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APRIL NEWSLETTER

TEAM PLANTFORCE RUN A MILE FOR SPORTS RELIEF!



Team Plantforce joined thousands in Bristol this year and ran the Sport Relief Mile on 16th March 2008. Everyone from team Plantforce completed the mile, from our Ultra Marathon runner to our more senior members.

We helped raise over £1,000 and on behalf of Sport Relief, Plantforce would like to thank all those who kindly donated. If you would still like to donate, it's not too late, please do so online by visiting: www.mysportrelief.com/teamplantforce

MARCH RAFFLE WINNERS:

March's lucky winner of the Super Saloon Driving Experience was Lee Edwards from Wrings.

The crate of beer was won by Dave Taffee from Churngold.

APRIL RAFFLE PRIZE:

April's prize is a digital radio. The EVOKE-1XT is the UK's best selling radio, offers the same easy-to-use DAB features such as station selection by name and scrolling text showing song titles, artist information, news updates and sports results.



A 'THANK YOU' FROM McALPINE:

Alfred McAlpine Project Services were delighted with the efforts by Plantforce in assisting them in the successful completion of the Langley Burrell Railway Embankment Earthworks over Easter. The hard work put in enabled the project to be completed ahead of programme ensuring the railway was open to trains earlier than scheduled.



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STAFF PROFILE:



Name: **Andy Kennard**

Position: **Workshop Manager**

Location: **Yatton**

What were you doing before Plantforce? **I was running a workshop and carrying out safety inspections on rail road machinery.**

What are your plans for Plantforce? **To help my team of engineers keep up the high level of maintenance on the equipment, so our customers have less down time through breakdowns.**

Describe yourself in 3 words: **Generous dedicated, certifiable!**

Who has been the biggest influence on your life? **My Family and close friends.**

What do you feel has been your greatest achievement? **Running an Ultra Marathon (32 miles).**

What are your hobbies? **Triathlon, wake boarding.**

What was your first job? **Working on a potato harvesting machine.**

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Hydra-Tech offers efficient parts supply and technical service to companies across the South West and South Wales. Hydra-Tech's service engineers have the specialist and expert knowledge required for the service of all construction equipment whether it be hydraulic excavators, demolition rigs, recycling units, crushing machines or mini diggers. They are all fully qualified and trained in their fields and operate modern service vans which are fully equipped.

Hydra-Tech offer their customers the opportunity to buy a service packages which include annual inspections & certificates, genuine (OEM) factory parts, fixed operational costs and operator support.

Hydra-Tech's part's department work hard to provide most orders on a next day delivery basis and customers can be assured of our dedication to sourcing parts and dealing promptly with their enquiries.

We can supply parts for a wide selection of machines including Hyundai, Ammann, Yanmar, OM, NPK, Barford, Kobelco, Kawasaki and New Holland.

If you require any further information please call Martyn Tucker on: 07733 113366 or email: mtucker@hydra-tech.co.uk or for Parts please call Mike Foyle on: 07887 990 033 or email: mfoyle@hydra-tech.co.uk

ANDY'S MONTHLY MAINTENANCE TIP:



QUICK HITCHES

Quick hitches are fitted to all our machines to make them more effective and versatile. Our hydraulic hitches, on all machines of 7 tonne and above, are operated in the same way as follows:

1. Crowd the bucket all the way in and hold the bucket lever.
2. Turn on the hitch by using the on switch on the quick control box mounted in the cab.
3. Press the A button on the control box and hold for 5 seconds. This will open the hitch so the bucket/attachment can be removed or picked up. When the hitch is fully opened you can release the bucket lever and the hitch will stay open.

To close the hitch back up and secure the bucket or attachment simply switch off the control, crowd the bucket back in and allow the ram to close on the hitch, usually about 5-10 seconds. Lastly give the bucket a gentle shake to make sure it's safely attached before starting work.

Safety Note:

Once a bucket or attachment is fitted onto a quick hitch it becomes possible to hit the cab so always check the clearance before starting work.

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