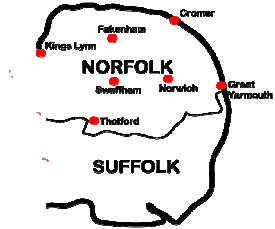


WINTER 2008 TRAINING NEWS

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BASIS FSTS Certificate in Crop Protection -

Running in Norfolk this Winter for the first time in four years. Funding available through Train to Gain - Leadership and Management Fund. Dates: November 19th & 20th December 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th 18th January 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th – Revision Days 18 & 19 February and the exam is scheduled for February 25th and 26th.



Venue for training - Timbers in Fincham, between Swaffham and Downham Market.

The course was originally designed for those involved in selling, supplying or advising on the use of, pesticides. Recently it has been of more interest to farmers and managers looking to further their knowledge and understanding of crop agronomy, and BASIS has become an essential qualification for any forward thinking farm manager. Training includes recognition and biology of weeds, pests, pathogens and disorders; Classification and mode of action of pesticides and biological control agents; Application, transport and storage of pesticides; Integrated crop protection strategies in the major arable crops; Also included is the Integrated Crop Management module and exam.

Driver CPC for bus, coach and lorry drivers

A new qualification for professional bus and lorry drivers – In future, just holding a driving licence will not be sufficient for someone who wishes to drive these vehicles for a living. The Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (Driver CPC) is coming into force for lorry drivers across all European Union member states on 10th September 2009.



In order to maintain their Driver CPC, all category C and D licence holders will be required to undertake 35 hours Periodic Training every 5 years. This can be one day per year, or 5 days in year 5.

The main aim behind Driver CPC is to improve road safety; providing better qualified drivers to help reduce road casualties. Driver CPC should also bring an improved professional and positive image to the industry. It is aimed not only at improving the knowledge and skills of LGV and PCV drivers when they first start work, but also ensuring those skills are maintained and developed throughout the driver's working life.

The Training Association will be registering as a JAUPT centre for Driver CPC training. Subject to approval, training will be offered as soon as we are allowed to begin.

Did you know..... Photocard Driving Licences expire after 10 years?

See http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring/DriverLicensing/NeedANewOrUpdatedLicence/DG_078070 for more details - but in short, you should receive a form from the DSA automatically, if not collect one from the post office. Send it back with £17.50 and a recent photograph. It is an offence not to have a valid photo card if this applies to your license and can be subject to a fine. Don't forget to check expiry date of photo licenses when inspecting employee licenses too.

Women in Work Funding

Yes there is funding for training, for all you ladies. This is for women working in the agricultural sector, and is applicable to training you might require from forklift driving to sheep dog training (yes really). Its approximately 2/3 funding – you book and pay for £650 worth of training and £400 can be claimed back. Certain conditions do apply, to find out if you are eligible and to get signed up, do give me a call on 01485 600225.

Train to Gain Funding:

There is funding to be had for training leaders and managers in your business under the Train to Gain Leadership and Management Fund. This can be for ANY sort of training, and indeed we have used it to help fund BASIS FSTS for people this year. You can claim up to £1000 retrospectively for training. Certain conditions apply, if you would like to apply just give me a call on 01485 600225.

Pest Control Courses:

In order to purchase rodent poisons and aluminium phosphide gas tablets, many of the chemical companies now require proof of training. This can be easily gained with one days training, for which we issue a training group certificate, which is sufficient proof. There is one rabbit day and one rodent day organised for this autumn and I have also been asked to organise a mole control course. If you would like to sign up for any of these days do give me a call.

Basic Tree Survey - What is it and Why do I need it? In July 07 year a schoolboy was killed at Felbrigg Hall in Norfolk when a branch of a tree fell on him. The tree had been surveyed as are all the trees at Felbrigg, and this gives the National Trust a defensible position, and it is hoped this will be eventually considered just a tragic accident. Most farms have footpaths, lanes and roads which crisscross the land, and along those public rights of way pass walkers, riders, cyclists and road users. Don't be caught out hoping for good fortune in the next gales - survey your trees and give yourself a defensive stance. A qualification in Basic Tree Survey is a single days training with no arboriculture pre-requisite training. This course has Lantra Certification. 18th December

Two courses for your Sprayman - both attracting NRoSO points

Fundamentals of Agronomy for Spray Operators: Faced with an agronomists recommendation sheet and application rate, this course, presented by David Felce of Midloe Farming, aims to give spray operators a better understanding of agronomical decisions and how application can assist better uptake of products. This course will look at the pests and diseases associated with combinable crops, where and when they occur on the plant, the choices of product available, how the product works, and how best to apply that product so that it achieves the best results in a spray program.

