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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

SPONSORSHIP:

PLANTFORCE SPONSORS EMMA MASSINGALE - NATURAL EQUINE



Plantforce has recently provided a Kobelco SK135 to Emma Massingale, at her training school, Natural Equine, in Bradworthy Devon to help with the construction of her sand school.

Emma is an equine psychologist, or some would say a horse whisperer, who helps troubled and difficult horses and their owners. Emma works with the horse's psyche and rehabilitates them through special training techniques and most importantly shows the owners how to use these techniques and form a trusting working relationship with their horses. Emma, pictured here, has asked her Stallion, Kariba, to lie down and pose for this shot while she leans against him and reads a magazine, they have featured most recently in national newspapers and TV, showing off Kariba's football skills, he can kick, dribble, pass and shoot the ball while being ridden without a saddle or bridle.

To learn more about Emma's work log on to www.naturalequine.co.uk

COMPETITION! COMPETITION!



Now we are all holidayed out and feeling happy, we fancy spreading our joy with an extra competition to keep away those holiday blues!

We are offering the chance

to win an Ipod Shuffle, all you have to do is answer the following easy question!

What is the longest Long Reach Excavator we have in our Fleet?

A) 14 meter B) 18.5 meter C) 20 meter

Clue: Log on to www.plantforce.com to find the answer.

Email your answer, along with your Name, Company Name & Telephone Number to hire@plantforce.com, and your name will be entered into the hat and the winner will be drawn on October 1st.

Good Luck!

AUGUST RAFFLE WINNERS

August's lucky winner of a meal for two was Jimmy Scarisbrick from McAlpine.

Adrian Leach, Wessex Water, was the winner of a crate of beer.

SEPTEMBER RAFFLE PRIZE: Luxury food hamper.

INTRODUCING: KATO HD512IIIa



Plantforce have recently invested in several 13-ton Kato Excavators. The HD512III has a powerful Mitsubishi Engine, Climate Control and Electric Refuelling Pump.

Kato produces these Japanese manufactured and built excavators with proven quality and reliability which has been backed by the positive comments from Plantforce customers so far.

Watch this space as Plantforce plan to add more of the Kato range to their fleet in the near future.

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STAFF PROFILE:



Name: Marilyn Stuart Position: Finance Manager Location: Yatton
What were you doing before Plantforce: I worked for a local business man and looked after the accounts of his 5 companies.

What made you move to Plantforce: The opportunity to work with a really close team and the chance to develop the newly created position into an exciting role. I started in March 07 and have been busy analysing, costing, accounting ever since. It's an exciting time at Plantforce, with our growing fleet and the new co in the Midlands, I think I came at just the right time!

Describe yourself in 3 words: Passionate, Curious, Dedicated

Who has been the biggest influence on your life? My mother

What do you feel has been your greatest achievement? Working full time and studying part time for 3 years to achieve my AAT qualification 3 years ago – I'd been working in accounts for years but needed that ticket to move onto more challenging roles.

What are your hobbies? I enjoy photography and am a Volunteer Treasurer for my local Charity Youth Club

What was your first job? Office Junior for a Catering & Cleaning Co – I loved this job, at the end of every day, the Aussie MD would gather everyone in the office for a glass of wine!

If you were an animal, what would you be? A monkey

PLANTFORCE AID McALPINE WITH BATTERS



E215 working on the batters at Hart Farm

Alfred McAlpine, one of Plantforce's biggest customers, provide tailored plant services to the quarrying, landfill and major construction sites throughout the UK.

They also carry out all aspects of civil engineering construction within the rail sector and are currently operating a range of complex works throughout South Wales and the South West for the Network Rail Great Western.

They recently hired a Fiat Kobelco E215 from Plantforce to help them work on the formation of batters at Hart Farm, near Wootton Bassett.

ANDY'S MONTHLY MAINTENANCE TIP:



USE OF HYDRAULIC HAMMERS

When using a hydraulic hammer make sure it is at 90° to the surface that is to be broken out. Ensure there is some weight on the point of the hammer before starting and that it is kept on whilst in use (just not enough to raise the attached excavator off the ground!)

Only work the hammer for 10-15 seconds in one spot before moving to another. This will stop the tip of the point/chisel getting too hot which leads to it becoming soft and blunt, thus making it harder to do your job and increasing the chance of the point breaking.

Some hammers have an automatic lubrication system, however those that don't should be greased before starting and every 2 hours from then on.

Important note:

Before piping up the hammer it is worth checking the feed and return. Although most hammers have feed on the left and return on the right, some (such as the Montabert hammers for example) are the other way round which means you will need to cross the hoses when fitting.

Andy Kennard

SUPPLIER FOCUS: LDPA CREDIT INSURANCE CONSULTANTS

New for this month we are featuring this section where we invite our suppliers who offer us an excellent service and product, to introduce themselves to our customers, who we feel would benefit from their association.

According to Tom from LDPA "Any company supplying goods or services on credit terms to other companies is exposed to the risk of non-payment yet credit is a fact of life in the construction sector. Each company will make their own choice about how to manage that risk and an increasing number are choosing the credit insurance route. The most common credit insurance product is the "whole turnover" policy, providing credit information and insurance cover in the event of insolvency (or other inability to pay). Suppliers into the construction sector such as builders merchants and plant hire companies have long seen credit insurance as an essential business consideration, and there is now a growing awareness amongst sub-contractors that this type of insurance is available to cover the value of work done. Somewhere in the region of a third of all of LDPA Credit Insurance business is in the construction sector, with most of that being for the sub-contractors. There's no way of avoiding credit risk in the construction sector - credit insurance is arguably the most cost effective way of managing the risk. Just ask Plantforce."

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