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## MARCH NEWSLETTER

### PLANTFORCE 07000 PHONE NUMBERS

Anyone ringing our 07000 lines, unless calling from a BT residential line where standard rates apply, will probably get a message saying that calls to 070 numbers may cost up to 50p / minute.

We are told that in fact call charges haven't changed for calls made to 070 numbers, it is just that OFCOM has decided that the announcement must be made to warn people that some providers do charge more than the standard BT rate as they have to for non-BT calls made to Freephone 0800 numbers.

The 50p / minute quoted is the worse case and in any event it will be the provider you are using making the charge, not Plantforce. Plantforce do not receive any commission for calls made to its 07000 numbers.

For the avoidance of doubt, we recommend that you call our alternative landline numbers, especially if you call us from a mobile phone:

**South West Depot: 01934 830 034      Midlands Depot: 02476 69 34 34**

### NEWSFLASH:

Plantforce Rentals have entered a team to run in the 'Sainsbury's Sports Relief Mile' on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2008 to raise money for a good cause. The mile will start at Bristol Harbourside at 12.30pm and will finish at Cannons Marsh.

All monies raised will help those in need across the UK and the World. If you would like to make a difference and sponsor Plantforce you can go to: [www.mysportrelief.com/teamplantforce](http://www.mysportrelief.com/teamplantforce) and donate away!

### FEBRUARY RAFFLE WINNERS:

February's lucky winner of the digital camera is Dave Lucey Ltd.

The crate of beer was won by Paul John Plant Ltd.

### MARCH RAFFLE PRIZE:

March's prize is a Super Saloon Driving Experience at Castle Combe circuit which includes:

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2 x Passenger Instruction laps in Ford Focus

5 x Driving Analysis laps in Ford Focus

2 x High Speed Passenger laps in Subaru Impreza WRX

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### NEW IN: HYUNDAI R360LC-7A



### QUICK SPEC:

**Net operating weight** 36.100 kg

**Engine model** Cummins QSL

**Engine output (gross)** 221 kW / 300 hp (1850 rpm)

**Bucket capacity (SAE heaped)** 1,15-2,32 m<sup>3</sup>

**Max. digging force (ISO)** 228,50 kN

**Max. digging depth** 7.500 mm

Please contact us for more information or to hire this machine: **07000 606 606**

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### STAFF PROFILE:



Name: Cynthia Read

Position: Accounts administrator/Credit Control

Location: Yatton

What were you doing before Plantforce? I worked for a company in Wrington which made Water Tanks, for 17 years until made redundant. Always working in the accounts department, my job was a Purchase Ledger clerk, and for the final five years Credit Control was added to my role.

What are your plans for Plantforce? To achieve the smooth running of the Accounts Office.

Describe yourself in 3 words: Dedicated, Reliable, Inquisitive.

Who has been the biggest influence on your life? My 2 children.

What do you feel has been your greatest achievement? To see both my children married and settled down, and to have a grandson.

What are your hobbies? X Stitch, Musical Theatre, Travel.

What was your first job? I joined Wills in Bedminster. My first job was to go back to school! (their in house training school). I was trained as a Comptometer Operator, which was the first original electric calculator. On completion of the course, I worked in the engineering Dept. I then progressed to the Wages office, where a Kalamazoo system was used (Large Ledgers). A Computer was installed in the Company in 1963, it was called Leo, no individual computers! I was included in a team where every Friday we went around Bedminster and Ashton factories to pay wages, to the factory workers on the shop floor. I loved it!!

### ANDY'S MONTHLY MAINTENANCE TIP:

#### HYDRAULIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

Today's hydraulic systems are self-contained and need little maintenance, with the exception of an occasional filter change and hydraulic fluid replacement.

DO replace fluid and filters at the manufacturer's recommended intervals.

Replacing the hydraulic fluid and filters at the required intervals is the best prevention to avoid premature failure and expensive component repair. It is best to monitor the hydraulic fluid by taking frequent oil samples, but oil samples must be taken carefully and the oil analysis reports must be properly interpreted to be of value as a maintenance tool.

It is also good practice to fill and bleed hydraulic pumps or motors after replacement to prevent a dry run, which can destroy the component minutes after installation. This pre-filling procedure is especially important if a hydraulic component is installed above the hydraulic fluid level in the tank.

DO use proper viscosity fluid.

Another problem that occasionally crops up is that users do not always use the quality oils and viscosity grade recommended by original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). Hydraulic fluid with too low of a viscosity will cause excessive internal wear and lead to overheating that will harden and destroy seals and hydraulic hoses. As a result, the machine will start to leak and lose efficiency.

Most of our machines use 46 grade hydraulic oil as standard but there are some which have been changed to 46 grade bio degradable. Please check before topping up.

*Andy Kennard*



### SUPPLIER FOCUS: JTTcreative

JTTcreative is a graphic design company that specialises in print-based design - from logo's to business stationery, flyers, brochures, newsletters and a lot more!

The way your business is perceived is very important - which is why professional and eye catching design can make a real difference.

My aim is to cater for all creative needs, from initial concept right through to the finished product. With the experience needed to provide creative solutions that get your company noticed, JTTcreative has a simple and honest approach to get your business stand out in the marketplace.

As well as designing the Plantforce newsletters, looking after their advertising and updating their website etc. I have also worked for several other companies in the construction industry so if you would like to see some of my previous work, chat about a job or get an estimate please don't hesitate to contact me:

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