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Helping Rural Businesses Thrive

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Russ Carrington retires as director and long-term supporter of Herefordshire Rural Hub

We are very grateful to Russ for his support of the Hub over the past few years.

Russ continues to be active on the rural scene through his running of the Pasture-Fed Livestock Association (PFLA) where farmers across the UK are supported to improve their pasture-management and sell meat and milk under the 'Pasture for Life' certification mark. One project Russ is now heading up is working with groups of farmers to improve profitability in upland areas as funded by the Princes Countryside Fund. Alongside this he is also chairman of Rural Youth Europe, a network of rural youth organisations across 19 countries, representing around 500,000 young people from the countryside, and sees Russ attending and chairing meetings and events right around the continent. He is keen to ensure that rural areas are equipped with the knowledge, skills and future leaders to help embrace the challenges ahead.

HAVE YOU VISITED THE

Herefordshire Rural Hub website.

Lots of useful contacts and links to information, funding etc.
Details of forthcoming events in and around the County.
News items of interest. Past Newsletters.
Go To Businesses.

Find out about Herefordshire Rural Hub & who we work with.

Check it out at:- www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

If you have your own website please add a link to our website, and also share it via social media. Thank you.

You can also follow us on **twitter@Hfds_RuralHub**

and on **Facebook** - search *Herefordshire Rural Hub*

Copy deadline for the next newsletter is:-

15th August 2018

National Farmers Union

Lord Mayor's Show Competition - Calling All Young Farmers

The NFU has launched a competition to find eight young farmers (aged 18-30 years) to represent British farming in the 2018 Lord Mayor's Show, which takes place on Saturday 10th November in London. The NFU will be joined by Massey Ferguson to support the Worshipful Company of Farmers in this year's show. As an additional prize this year, Massey Ferguson is inviting one of the young farmers on a special trip to Beauvais in Northern France as a guest to tour the factory and enjoy an overnight stay.
The NFU is asking for nominations for young farmers, aged 18-30, who have made an outstanding contribution to the farming sector and who are passionate about the industry.

Full details and a nomination form can be found at:- www.nfuonline.com/news/latest-news/calling-all-young-farmers/
Closing date for nominations is Sunday 19th August.

The Deakin and Combe Memorial Trust

are inviting applications for assistance with the cost of further education from those that are:

- **Studying or about to study an agriculture related course in the academic year 2018/19**
- **Whose parent(s) have made a contribution to agriculture in England or Wales**

Last year, successful candidates received grants of £500 - £1,000 towards such items as training courses, laptops and books.

Closing date for applications is 24th August 2018. Grants to successful applicants will be sent out in October 2018.
To request an application form phone 02476 858574 or email rachel.harper@nfu.org.uk

The National Fly-tipping Prevention Group (NFTPG)

This is a group of organisations working with a common aim to help prevent and tackle fly-tipping through influencing, advising and raising awareness about the anti-social nature and potential health and environmental damage fly-tipping can cause. For more information click **Here**

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Have you got this date in your diary??

Wednesday 21st November, 12noon till 6pm
It is the **Herefordshire Rural Business Advice Day**
Three Counties Hotel, Belmont Rd, Hereford HR2 7BP
Presentations, 1-to-1 Advice Drop-ins, Lots of stands
Contact Frances for more information – admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

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Guidance on Storing silage, slurry and agricultural fuel oil

Click **HERE** for the rules you must follow, who's responsible and when to notify the Environment Agency

Reminder about Derogations for Cutting hedges in August

Click **HERE** for more information

Impact of Hot Weather on Countryside Stewardship and Environmental Stewardship Agreements

Click **HERE** for more information

More information from HMRC about Making Tax Digital

HMRC has published more information about Making Tax Digital (MTD) for businesses and tax agents. This includes a VAT notice explaining the MTD rules and the digital information they require businesses to keep, and a list of software developers who have MTD software that is ready for testing. MTD will require most businesses operating above the VAT threshold to keep digital records for VAT purposes from April 2019.
https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hmrc-publishes-more-information-on-making-tax-digital

