

February 2008

Dear Member,

### **Spring 2008 - Course Programme**

The training programme is in full swing and we enclose the updated programme for your information.

One or two members have asked how they know when places are booked in their names as we no longer put the names of those attending each event on the programme. Just to clarify the process, once places are booked, we will confirm this with you either through a phone call, letter or e-mail. As far as the programme is concerned, we are continuously building new courses which may not appear on the current programme. If you have a specific need, but there is nothing on the programme, please call and let us know.

Just to remind you updates for the programme and news about the group can be found on our website at [www.wyverntrainingservices.co.uk](http://www.wyverntrainingservices.co.uk). Just go to the website and click on the 'Current Course' button.

#### **Update for members**

#### **Agricultural Vehicles on the Roads – Evening Seminar with Mike Braithwaite**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

This event will be held at the Ledbury Rugby Club and will start at 6.30pm, (refreshments from 6pm) and run through to about 9.30pm. Mike has recently been a guest speaker at the successful NAAC conference.

The format will be an initial presentation followed by a question and answer session. Topics will cover a wide range of topics relating to using Agricultural vehicles on the road including the current red/white diesel issue, requirements and differences of ordinary and high speed tractors, wide and long vehicles on the road and many other topics. Mike will be happy to take any and all questions relating to this topic!

The cost of places is £20, including light refreshments, and whilst we have over 20 people already booked there is plenty of space. Please call if you would like a place reserved.

#### **Animals in Transit – Training and Assessment – up to five species**

We have just run the first event for members at Wellington with 10 candidates attending a 3 hour training event and then sitting the assessment test immediately after. It appears to have worked very well although results of the test are still awaited!

As a Lantra Awards Assessment Centre, WTS is able to offer members either training and the test or just the test. The paper based test takes the form of a multiple choice questionnaire and involves 25 questions on general aspects of live animal transport and then a further 5 questions for each animal species.

Unlike other tests, the Lantra Awards test allows candidates to take **up to 5 Species** in the one test – Sheep, Cattle, Goats, Pigs and Horses. The cost of the test to members is £30 plus Vat.

We have dates provisionally booked for 6<sup>th</sup> March and 24<sup>th</sup> April in the programme, and we can organise more if required, so please contact us if you would like to book places or find out more.

### **BRC Global Standard – Food Safety – Version 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

This evening event was originally scheduled for February but has now been pushed forward to 8<sup>th</sup> April as a number of interested members were unable to make the original date. The venue has yet to be decided but the event will be free of charge to WTS Members. And the event will look at the new version of the BRC standard.

### **Poultry Welfare**

We have had a request to run a one day Poultry Welfare course and could do so in April/ May.

The welfare of meat chickens is protected by the Animal Welfare Act 2006 under which it is an offence to cause unnecessary suffering to any animal. The Act also contains a Duty of Care to animals – this means that anyone responsible for an animal must take reasonable steps to make sure the animal's needs are met. This one day session addresses the requirements of the legislation, poultry welfare codes and the welfare elements of the farm assurance standards.

If there are members who would have a need for this could you call and let us know. We only need a few more people to make this event viable.

### **Women in Business – Funded training opportunity**

In the last newsletter we mentioned that we have been offered the opportunity to access funding through a programme called "Women in Business". A number of members responded and we are now looking at how we might take this forward.

For anyone who missed it, to be eligible, participating women must live in England and be seeking to develop their skills and involvement in agriculture and land based industries. The programme can be wide ranging, is management based and will be tailored to the needs of the group.

### **And finally....**

.....if you have any training needs, requirements or enquiries, please don't hesitate to call.

Regards,

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on behalf of Wyvern Training Services

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