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AGRICULTURAL UPDATE

TEAM UPDATE



We are delighted to announce the appointment of Isabel Milner to the Agriculture Team to assist with book keeping and accounting services for farm and estate clients, together with assistance at our farm machinery sales.

Isabel also works as a freelance book keeper for other existing Clients and is an experienced farm Secretary, having worked for several years across the Cotswolds. Prior to undertaking a Graduate Diploma in Agriculture at the Royal Agricultural University, she worked in the media for many years.

If you require assistance with any part of your farm accounts, including making tax digital and VAT returns, we would be pleased to hear from you.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE HALF MARATHON

On Sunday 19th October, Lucy Kernon will be running the Weston-Super-Mare Half Marathon to raise money for our Charity of the Year, Great Western Air Ambulance.

Running does not come naturally to Lucy who is far more comfortable when crossing 13.1 miles on a horse!!

Lucy would be grateful for any sponsorship towards this worthwhile charity. To donate please use the following link or scan the QR code below

<https://greatwesternairambulance.enthusiasm.com/pf/lucy-kernon>



SEPTIC TANKS

If you have a septic tank or small sewage treatment plant serving your property, by law you must comply with the 'General Binding Rules' (GBR) by making sure it is fit for purpose and maintained properly.

The UK General Binding Rules 2020 is a set of regulations that came into effect on 1st January 2020, which apply to anyone who owns, operates, or uses a septic tank or small sewage treatment plant in England. These rules are designed to protect the environment, protect human health and improve water quality by ensuring that domestic wastewater is treated and disposed of safely and effectively.

If the discharge causes pollution, you may be committing an offence and the Environment Agency may take enforcement action against you.

It is especially important to establish if a septic tank complies with the GBR or not, when selling a property. We would advise having the system surveyed prior to marketing, as it avoids any delays during the selling process. If it is found that a system is non-compliant, it is the owner's duty to inform a buyer. It is worth noting that some mortgage companies will no longer lend on a property which has a non-compliant drainage system.

The full list of rules can be found on here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/general-binding-rules-small-sewage-discharge-to-the-ground>.

Finally, some landowners may have a septic tank situated on their property that serves a neighbouring property. This arrangement should be documented in a Transfer or Deed, with the responsibilities for the system clearly defined. If not worded correctly, the landowner could be liable for a system that they do not benefit from.

FFF & B PLOUGHING MATCH & COUNTRY SHOW



The Partners invite you to join them for refreshments on their stand at the FFF&B Ploughing Match & Country Show

to be held at The Barrington Estate, OX18 4TN
on Saturday 27th September
<https://www.ploughingmatch.co.uk>

We will also be holding our Charity Bake Sale in aid of our Charity of the Year, Great Western Air Ambulance.

**This invitation does not grant admission to the event.*

RABI CLAY SHOOT

We are the proud Sponsor of the RABI Charity Clay Shoot on Friday, 19th September 2025 at Hollow Fosse Clay Shoot, Stow Road, Cirencester, GL7 5EU.

If you would like to enter a team to support this very worthy cause, please contact one of the Agricultural Team or Robert Jackson on 07718 016798 / jacksonrobert1900@gmail.com

CIRENCESTER SALEROOMS - SPORTING SALE

Our 18th September Sale includes Sporting requisites: shotguns, taxidermy, fishing equipment, books, pictures etc. The catalogue is online and viewing for the sale is on Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th September 10am – 5:30pm and from 9am the morning of the sale.

For more information visit our website, call us on 01285 646050 or email us fineart@mooreallen.co.uk

Lot 102 A circa 1864 shotgun by James Purdey Est £1000-1500

Lot 11 A rare Victorian stuffed and mounted foxhound head (possibly Ledbury Hunt) Est £300-500



COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP / SUSTAINABLE FARMING INCENTIVE 2025

As we progress through the year at some pace, we are aware that there are a number of Agreement holders with Countryside Stewardship Mid Tier Agreements that are due to end on 31st December 2025. In preparation, we are still awaiting further details from the RPA as to how these Agreements can either potentially continue in some form or be rolled into another scheme.

With regard to the Sustainable Farming Incentive, we were due to receive a further update following the Spending Review in June on the latest iteration of the scheme. As yet, we have not received any further information. We have, however, been made aware that the industry consultation period for the new SFI Scheme has now concluded. DEFRA and its various stakeholders are now reviewing the specific details before releasing further information. We expect an update from DEFRA on the SFI Scheme shortly.

We know of a number of Clients whose Agreements end this year. Please do get in touch with us to discuss the future options at this stage. Although there is little detail available currently, it is still advisable to prepare in advance to ensure any available opportunity is taken, if desired.

Please do contact a member of the Agricultural Team on 01285 648106 if you wish to discuss this further.

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIVE AUCTIONS
OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT:

LAKESIDE, FAIRFORD,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE, GL7 4BT

WEDNESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER - ENTRIES ARE INVITED

THE SHOW FIELD, GREAT SOMERFORD,
CHIPPENHAM WILTSHIRE, SN15 5JA

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER - ENTRIES ARE INVITED

For details of our Terms & Conditions and Entry Forms,
please contact Kellie Gilbride or visit mooreallen.co.uk

A finalised catalogue will be available on our
website the evening before each sale.

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