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ETA AGM

The training group will be holding its AGM this year on Tuesday 12th June at 7.30pm at Haverhill Golf Course, CB97UW. There will be a buffet available after the AGM. Please can you let us know ASAP if you will be attending for catering purposes

David White, a director from Cam Grain will be our guest speaker, he will be giving a short presentation on Cam Grain and an update on their news site adjacent to the A11 near Six Mile Bottom. Phillip Dark, the Managing Director will also be attending to answer any questions.

Training Needs Assessments Visits

With time marching on and harvest soon approaching the training needs visits are well underway and I have enjoyed the opportunity of meeting some of you for the first time. I have had some very good and fresh ideas for the winter training programme and look forward to meeting more of you over the next few weeks to find out your training needs.

PREHARVEST TRAINING COURSES

Tyres & Traction

Thursday 5th July 9.00am, 1/2 day. Members course rate £40. This half day course will look at examining wheels on all soils. Wheels, loads, tyre pressures, tyre selection, compaction.

The course aims to provide delegates with an improved appreciation of soils management and the effect of all vehicles working on the land. Thus all equipment can be operated more efficiently with both soils and energy management being highlighted.

Grain Drying

Thursday 5th July 1.30pm 1/2 day course. Members course rate £40. This 1/2 day course will focus on bulk drying systems, all airflows, humidities and air heating are discussed. The necessity for effective grain cooling offering safe storage standards for this important food product etc.

This course includes: Air qualities for drying, Relationship of grain moisture to air, equilibrium moistures, Using air for drying, progress of drying, air need relative to drying requirements. Store preparation, cleanliness, controls, securing against contaminants, store loading, impact on drying performance. Drying strategies, humidity modification. Normally course includes visit to grain stores on site and look at any practical issues. Grain cooling and Instrumentation needs. Store records, safety and summarised pointers for successful drying/Assurance links.

Rough Terrain Telescopic FLT Courses. 2 day courses

18th & 19th June Central to demand Cost £165 per person including certification.

25th & 26th June Central to demand Cost £165 per person including certification, this course is ideal for harvest students.

Rough Terrain Telescopic FLT 3 day courses

2nd, 3rd & 4th July Central to demand Cost £220. This three day course is suited to 16 - 18 years olds with little experience of FLT.

9th, 10th & 11th July Central to demand Cost £220. This three day course is suited to 16 - 18 years olds with little experience of FLT.

COURSES FOR TEMPORARY HARVEST STAFF

We also have a range of courses suitable for temporary harvest staff. These courses are adequate to meet your health & safety requirements and to meet the requirements of PUWER.

BASICS AF TRACTOR HANDLING

5th or 6th or 20th July - This one day course will give new comers to machinery handling the core skills of hand, foot and eye co-ordination and give trainees the opportunity to learn and practise under close supervision in a safe environment. This is a hands-on course, with the emphasis on SAFETY at all times. Trainees will gain a BASIC understanding of safe tractor operations and handling. Participants will cover safety, use and recognition of controls, driving safely, tractor and trailer driving and will receive some instruction in 3-point linkage. Members Course rate £60.

Safety Awareness

21st June or 12th July. This 1/2 day course will look at identifying basic hazards and act upon them, to know what their, and their, employers responsibilities are. Members course rate £30

Manual Handling

21st June or 12th July. This 1/2 day course will look at the correct methods for lifting, carrying, pushing, pulling and transportation of loads. To educate them on the importance of using the correct techniques and made aware of the possible consequences of improper lifting to themselves and their employer. Members course rate £30

EmergencyFirstAid

11thJuly. This 1/2daycoursewillcoverthefollowing,as-sessingsituationsandtakingappropriateaction,artificialventilationsandchestcompressions,recoveryposition,spinalinjury,clearingobstructedairways,controllingseverebleeding,shock,burns,crushandheadinjuries,fracturesandsprainsandotheraspectsfofemergencyaid.Cost£40perpersonincludingcertification

ANIMALTRANSPORTREGULATIONS

TheRegulationdoesnotapplytothetransportofanimals:

- . Wherethetransportisnotinconnectionwithan economicactivity
- . Transportto,orfromveterinarypracticesunder veterinaryadvice
- . Whenanindividualhorseistransportedbyits owner,orotherresponsibleperson(Likewisetwo

horses,accompaniedbytwosuchpersons).

. Horses transported to competitions or shows for pleasure, even when they win minor cash prizes, are not deemed to be covered by the regulation. However this must not be part of the transporters business, but related to their hobby.

For people requiring the certificate of competence in Transporting Live Animals — (coming into force Jan 08) NPTC & Lantra are soon to release course and test details, so we hope to be running this course over the winter period..... Please watch this space.

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