



# Spring 2016 Newsletter

## New Members

I & R Paton, Ladeside Bus Park, Perth  
Forever Fuels, Blackamoor Lane, Maidenhead  
Allan Ballantyne, Bonnytown Farm, Dunino  
Braes Farming Co, Inverlochlarig, Balquhidder  
Grahame Brailsford, Cast Farm, Leuchars  
Breadalbane Finance, 7 Hopetoun Cr, Edinburgh  
C B Autosales, Forth Avenue Ind Est, Kirkcaldy  
Camphill Blair Drummond Trust, Stirling  
C F Cruickshank Blacksmiths, Hayfield Rd, Kirkcaldy  
E-Trac, Glenvale Cottage, Abernethy  
Fife Agricultural Assoc. Ltd, Kerns Cott, Chance Inn  
Gogar Logistics, East Gogar, Blairlogie  
Gradual Peak Ltd, Cupar Road, Pitscottie  
Herd Pest Control, 23 Gunnan, Leven  
The Firm Of J D Jack, Wester Newburn, Leven  
Kippen Campbell LLP, 48 Tay Street, Perth  
Dawn Muir, 3 Cuddiesknowes, Kirkcaldy  
Oilfast Ltd, Orchardbank Ind Estate, Forfar  
Puffin Energy Ltd, North Road Ind. Estate, Insh  
Lindsay Reid, North Lethans, Saline  
The Owners of Windsor Gardens, Auchterarder

## Managers Report - Bruce Hamilton

Spring sowing and planting is now late which will have an impact on yield. This just might improve the price.



We had a successful AGM in March where we reported a very small profit on a slightly reduced turnover. David Lawrie led an interesting talk on the Young Farmers who are doing very well at present. He advised a move to more digital communication to keep the Ring relevant to the next generation.

Sales of Fertiliser and building materials have been exceptionally strong this Spring and we have unbeatable prices on Silage

wrap and Netwrap already. Fixed price fuel for Harvest is still available at good rates.

Straw is finally in short enough supply to see the price rise - if you have any inside straw left please tell us.

We have had a very diverse range of new services made available from new Members and some of these are detailed in the following pages.

As always, please phone the Ring first when you need anything for your business.

We will be at Fife Show & RHS. Do pop in & say hello.

**Ring the Ring for Anything**

## Training Update- Upcoming courses:

18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Driver CPC
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Manual Handling
21 <sup>st</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	2 Day First Aid Refresher
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Telescopic Forklift Refresh
27 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> April	First Aid at work
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Chainsaw: Maint & Cross
10 <sup>th</sup> May	PA1 Safe Use of Pesticides
10 <sup>th</sup> May	ATV: Astride
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Telescopic Forklift
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Emergency First Aid
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Driver CPC
17 <sup>th</sup> May	PA6 Handheld
21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Driver CPC
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Vermin Control
25 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> May	First Aid at Work
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Emergency First Aid

Please remember that your certificate expires and short refresher is required periodically. Ring the Ring for all your training requirements.

As always, I am at the end of the phone to answer any queries you may have about training, so feel free to give me a call or email [lynne@tayforth.co.uk](mailto:lynne@tayforth.co.uk).

## Keep input costs down to maximise Spring Barley margins

Spring barley growers could face a challenging year, with commodity prices showing no signs of recovery, and a surplus of barley globally that could add further strain to prices.

Dan Macdonald, Rotam's marketing and product development manager, explains that "while it's too early to say what level of weed and disease challenge will be faced by crops, it's clear that the overall priority of growers and their agronomists will be to keep the cost of production as low as possible."

"Our herbicide products, Boudha, Ergon, Hiatus and Savvy Premium, were used on various farms throughout Scotland last year, and successfully controlled a wide range of weed pressures."

The products are proven to work effectively and this was confirmed last season by agronomists who had recommended the SU's. What's more, they're significantly cheaper when compared to equivalent competitor products which is really important in the current climate.

"The delivery service is fantastic and does exactly what it says on the tin. Every order that was placed last year through the Rings before midday, arrived on farm the next day."

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As most contracts are made orally calls may be recorded in order to protect your interests

All Members have a credit limit ranging from £0 to £50,000. These are set by the Management and are not negotiable.



## DOES YOUR FARM MEASURE UP?

SoilEssentials Ltd, the leading, award-winning Scottish precision agriculture specialists, based at Hilton of Fern Farm near Brechin in Angus. By using their services, wherever you are in Scotland, you can measure and map Ecological Focus Areas (EFA), meet your greening requirements for the CAP reform, identify new boundaries, cultivated areas, rented land and even new drains.

SoilEssentials use intuitive handheld GPS Trimble devices (they are the Trimble dealers for Northern UK) with corrections gained from their own EssentialsNet RTK correction service to accurately measure and then map the areas, providing you with a very useful and visual, tailored report.

Don't leave it too late - let SoilEssentials make measuring and mapping easier - allowing you to concentrate on other important farming operations.

**10% off all mapping if booked through the Ring.**

## [HERDpestcontrol.com](http://HERDpestcontrol.com)

HERDpestcontrol is really pleased to be able to join the Tayforth Machinery Ring; we are a family run business based in the Kingdom of Fife.

We are a pleased to be able to offer a full service to the domestic (private and land lords /lettings), commercial and agricultural sectors.

The pest control industry is currently undergoing a transformation regarding the new regulations concerning Rodenticides and their use and who can obtain them.

Here at HERDpestcontrol we are ready to implement these changes which includes the way on how we can carry out longterm baiting. We can no longer just put bait down and use this as a main rodent control.



