

UTASS Briefing: 20th September 2013

AGRICULTURAL WASTE EXEMPTIONS.

The Environment Agency has introduced a new system of waste exemptions. Farmers need to reassess their current business activities and apply for the new waste exemptions by **1st October 2013**. The Environment Agency should have contacted all Farmers over the last few months to explain the process. On the reverse of the letter should be printed the exemptions, if any, currently registered to that farm. The easiest way to apply is online www.environment-agency.gov.uk/farmexemptions or alternatively paper forms can be obtained by ringing 03708 506 506 or from the UTASS office. Help and assistance is available at UTASS for online registration.

CROSS COMPLIANCE.

How to survive an inspection (with your wallet and health intact) will form the subject of a UTASS training evening with Ian Cairns of FAS and an RPA inspector on Tuesday 15th October at 7.30pm. Please contact UTASS to book – a hot supper will be served.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL BENEVOLENT INSTITUTE BALL at Lartington Hall. - 27.9 13. Live band + 3 course meal. Contact Louise Rowlandson for information & tickets (£45) Tel: 01833 637059.

TRAINING UPDATE.

The Sir Tom Cowie Charitable Trust now only requires that young trainees live in County Durham to be considered. Places for fully funded Lantra Tractor Driving for 13-16s, Pre-Test Tractor Driving, Car Driving Theory Test or Car & Trailer lessons are available. Funding awarded on the basis of a completed application form (available from UTASS) and training to be completed by end August '14.

Hedgelaying - 4th & 5th October at Barningham free 2 day course open to all aged 16+.

Annual Durham Hedgelaying Competition on Saturday, 5th October - More entries sought (age 18+) especially from Novices who can compete in pairs. **Contact *Rebecca Beeston 03000 267143/ Rebecca.Beeston@durham.gov.uk***.

Uplands Funded training has been running recently in our area!

Spraying: PA1 (theory) and PA2/PA6 (practical) training & assessments have been held in Middleton, (training is free but charges for registration & assessment apply).

BORDA Quad Bike Training: 1 day course for 2 trainees

Car & Trailer Training: 4 x 3 hr sessions for 2 trainees

VAT using Excel or Spreadsheets for Farmers - We hope this established VAT course will run again shortly and more details are available for the Spreadsheets course which would also run at UTASS.

Contact UTASS or Strutt & Parker on 01609 780306/ helen.stahl@struttandparker.com for more details of what's available, or to book a place please contact Strutt & Parker.

Chainsaw training: Jonathan Pounder of Rural Development Initiatives Limited has made us aware of the NPTC Chainsaw CS30/31 5 day course (+2 later days assessment) - £205; or Lantra Awards Chainsaw - 4 days including assessment - £35. NPTC 30/31 training allows for progression to CS32, 34 etc. **Contact 01765 609 355 or 07920 102712/ jonathan.pounder@ruraldevelopment.org.uk**

NPTC Sheep Dip: Training available via Myerscough College (free of charge Uplands funded) with the possibility of the dipperside assessment at Middleton. **Contact Robert Burrow on 01995 642206/ RBurrow2@myerscough.ac.uk**

Heritage Craft Alliance: DEFRA course brochure attached – courses can be delivered locally.

