courses and the courses can be accessed from the link below;

[Lantra E-Learning - West Berks & Oxon Training \(westberksandoxontraining.co.uk\)](http://westberksandoxontraining.co.uk)

## HAMPSHIRE TRAINING PROVIDERS

Hampshire Training where possible and as the weather allows will try and deliver as much training as feasible outside with fewer training numbers. They have the following courses scheduled at present:

## May

4<sup>th</sup> PA1  
10/11<sup>th</sup> Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross cutting  
24<sup>th</sup> PA2  
27<sup>th</sup> First Aid for Mental Health

## June

7<sup>th</sup> PA1  
8<sup>th</sup> 2 x half day Manual Handling/Working at Height  
Ladders  
9<sup>th</sup> Management Techniques  
10<sup>th</sup> First Aid  
15<sup>th</sup> Telehandler  
17<sup>th</sup> Abrasive Wheels  
28<sup>th</sup> PA6

## July

8<sup>th</sup> Management Techniques

## Kennet & Thames Training

Kennet & Thames Training are starting to offer open courses. Dates continue to be booked so please keep an eye on our Calendar.

At present we have spaces on –

## May

26<sup>th</sup> PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides  
27<sup>th</sup> PA6 Knapsack Sprayer  
28<sup>th</sup> PA6 Knapsack Sprayer

## June

14<sup>th</sup> Emergency First Aid at Work

Other dates are in the process of being booked for Chainsaw Training during May, June and July. Lantra E-Learning courses can be booked via [Lantra E-Learning - Kennet & Thames Training \(kennetandthames.co.uk\)](http://Lantra E-Learning - Kennet & Thames Training (kennetandthames.co.uk))

## Fuel Card Prices

The weekly **AF (key fuels card) fuel price** is 119.77 ppl inc VAT & The weekly **Esso fuel price** is 122.05 ppl inc VAT

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