### Bredon Easyflow Concrete

Technical Data

Our quality assured innovative Easyflow concretes can be free-flowing or self-compacting, easy to finish and produce a level surface capable of receiving most materials without the need to power trowel.

## Asset Finance (New & Second Hand)

Breadalbane Finance is an independent finance broker based in Edinburgh with strong links to Fife and the Agricultural sector. Founded in 2012 we have been providing funding solutions for new and used machinery to a number of clients throughout Scotland. We are delighted to announce that due to our new partnership, preferential rates are available for Ring Members.

At Breadalbane Finance, we have access to a panel of funders throughout the UK, all with their own strengths, appetites and niches. We have established relationships with decision makers in these organisations so we can quickly and efficiently source the right solution for you.

### Recent Funding Solutions

Breadalbane Finance recently helped a client refinance a Combine Harvester in Central Scotland to help an established family farming business with working capital and income diversification.



A Perthshire based supplier of quality kiln dried firewood were looking to fund a Biomass boiler. They spoke with Breadalbane Finance to discuss their options for funding such a large capital outlay. Breadalbane used their experience in the market to find the right funder for the project and helped steer the project on behalf of the client.



Services we offer are:

- Asset Finance (new & second hand)
- Renewables Finance
- Asset Sales
- Short Term Funding Solutions

## Blacksmiths/Engineers

C.F.Cruickshank are based in Auchtertool and have been serving the local community for 30 years. The type of work we do is Agricultural, industrial and marine.



We have a wide range of services but are not limited to:

- Steel Stockist
- Cladding Stockist
- Welding Supplies
- Mobile Welding services
- Scaffolding Supply and Erection
- Cladding Repairs
- On site Fabrication

For Agricultural steel work we can fabricate and fit Feeders, grids, gates, sheds and much much more!

## G-Lime in stock

600Kg bags available to collect from Ring Store - £100/t

## Working Without Dursban

A ban on products containing chlorpyrifos, an organo-phosphosphate, the active ingredient in the insecticidal spray Dursban was put in place from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

Dursban has been useful in controlling leatherjacket and frit fly populations which can have a devastating impact on the establishment of new grass leys by feeding on the roots and stems of new plants.

Cultural techniques and the choice of seed can help reduce the impact of the ban by creating an environment that has reduced the number of pests present and timely establishment of the new ley.

**Timing cultivation** – Delaying cultivation until later in the year avoids the early-spring to mid-summer period when leatherjacket larvae are most active.

**Ploughing and cultivating in Summer**, and sowing a break crop, will disrupt the life cycle of the crane fly, the adult leatherjacket.

**For frit fly control**, reseed outside the main egg-laying season from July to October.

**If grass is following grass** leave the land ploughed for between 2 and 4 weeks.

**Frit fly larvae can migrate** through buried turf to new seedlings and if direct drilling is used they can repopulate directly from old trash.

**Create a firm seed bed.**

**Nickerson Circle Leys** (available through the office) establish quickly. They have the unique blend of Higher Voluntary Standard (HVS) germination rates, Grow Promoting Agent (GPA) and Thiram fungicidal seed treatment.

Mixtures to suit any situation

## Ritchie Equipment

Tayforth is pleased to now offer through Paddock Contracting the full range of Ritchie Livestock handling equipment, grassland machinery and forklift attachments.

Best prices available from Tayforth. High stocking levels mean delivery generally within a few days.

Ritchie Flat 8 bale accumulators, trailed bale carriers and sheep handling systems Inc 'The Combi Clamp' for fast healthy sheep handling are also currently in stock.

This month we have a promotion on 3m Cattle Hurdles when buying 5 or more and the all new 'Ritchie Stock Cube' the perfect partner for any cattle livestock farm.

Full animal handling system design service available.

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## Kippen Campbell LLP

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We are delighted to offer all Tayforth Machinery Ring Members a 10% discount on a whole range of services including

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 Executries  
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To benefit from this discount package please telephone our office directly on 01738 635353 and simply mention at the outset that you are calling in connection with the Tayforth Machinery Ring Member Discount Package

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48Tay Street and 62 South Street, Perth.

## TRACKER - RURAL VEHICLE THEFT IN SCOTLAND

TRACKER is the largest and most established stolen vehicle tracking/recovery business in the UK, with over 1.2 million tracking devices currently deployed. TRACKER is the only company that installs its police detection computers in every UK police force. Unlike other devices, TRACKER's unique VHF technology is able to locate stolen vehicles anywhere, even when they are hidden in a garage, container or underground car park.

It is estimated that the theft of plant and agricultural machinery costs an estimated £1million every week in the UK. NFU Mutual (Scotland) paid out £1.8m in 2015 and they currently offer the following discounts for agricultural vehicles insurance fitted with these devices.

Security	Discount
CESAR only	-12.5%
TRACKER only (Retrieve, Monitor & Plant only)	-12.5%
A Thatcham approved (P2) immobiliser (passive) only	-7.5%
A Thatcham approved (P3) immobiliser (mechanical) only	-5.0%
A Thatcham approved (P5) tracking system only	-15%
CESAR plus TRACKER (Retrieve, Monitor & Plant only)	-25%
CESAR plus a Thatcham approved (P2) immobiliser (passive)	-20%
CESAR plus a Thatcham approved (P3) immobiliser (mechanical)	-17.5%
CESAR plus a Thatcham approved (P5) tracking system	-27.5%

Tayforth has an exclusive arrangement for fitting Trackers at a price no-one else can match.

For example a Tracker Retrieve fitted to a quad through the Ring is £300 + £10/year monitoring = £350 for 5 years. Through your dealership or direct from Tracker you pay £350 + £90/year = £800 over 5 years.



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