NRoSO and Basis points applied for. 25th November

Tom Robinson From Syngenta presents a half day seminar for Spray Operators, covering: History of Spraying, Water Volumes, Oil adjuvants, Sprayer Plumbing and fittings, Nozzle basics, Spray Drift, The Law, Low Volume and LERAP, Targets and Hitting Them, Calibrating a Sprayer, Developments in Nozzles NRoSO and Basis points applied for.

13th January

NRoSO Points:

Looking for NRoSO Points then consider **Lantra Health & Safety in Agriculture Level II** a single day training followed by a multi choice test at the end of the day - 12 NRoSO points for completing the course and a further 10 NRoSO points for passing the test. Added to this, if your staff hold this qualification you may well get a discount on your insurance premium next year. *Date 13 November*

Transport of Live Animals by Road:

I have been asked by a few people if its possible to take the test without any training and we have been reluctant to do this previously with the NPTC tests being comparatively expensive. With Lantra tests now available as a much cheaper option, if anyone wishes to take a punt at the exam from cold then please let me know. If there are enough of you who wish to take this option then we'll fix a date and make it happen.



LIFT TRUCK COURSES - Phone with your requests

COUNTERBALANCE – TELESCOPIC – FIXED MAST RT – REACH – LOADING SHOVEL – PIVOT STEER – SKID STEER - MEWP

Remember HSE recommend that you should refresh lift truck certificates every 5 years

Management courses planned so far for this season:

NRoSO BASIS

Friday 12 Dec	Principals of Garden Design & Companion Planting. This day is designed to help trainees appreciate their own garden and to identify areas for improvement where required. On completion, participants will be better equipped to view other properties with an informed and critical eye and enjoy the efforts of the horticulturalists that have designed and planted the many gardens open to the public.		
Monday 15 Dec	Maximising the benefits of Entry Level Scheme: In view of recent changes to the Entry Level Scheme (ELS) and expiry of some ELS agreements in 2010 this course examines how to maximise farm conservation on an arable farm, how to determine what species to focus on, putting together the right package of measures and how to get the best results for farmer and wildlife. Farmers will also be given the opportunity to discuss 1:1 with a local RSPB adviser on individual requirements.	Applied For	
Monday 12 Jan	Farmland Birds and the Higher Level Scheme Through Natural England's regional targeting of Higher Level Scheme NW Norfolk has been identified as a farmland bird themed area - this course will examine how to target the key species, the options to provide the 'big 3' (nest sites, chick food and winter food) and how to maximise return for both farm and farmland birds.	Applied For	
14 - 16 January	POWER (Protection of water, environment and recommendations) for farmers, farm & contract managers, foremen & supervisors controlling when and where pesticides are used, this course bridges the gap between the agronomist and the spray men.	20cpd	20cpd
Thursday 22 Jan	Garden Restoration, Rejuvenation and Replacements of Plants This program will look at methods of restoration for an old or neglected garden. Information on how to research the original planting and layout to enable restoration, how to rejuvenate old established plants or where to source new replacements. Discussion on whether new varieties should be introduced to enhance the design.		