Burwarton Show – 2nd August
www.burwartonshow.co.uk

Oswestry Show – 4th August
www.oswestryshow.co.uk

Tenbury Show – 4th August
www.tenbury-countryside-show.co.uk

Herefordshire Country Fair - 5th August
www.herefordshirecountryfair.co.uk

Kington Show - 8th September
www.kingtonshow.co.uk

Usk Show – 8th September
www.uskshow.co.uk/

Ludlow Food Festival 7th – 9th September
www.ludlowfoodfestival.co.uk/

UK Dairy Day – 12th September
www.ukdairyday.co.uk/

Natural England - Countryside Stewardship 1-to-1 Advice Sessions

Monday 6th August at The Pump Rooms, Teme Street, Tenbury Wells, Worcs, WR15 8BA
Tuesday 7th August at Monkhouse Granary, Monkhouse, Broadoak, Shrewsbury, Shrops, SY4 3HP
Pre-booked 1½ hour appointments are available between 9am and 5pm

The advisor will be able to provide detailed advice and guidance on options and management required, and the steps you need to take, but will not be able to complete your actual application form for you.

A second clinic session is available for all applicants to go through applications ready for submission to ensure that they have been completed correctly, all options are eligible, and evidence requirements have been met

Booking is essential – Contact RSK Adas Ltd Tel: **08453 723399** Email: bookings@adas.co.uk

Are you ready for Digital VAT?

What is it? When is it happening? What do you need to do?

If you are from a Herefordshire or Gloucestershire farming or rural business and would like to get these questions answered, come along to one of these workshops..

In Herefordshire on Tuesday 11th September
11.30am-2.30pm at Stretton Sugwas Village Hall, Stretton Sugwas, Hereford, HR4 7PT
or
6.30pm-9.30pm at Alexandra Park, Court-Y-Park, Pixley, Ledbury, HR8 2RW
or
In Gloucestershire on Thursday 13th September
11.30am-2.30pm at The Rural Innovation Centre, Manor Farm, Harnhill, Cirencester, GL7 5PU

The programme will cover:-
Making VAT Digital – explanation of the requirements
Getting ready – Accounts software choices
Short presentations will be given by software providers and accountants, including Farmplan, Landmark, Sum-It, Xero. After the presentations, there will be an opportunity to speak to the stand holders about their products & services.

Light refreshments will be provided.
This event is FREE to attend, but please book your place in advance with Herefordshire Rural Hub
Email: bookings@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk Tel: **01432 353465**

Funded by Fastershire – the partnership between Herefordshire Council and Gloucestershire County Council to bring faster broadband to the two counties.

Herefordshire Council's "Stop the Drop" litter campaign is going from strength to strength with almost 300 Herefordshire businesses signed up to the Litter Pledge.
The pledge can be signed online at https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/business-litter-pledge . You will be sent a certificate for displaying in your premises which as well as being featured on the Herefordshire Council website will collectively spread the message that litter is not acceptable. Please encourage others to do the same.

Click HERE for an update on the project and to find out about some the farming businesses who have signed up to it.

RDPE Countryside Productivity Scheme

Funding for projects in England which improve productivity in the farming & forestry sectors & help create jobs and growth in the rural economy. It is administered by the RPA. Under the RDPE Countryside Productivity Scheme, there are grants for:

Improving Farm Productivity (application deadline 3rd December 2018)

Grants to fund projects that improve farm productivity through the use of robotic equipment and systems to aid crop and livestock production; increasing the use of renewable energy produced on farm; the use of LED wavelength controlled lighting to aid crop production; more efficient use of livestock slurries and manures, and digestate.

For full details go to: **www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-productivity-scheme**

The RDPE grants are made by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), which is part of the European Structural Investment Funds (ESIF).

Ploughing matches coming up

Saturday, 1st September - Pandy & Monnowside Ploughing Society
Further details from Hazel Williams on 01873 890160 or 07903 765689

Sunday, 2nd September - Leominster & District Agricultural Improvement Society
Pembridge Village, Herefordshire, HR6 9LA. For further details contact Anne Williams on 01568 615365.

Saturday, 8th September, 2018 - Llanwarne & District Agricultural Society
Llanwarne Court, Llanwarne, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR2 8JE.
For further details contact Nigel Morris on 01989 569377. Includes a National Vintage Area Final.

