



# Newsletter



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## **COURSES AVAILABLE—Most have Funding available up to 70%**

Basic Chainsaw (Cross cutting & Maint)	7 & 8 Sept
PA1—Safe use of Pesticides	16 Sept or 7th Oct
PA6—Knapsack Sprayer	29 Sept
PA2A—Mounted Sprayer	8 Oct
Telescopic Forklift	14/15 Oct or 27/28 Oct, 3/4 Nov
Emergency First Aid (Thirsk)	10 Sept/Oct/Nov
Telescopic Forklift	27/28 Oct
LGV for Farmers (Melmerby) - Funded	Ongoing time to suit you.
Road Trailer Driving (Darlington or at your farm)	Ongoing time to suit you.
Tractor Driving (Novices/ Young Persons) (Middlesbrough)	Half Term
Brushcutter/Strimmer	29 Sept
ATV Sit Astride (Quad Bikes)	28 Sept
Hedgelaying	3/4 Oct
Farmplan—Getting more out of .....	2nd Nov or 12th Nov
Slug Pellet Application Update (NRoSO Points) also PA4	4th Nov
FACTS and Agric Waste Handling Management	Nov/Dec/Jan
Manual Handling - Working at Heights - Loading & Securing Safely	
Farm Vehicles & Electrics	10th Nov
Drystone Walling	
Chainsaws—Basic Felling	Oct/Nov
Rabbit & Mole Control (Talunex use Certificate)	15 Oct
Rat & Mouse Control	
Advanced Spraying Cert. (NRoSO Points)	16 Oct
Mig or Arc Welding	13th Oct
Tractor Driving	19/20 Oct
Abrasive Wheels (use of workshop tools etc)	
Fencing—Awareness and practical courses	
Sheep Electronic Identification—Meeting	Oct
DIY AI—3 days	27th Oct or 24th Nov
Foot Trimming	9th Sept, 4th Nov
Getting More out of Farmplan (Durham)	26th Nov
Interpreting Pig Records (Ripon)	2nd Sept
Computers (Basic inc Online & Internet) inc BCMS & SPS	
Marketing for Farm Shops and Butchery	
FARMPPLAN/SAGE Computer Training (at your premises)	
Risk assessment & HSE courses (inc HACCP)	By arrangement

SHOULD YOU HAVE A REQUIRMENT THAT IS NOT COVERED ON THIS LIST LET US KNOW AND WE WILL ARRANGE BESPOKE COURSES AT AFFORDABLE PRICES  
 FUNDING IS SOURCED FROM A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT AVENUES, AND IN SOME CASES IS AVAIL-  
 ABLE UP TO 70%.

## **EID event a great success.**

*In June a very successful event was held at Arncliffe Farms to help and assist farmers on the introduction of Electronic Identification and all the rules encompassing the new regulations that come into force in December 2009.*

*We are most grateful to our sponsors:- Prattley's with their handling equipment, Shearwell with their tagging equipment and All Flex with their readers and tags. There will be another event in the Autumn for all those who were unable to attend which will be held in the evening. If you wish to be part of this next event please call Vicky Anderson Training.*

## **RPA RE-MAPPING**

This has had a lot of bad press but it is a necessary evil as the OS maps have been updated and so the Rural Land Register will comply under EU regulations in being up to date. This should mean that when any further alterations are made in the future they will just be done as you change boundaries or alter anything on the maps it will not be necessary to change the whole map. Most of the issue of the maps in this area should not happen until sept/oct, but remember they must be back 14 days from arrival.



## Vicky Anderson Training

**BUSINESS SUPPORT AND TRAINING THE RURAL COMMUNITY FOR THEIR FUTURE.**



### **MINIMUM WAGE**

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE INCREASE OF THE MINIMUM WAGE FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2009 TO £5.74 FOR OVER 22 YEAR OLDS.