5th February	Agronomy Update with John Purslow	Applied For
Starting January	Potato Agronomy Group - Six half day meetings starting in January and spaced throughout the growing season, focussing on Agronomy, Storage, In Crop Inspection, Harvesting and Bruising. Lead by David Hudson, Rob Claydon and Adrian Cunnington. Will be based in West Norfolk	Applied For
Starting January	Sugar Beet Agronomy Group - Similar principal to the Potato Group, this time lead by Mike May and his team at Brooms Barn. 4 Meetings to be held in Norfolk, throughout the growing season, focusing on Soil Type and Variety, Weed Control, Harvesting and Storage, Agronomy, and opportunity to visit Brooms Barn and see the development work going on there. This group was very popular last year phone now to secure your place	Applied For
Starting January	Combinable Crops Agronomy Group - Lead by Phil Strachen and Steve Baldock of Prime Agriculture. A series of 4 meetings during the season, to cover the agronomic and legislative aspects of combinable crop production. All meetings will have adequate time for questions and members are encouraged to share their own experiences and technical queries with the group.	Applied For
21st January	Trailer Braking Systems:- Selection, Operation & Maintenance Trailer not stopping as well as it used to? Heard stories of expensive tractor brake repairs? Confused by talk of new EU trailer braking regulations? Think you may be pushing the limits with that new 50 km/h tractor, but surely there's life left in that 15 year-old trailer? Unsure what to replace it with? If any of these questions apply to you, this course will provide the answers, helping you get the best from your current & future equipment. Dr Andy Scarlett, tractor industry consultant, provides an overview of hydraulic & air braking systems and current UK & forthcoming EU tractor-trailer braking requirements. A practical guide of what to look for when buying new; the scope for upgrading existing trailer brakes, and exactly how to keep it all properly maintained, roadworthy & legal. Everything you thought you didn't really need to know until it wouldn't stop !..... or VOSA had a look !!	Applied For
23rd January	Very Basic Excel Spreadsheets with Pauline Chapman. A 3 hour session, learn the basic functions of spreadsheets using Microsoft Excel 2003, Enter data, format cells, insert/delete rows and columns. Use the 'autosum' function, drag replicate formulae. Use formulae to calculate percentages and areas, explore the maths behind the formulae. How to Save files and understand the use of 'Save As'. Learn the relevance of worksheets and copy data and paste into new worksheets. Name and label worksheets for easy identification.	
30th January	Microsoft Outlook with Pauline Chapman. Learn to use Outlook to manage your email, contacts, calendar and tasks. Create emails, reply forward, cc and bcc. Organise your messages in folders, Save contact addresses and create groups, Organise your calendar, Manage tasks, track activities and create Notes, How to print emails and Calendar items. Can be followed up with more sessions if candidates desire.	
30 January, 9,10,20,23,24 Feb incl exam	Advanced BASIS Module – Plant Protection Award - Covers plant protection technology, plant protection and its implementation in agricultural systems and society, formulations, modes of action and application and health and safety. With Simon Goodgyer - Venue Thorney	Applied For
3rd February 09	Crop Nutrition with Paddy Johnson. Fertiliser prices have gone through the roof. How should we be reacting? Are there opportunities to save on fertiliser applications or should we stick to what we have been doing for the last few years? Where organic manures are available how can we utilise the nutrients in them more effectively? Do the new NVZ rules restrict us in what we can do? • Paddy has forty years experience in consultancy work for farmers, growers and corporate clients in the fields of crop nutrition, plant and soil analysis interpretation, the control of diffuse pollution from agricultural land and soil management. He is the author of a multitude of publications and articles on all aspects of soil science.	Applied For
17th February Morning	Agricultural Tax Update – Half day with James Morgan of Hayes + Storr Solicitor's King's Lynn office. James is one of the solicitors in Norfolk specialising in Agriculture specifically mentioned in national publication The Legal 500. James specialises in advising farmers and other owners of their own businesses and the wealthy retired on capital taxation and related issues. The talk will cover amongst other things – Finance Act 2006 and its impact on family trusts; the Antrobus and Mckenna cases and their impact on the taxation of farmhouses for Inheritance Tax; the Finance Act 2008 changes to Capital Gains Tax; other tax changes and planning tips in relation to farm diversification, planning permissions, farm succession planning, Stamp Duty Land Tax, pensions.	These two seminars will be at the same venue and a complimentary lunch will be available for anyone signing up to both seminars.
17th February Afternoon	Interest Rate Management with Nathan Gillard of NatWest Agriculture Business Team. Businesses are becoming increasingly active in their use of interest rate management services with a common theme being the need for medium to long term finance allied to a strong desire to eliminate uncertainty in financial performance. While taking advantage of longer term finance places businesses on a firm financial foundation, it can also expose them to risk in terms of the uncertainty surrounding future interest rates. Find out how the solutions available can take out some of the uncertainty relating to your business	