Saturday, 15th September - Stoke Bliss Ploughing Match & Homecrafts 2018
Sutton Park, Sutton, Tenbury Wells www.stokeblissploughingandhomecrafts.org/

Sunday, 16th September 2018 - Mid Shropshire Vintage Ploughing Match
Rodington SY4 4QH www.midshropshirevintageclub.com/ploughing/

Saturday, 22nd September - Weobley and District Ploughing Match
Garnons Estate, Byford. For further details contact Rachel Griffiths 01544 327343.

Saturday, 29th September - Cruckton & District Ploughing & Hedging Society
Noreton Farm, Condover, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 7AR.
Includes a National Vintage Area Final.
For further details contact Wendy Trow on 01743 891871 or 07932 408296.

Thursday, 4th October - Trumpet & District 75th Annual Ploughing Match
Shilo, Munsley, Hereford

Saturday, 6th October - Wormside & District Ploughing Match

Saturday, 13th October - Sunday, 14th October - 68th British National Ploughing Championships & Country Festival
Austrey, Atherstone, Warwickshire, CV9 3ED. By kind permission of William Corbett Farms Ltd.
Further information from the Society of Ploughmen on 01302 852469

HOLME LACY CAMPUS
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Holme Lacy Campus
Equestrian Centre
FUN RIDE
Sunday 16th September

Enjoy the beautiful scenery around the picturesque and peaceful estate
Starting from the Holme Lacy Campus (HR26LL)
First horse 10.00am – last horse 2.00pm
Approximately 8 miles
with shorter lead-rein route available (optional jumps)
Optional clear round jumping in outdoor arena
Riders: £15 Under 16 yr olds £10 Clear round £3
Rosettes to all Refreshments on site
Proceeds towards The Midlands Air Ambulance
Enquiries: **01432 870017**

Holme Lacy Campus
Equestrian Centre

Herefordshire & Ludlow College

Dressage Competitions 2018-19

Sunday 21st October 2018 *Entries close 15th October*
Sunday 17th February 2019 *Entries close 11th February*
Sunday 7th April 2019 *Entries close 1st April*

For full details of the dressage competitions, classes, entry fees, rules etc, click HERE

Entry forms can be downloaded HERE
and they should be returned to Emma Harris
at Holme Lacy Campus

The Marches Growth Hub

can provide advice & support to businesses wishing to apply for funding (including the RDPE funding)
Tel: **0345 6000 727** Email: enquiries@marchesgrowthhub.co.uk Website: www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk
Marches Growth Hub Calendar of Events www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk/calendar/

Duchy Herefordshire Women in Rural Enterprise (WiRE)

Come and join a varied, talented group of women from across Herefordshire and share experiences, pick up useful tips and discover what being a WiRE member could mean to you.
Meeting dates for the next 3 months are **6th September, 11th October, 8th November**
Check Eventbrite online for more details and to book, or join us on Facebook – search for Duchy WiRE Herefordshire
Alternatively email annie@lambcommunications.co.uk or Colita@litabix.com to be added to the mailing list.

The Prince's Countryside Fund

The Herefordshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (HFYFC) working in partnership with Herefordshire Rural Hub have secured funding to provide support for training in a **rurally based career** to the end of December 2019. The funding is easy to access. All you need to do is select which course you would like to go on and complete the application form. If your application is approved you will be able to reclaim **70%** of your training and test costs, up to a maximum of **£250**. **Applicants must be a current member of HFYFC or a past HFYFC member (up to 40 yrs old).**
The fund will support training that will; ***improve your employability, increase or improve your skill set, improve your safety or allow you to undertake extra responsibility in your current job.***
The appraisal panel meets on the first Monday of the month. **Please ensure that you submit your application in good time before your course is due to take place, as training cannot be funded retrospectively.**

THE PRINCE'S COUNTRYSIDE FUND

For further details and an application form please contact:
Herefordshire Rural Hub CIC,
Agriculture House, Beech Business Park, Tillington Road, Hereford, HR4 9QJ
Email: **admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk** Tel: **01432 268 428**

The Jack Hughes Fund - administered by Herefordshire Community Foundation

The Jack Hughes Fund will fund up to a maximum of 70% pf the cost of training or costs up to a maximum of £150.
Funding will be limited to one family member/employee per annum

The programme will be available for farmers aged over 40 and will specifically provide funds to support those who require:

- retraining or upskilling as they are leaving the industry
- training to support a new farm diversification enterprise
- training or business support for succession planning

Funding will also be available for the following courses:

- Safe use of pesticides – PA1, PA2, PA6
- Rodent control on farms
- Emergency first aid
- Food safety (Basic Food Hygiene)
- Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting (CS30)

The funding is easy to access, but please note that the project will not support training retrospectively &places will be limited. Applicants need to be resident in Herefordshire. For further details or an application form contact:-
Herefordshire Community Foundation
The Fred Bulmer Centre, Wall Street, Hereford, HR4 9HP. Email: administrator@herefordshirecf.org Phone: 01432 272550

'Stop that Thief' is going to:-
Hereford Country Fayre
on Sunday 5th August at Sellack
Come and talk to us about farming security.