Vicky Anderson offers  
PAYROLL (1-500 employees)  
BOOKEEPING/ ACCOUNTS  
CASHFLOWS/ BUDGETING  
LIASING WITH BANK MANAGERS/ RPA/  
ACCOUNTANTS  
FARMPLAN TRAINER/REPRESENTATIVE  
IAGSA MEMBER  
LANTRA registered

### **RDPE FUNDED**



### **TRAINING YORKSHIRE & NORTH EAST**

*PLEASE NOTE SOME OF THE CURRENT FUNDING ONLY LASTS UNTIL DEC 2009, SHOULD YOU REQUIRE ANY TRAINING PLEASE GET IN TOUCH ASAP AS 70% FUNDING MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO THE COST OF YOUR TRAINING.*



European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development – Europe Investing in Rural Areas.



### **EID SHEEP NEW RULES**

From 31st December 2009—sheep not intended for slaughter within 12 months must have electronic identifier, when they are tagged.

Do you need assistance with the new rules? Is there help you need recording movements?

In October we are holding seminars to clarify these rules—if you would like one near to you please call the office. 01609 882408

### **Trailers—are you legal?**

If you passed your driving test after 1st January 1997 you will not be able to pull a trailer (particularly a livestock trailer) legally, your driving licence does not have the B + E categories that are necessary for you to be able to tow with more than a small trailer.

With the current grant funding we have available we are able to offer eligible trainees a substantial discount on the cost of attaining this qualification and not only becoming legal, but also covering them for insurance.

### **FIRST AID CHANGES**

From 1st October 2009, the 4 day First Aid at Work training will reduce to 3 days, making it cheaper to train your staff. You must be aware of how many First Aiders you require and I would suggest that all workers who work alone should complete the Emergency First Aid.

### **End of IPU**

Have you remembered that the last use up date for Isoprotron (IPU) was 30th June. All straight IPU and mixes must have been disposed of by a licensed waste contractor. Continued use AND storage is illegal. Do you know what to use instead? Why not come to our Advanced Sprayer Day on 16th October.

### **Horse Micro-Chipping**

**1st July 2009—from this date forward any animal born after, or issued with a passport after this date will be required to be microchipped, as per new EU Regulations.**

**Vets can not treat animals without passports which have an indication that they will be excluded from the food chain, with certain medicines.**

**Most Societies are taking the cost of the micro-chipping into account and have not increased their fees this year, but please ensure you check before trying to register an animal.**

### **Working Time Regulations**

You may have received in the post just recently a booklet about the Working Time Regulations and where you stand with the legislation. For most farmers however there is not too much to worry about. You employees must have signed the 48 hour waiver, and your busy times must be within a certain period of the year. It may be appropriate to have a workforce agreement particularly in the Dairy Sector, where the employer and employees agree hours to be worked which may be in excess of the 48 hours. Exceptions—there are no exceptions for Young Workers under 18. Also self employed workers come under this legislation, and so you must be aware if there is a derogation in place.

We can get a speaker from the Agric Wages Board to speak if you would like to book for this seminar please call 01609 882408 or email enquiries@vatraining.co.uk.

**NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING & SOIL SAMPLING**—For £150 I can get you 10 fields soil sampled and the advice of a FACTS qualified advisor along with a workshop showing you how to input on PLANET or what you should be doing for your Nutrient Management Planning.

### **WIND TURBINES AND ENERGY SAVING GRANT FUNDING**

You may be considering purchasing a wind turbine in the near future (particularly if you are a dairy farmer), or some other form of energy saving items. Do be aware that you are able to sell your electricity back to the grid and depending on your supplier it may be between 4.25p and 15p per unit, and the government have indicated they are expecting the suppliers to take that to a minimum of 10p. There are also grants available towards the cost of turbines and many other energy saving and generating items. You may be aware that if you are over 60 years old you are entitled to a large grant towards your house insulation. Why not try going onto the energysavingtrust.org.uk website as it is very useful with all ideas and information regarding grants etc. There is also a grant available from the lowcarbonbuilding.org.uk website towards turbines and energy saving installations. Should you need any further information regarding this or any grant please call 01609 882408.