	<i>Continual Professional Development Points</i>	NRoS	BASIS
OCTOBER			
Tuesday 7	PA1 - Foundation module	12cpd	12cpd
Thursday 9	Emergency First Aid half day		
Friday 10	Welding TIG - safe use and techniques (Advanced course if required)		
Tuesday 14	PA2 – Ground Crop Hydraulic Nozzle Sprayer	12cpd	12cpd
Wednesday 15	Emergency First Aid half day		
Monday 20	PA6 – Knapsack Sprayer	12cpd	12cpd
Tuesday 28	PA4 - Granule Applicator	12cpd	12cpd
Tuesday 28-31	First Aid at Work - 4 Day Certificate - Norwich - other dates and venues available please ask		
Wednesday 29-30	Towing Trailers/Horse Boxes - to add +E to DVLA licences gained after 1997		
NOVEMBER			
Wednesday 5	Emergency First Aid half day		
Monday 10	CIEH Level II Food Hygiene for farm shops, burger vans, food processors etc		
Tuesday 11	PA1 - Foundation module	12cpd	12cpd
Wednesday 12	Emergency First Aid and Manual Handling two of your essential courses in one day		
Thursday 13	Health & Safety in Agriculture Lantra Level II		
Friday 14	Welding ARC - safe use and techniques		
Tuesday 18	PA2 – Ground Crop Hydraulic Nozzle Sprayer	12cpd	12cpd
Wednesday 19	Pest Control Rats & Mice using traps and poison baits	6cpd	12cpd
Thursday 20	Chainsaw Refresher (should be done every 5 years for experienced operators)		
Friday 21	Dangerous Goods Awareness - All drivers carrying any small quantity of chemical in a van or 4x4 should have received general training. In accordance with this we have arranged a half day DGA courses to comply with this HSE guidance, and to be sufficient to satisfy VOSA if stopped on the road. Certificates and ID cards issued. www.hse.gov.uk/cdg/manual/crew.htm#driver_training for guidance on this from the HSE.		
Mon 24-28 inc	Chainsaw – Maintenance, Crosscutting & Small Tree Felling – for NPTC test		
Tuesday 25	PA6 – Knapsack Sprayer	12cpd	12cpd
Tuesday 25	Appointed Persons First Aid - whole day		
Tuesday 25	Fundamentals of Agronomy for Spray Operators - see first page for details	tbc	tbc
Wednesday 26	Abrasive Wheel - safety & use in accordance with PUWER Regs '98 - half day course		
Thursday 27-28	Chainsaw – Maintenance & Crosscutting Lantra Integrated Assessment		
Friday 28	ATV Handling for NPTC Test or Certificate of Training		
Friday 28	360 Mini Digger & Dumper for Lantra Certificate		
DECEMBER			
Monday 1 - Fri 5	ADR Carriage of Dangerous Goods on the Road - core, packages & 7 classes & Tanks if required		
Tuesday 2	PA4 - Granule Applicator	12cpd	12cpd
Wednesday 3	Wild Game Meat Hygiene for Level 2 Lantra certificate		
Thursday 4	Emergency First Aid half day		
Friday 5	Welding MIG - safe use and techniques (Advanced course if required)		
Monday 8	Food Hygiene for Arable Farms - to satisfy supermarket assurance schemes		
Tuesday 9 & 10	Towing Trailers/Horse Boxes - to add +E to DVLA licences gained after 1997		
Tuesday 9	PA1 - Foundation module	12cpd	12cpd
Wednesday 10	Pest Control – Rabbits - training in the safe use of Aluminium Phosphides	6cpd	12cpd
Thursday 11	Emergency First Aid half day		
Monday 15	Manual Handling and Working at Height and Using Ladders - Two more of your essential courses in one day - can be attended as two separate half day sessions if required		
Monday 15 & 16	Chainsaw – Maintenance & Crosscutting Lantra Integrated Assessment		
Tuesday 16	PA9 - Fogging Misting & Smokes - for all types of produce stores.	12cpd	12cpd
Thursday 18	Lantra Tree Survey - with Kevin Moore		
Thursday 18	Emergency First Aid half day		
TBC December	Sprayers Stores & Buffers This year's annual NRoSO training event will be rounded off with a topical update which will include information on regulation changes.		
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Dates to suit you.	Fire Extinguisher Training - half day course		



If there is any training you require not listed here then please do not hesitate to give me a call on 01485 600225