'There's no such thing as a free lunch '
So the saying goes…….but take advantage of the FREE crime reduction advice available to you across Herefordshire and call Paul Crumpton today.

Tel: **07773 044781**
Email: **paul.crumpton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk**

No products to sell, no quota to achieve, just site specific bespoke advice and guidance for you to keep your property, people and places safe & secure.

To protect it - mark it, photograph it & register it!

Thousands of items are lost or stolen each year in the UK.

The **Immobilise National Property Register** already holds the details of over 20 million items of property.

Security Mark it with a very visible marker to deter the opportunist thief & **photograph it**.

Register your items for FREE at **www.immobilise.com/**
It only takes a couple of minutes and once you have registered you will have a better chance of getting your property back if it is lost or stolen.
If your registered property is recovered either the Police or Immobilise will contact you and let you know its location.

Look out for a **Farming Security event** in OCTOBER at Hereford Livestock Market.

7Y Training Services

Wharton Court, Leominster, HR6 0NX

Contact: Paula Strangwood Email: paula@7Ytraining.co.uk Tel: 07808 670110

Course	Dates
C & G Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1)	27th September
C & G Ground Crop Sprayer (PA2)	9th October
C & G Knapsack Sprayer (PA6)	10th October
C & G Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross-cutting	25th & 26th September
C & G Chainsaw Occasional Users	23rd – 25th October
First Aid at Work refresher	6th & 7th September
First Aid at Work	17th – 19th September
Emergency First Aid at Work	28th September
Manual Handling ½ day a.m	1st October
Fire Awareness ½ day p.m	1st October
Level 2 Health & Safety in the workplace	3rd October
Safe working at height with mobile towers	15th October

Please contact Paula to register your interest for the following courses

C&G Slug Pellets PA4s <> C&G Granular Applicator PA4g <> Lantra/ITSSAR Rough Terrain Telescopic <> MEWPS Lantra/ITSSAR Counterbalance <> ATVs Sit-astride Quad Bikes <> ATVs Sit-in Quad Bikes <> Excavators 180 Excavators 360 <> Dumpers (Forward Tipping) Wheeled and Tracked <> Loading Shovels Wheeled and Tracked

Herefordshire & Ludlow College

Tel: **0800 032 1986** Email: enquiries@hlcollege.ac.uk Website: www.hlcollege.ac.uk

All courses are held at Holme Lacy Campus, Holme Lacy, HR2 6LL

Course	Dates	
CS30 Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting *2 days + assessment*	20th – 21st August	15th – 16th October
CS31 Felling & Processing Trees up to 380mm *3 days + assessment*	3rd – 5th September	29th – 31st October
CS30/31 Maint, Cross Cutting, Felling Trees up to 380mm *5 days + assessment*	24th – 28th September	19th – 23rd November
CS38 Accessing a Tree Using a Rope & Harness *5 days + assessment*	1st – 5th October	
CS39 Aerial Cutting of Trees using Free Fall Techniques *3 days*	26th – 28th November	
Chainsaw Maintenance & Operations Occasional Users	11th – 12th October	8th – 9th November
Safe Use of Brushcutters and Strimmers	6th – 7th November	
Safe Use of Manually Fed Wood Chipper	16th November	
PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides Foundation Module	25th September	27th November
PA2 Ground Crop Sprayers *1 day + assessment*	27th September	29th November
PA6 Handheld Applicators *1 day + assessment*	26th September	28th November
Maintain & Operate your Chainsaw Hobby User	20th – 21st October	
ATV handling – experienced operators *1 day + assessment*	5th November	
Tractor Driving 16+	20th – 21st October	
Tractor Driving 13-16 year olds	29th – 30th October	

