MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A FUEL CARD FOR YOU OR YOUR EMPLOYEES?.

With rising fuel costs a fuel card can provide many benefits to any sized business, including - reduced weekly pricing, receipts all in one place, as many cards as you need per vehicle/employee.

KEYFUELS
DRIVING BRITISH BUSINESS

For more information please contact Steve or Camilla in the Ring Office

DOES YOUR SPRAYER NEED ITS ANNUAL MOT?

West Berks and Oxon Training are once again organising Sprayer MOT's to be done in January/February 2023. Unfortunately, it will not be with Mark Elder this year as he is no longer doing them, however, Elliot will be doing them, and he was trained by Mark.

If you would like your machine included in the scheduling, please contact Steve or Camilla in the Ring office who will book you a place.

SUSTAINABLE FARMING INCENTIVE 2022

The Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) 2022 is one of Three new Environmental Land Management Schemes (ELMS) are being introduced under the Agricultural Transition Plan and form a large part of the replacement for BPS. It is now open to applications with payments available from January/February onwards if you apply now.

The SFI is designed to pay for Environmental and Climatic benefits delivered from 'sustainable farming practices' and is built around a series of standards for different types of land and environmental features. All BPS eligible farmers can now apply for SFI on eligible land which could top up your BPS. You can start getting SFI payments with Arable and Grassland Standards now. The existing Arable and Grassland standards are reasonably straightforward to undertake, although care needs to be taken when you also have a current Environmental Scheme in place.

Key features of the SFI are - The arable and horticultural soils standard and the improved grassland soil standard. SFI agreements are for three years after each (additional) application. There is a rolling application window (no deadline), with additional management levels and land parcels able to be applied for as time goes on.
Payments for the SFI will be made quarterly.

Are you prepared for the winter months?

We have members available who cover the TKMR area who are able to provide tyres for your vehicles, tractors and other farm machinery, to get your machinery through the winter months. Anti freeze and other winter products are also available.

For more information please contact Steve or Camilla in the TKMR Office.

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FUEL PRICES FROM BUYING GROUPS

The price for fuel, week commencing (30/01/2023) with an AF Key Fuels card is 158.22ppl & AF Esso Card is 159.42ppl.

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

Payment rates
Arable and horticultural soils
Level: Introductory: Payment: £22/ ha
Level: Intermediate: Payment: £40/ ha

Improved grassland soils
Level: Introductory: Payment: £28/ ha
Level: Intermediate: Payment: £58/ ha

For more information or to talk through the scheme and how it could benefit your farm/business please contact David New of D & S New & Sons LLP on david@glebourton.co.uk or through Thames & Kennet Machinery Ring.

MACHINERY LISTS

We try as best we can to keep all our Members Machinery lists as up to date as we can so when we get calls from Members who need help on their farm with extra machinery or would like to hire some machines or implements we know which members to go to.

If you have recently bought machinery please do let Steve or Camilla know so we can update your Machinery List on our system.

WEST BERKS AND OXON TRAINING GROUP

Training dates as follows. Please do email office@tkmr.co.uk to book on any of the following courses.

FEBRUARY

9th Manual Handling
13th PA1 Foundation Module (training day)
14th Tractor Driving (13-15)
20th & 21st Lantra 2 day Chainsaw
20th PA6 Knapsack Sprayer
22nd PA6 Knapsack Sprayer
24th PA2 Boom Sprayer

MARCH

6th & 7th Lantra 2 day felling up to 200mm
20th One Day Emergency First Aid
20th Lantra 1 day Woodchipper

HAMPSHIRE TRAINING PROVIDERS

Training dates are as follows. Please email office@tkmr.co.uk to book on any of the below courses.

FEBRUARY

1st Abrasive Wheels
8th & 9th Lantra Mxcut
22nd Lantra Chainsaw Refresher
27th First Aid

MARCH

2nd Safe & responsible control of rodents

APRIL

5th Telehandler
6th ATV

KENNET AND THAMES TRAINING PROVIDERS

FEBRUARY

6th First Aid
9th Telehandler
10th MEWP
13 and 14th Chainsaw maintenance & Cross Cut
23rd Brushcutters/Trimmers
27th Health &Safety in Agriculture & Horticulture
28th Trailer Handling

MARCH

1st PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides Training
2nd PA6 Knapsack Sprayer Training
9th Welding (ARC/MIG)
13th and 14th Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cut
15th Manual Handling
16th Working at Height
17th Abrasive Wheels
22nd PA2 Boom Sprayer Training

APRIL

12th and 13th Small Felling up to 8” Lantra