Courses arranged on demand

Ground based chainsaw refresher <> CS32 Felling & Processing Trees over 380mm <> PA6 refresher PA6AW Handheld Applicators in or near Water <> Forklift Truck Operations (Rough Terrain Telehandler)

Wyvern Training Ltd

If you have any specific training needs, please contact us
Email: enquiries@wyverntrainingservices.com Tel: 07468 465 303

Could you or someone you know benefit from support:-

- **Farming Community Network** 03000 111 999 website: http://www.fcn.org.uk/
- **Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI)** 0808 2819490 website: http://www.rabi.org.uk/
- **Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy** 07958 591 646 website: www.borderchaplain.org
- **You Are Not Alone (YANA)** 0300 323 0400 website: www.yanahelp.org/
- **Farming Help** 0845 367 9990 website: www.farminghelp.org.uk/
- **Addington Fund** 01926 620 135 website: www.addingtonfund.org.uk/
- **Herefordshire Samaritans** website: www.samaritans.org/branches/herefordshire-samaritans

Are you unsure about details of rules or regulations? Need help with understanding record keeping?

You may be cautious about asking for help from a regulatory body such as the Environment Agency, but they are always willing to advise and help you. Herefordshire Rural Hub can help signpost which organisation can help you.
Don't hold back from asking for help. It's free and could save your Basic Payment.

- **Farming Advice Service** Email: advice@farmingadviceservice.org.uk website: www.farmingadviceservice.org.uk
  The Rural Services Helpline **03000 200 301** provides a single number for all **Farming Advice Service, Rural Payments Agency** or **Animal and Plant Health Agency (AHPA)** enquiries. It is open from Monday to Friday, 8.30am till 5pm.
- **Natural England** 0300 060 1115 enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk
- **Environment Agency** Sharon Chisholm (Mon, Tues, Weds) Tel: 02030 251692
  Email: sharon.chisholm@environment-agency.gov.uk
- **N.F.U.** (Herefordshire) Clare Greener Tel: 01432 807464 Mob: 07771 626080 Email: Clare.Greener@nfu.org.uk
- **C.L.A.** Richard Goodwin 01785 337010 richard.goodwin@cla.org.uk
- **Animal Health & Trading Standards** (Herefordshire) Tim Barber Tel: 01432 383145 Fax: 01432 383169

For the full list of useful website links/contacts/information on the Herefordshire Rural Hub website visit the "Useful Links" page on the Herefordshire Rural Hub Website
http://www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/useful-links-information/

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Malvern Hills Trust

TO LET – HILL GRAZING

An opportunity has arisen for a suitable farming enterprise to play a key role in the stewardship of the iconic Malvern Hills landscape.

Malvern Hills Trust are seeking to let the Northern and Central Hills, all grass low input-low output units near Great Malvern, Worcestershire. The two sections of 170ha and 70ha respectively, are likely to be managed on a part-time basis. They will be let on a 10 year grazing licence which has conservation at its heart. Payments will be made to the licensee(s) to reward positive management.
Applications are invited from all interested parties including current common rights holders.

A formal viewing day will be held on 10th August 2018

Particulars are available at a cost of £10 from MHT.
Tel: **01684 892002** Email : **info@malvernhills.org.uk**

Permanent grazing land for sheep in South West Hereford - available immediately.

60 acres in total but also available as two lots, one of 27 acres and the other of 33 acres, both with access to water.
£100/acre/year o.n.o.

Please ring on **01981 242043** or **07720 245290** and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Herefordshire NFU Members Association
is seeking to appoint a book keeper to support the Treasurer in the day to day preparation and maintenance of its accounting system.

Please contact Sue Partridge for further information or to express an interest
07968 844775 susanpartridge@gmail.com

Would you like to place an Advert, for e.g. **Services / Job Vacancy / Items for sale looking for work??**

Then please contact **Frances** for full details of the advertising packages on our **Classified Page**

admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk **01432 268428**

www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/advertise-herefordshire-rural-hub-website/

Thank you to our "Go To Businesses" who can be found on our website at
www.herefordshireruralhub.co.uk/go-to-businesses/

Berrys <> DJM Consulting <> Moule & Co <> Hope to Achieve
Okells Francis Law <> 7Y Training

If you would like to be a "Go to Business" go to:-
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or contact Frances for more information – admin@herefordshireruralhub.co.uk

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