



# News Update



## February 2020 Bulletin

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### Welcome

So far in 2020 we have had over 250mm of rain in most of our area which has saturated the ground. When it dries up we will have plenty of Members available to help you this Spring.

Snow clearing and gritting have been much less than in previous years but there is still time before Spring and we will be ready for it if it comes.

The AGM this year is on 3rd March @ 7.30pm in the Green Hotel Kinross. Every Member is invited. We are celebrating our 30th year in business and if you come you will be offered a wooly hat and/or a Tayforth fleece. Our Guest speakers are some of the local Young Farmers talking about their Agri Affairs Study Tour to California in 2019. Tea / Coffee and finger food available on arrival.



**Whatever you need for your business -  
Ring the Ring.**

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With the busy Spring period soon to be upon us, when the weather improves, the pressure on machinery and skilled labour will increase and the more work is delayed the smaller the window is to complete these jobs. A lot of ploughing is yet to be completed which is normally completed before Christmas.

Call the Ring if you require extra capacity or if you have capacity to help out.

As always remember to call the Ring to update availability and services in order to allow the office staff to deal with requests most efficiently.

With the larger areas of spring cereals being planned for this coming season pressure on seed supplies and haulage will be increased. The Ring is here to help with several member suppliers who are able to price and deliver all of your seed needs for the spring period.

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## Fertiliser

Uniquely, in our experience, fertiliser prices have dropped since Christmas and with a slow uptake so far this Spring, there is a potential for supply and haulage delays as the season progresses.

Now could be the time to move if you have the storage and delayed payment terms are available if required.

We can access all Blends and compounds at very competitive prices, always remember to Ring the Ring.



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## Labour & Straw

Please let us know if your available short or long term for labour jobs and/or tractor and man jobs. We will soon be getting plenty requests for these, so it would be great to know who is able to help other members.

There is still a demand for good inside straw so please tell us if you have any available.

## Ringlink Cupar Office

In January this year Ringlink, the Ring to the North of us, incredibly, opened an office in Cupar. Along with every member we have talked to so far, this is neither helpful nor welcome. There has been a gentleman's agreement in place for 30 years as to the areas we trade in. Not surprisingly, we trade between the estuaries of the Tay and the Forth. Please rest assured that with the few members they do have in Fife, they cannot provide anything like the excellent service we can give you from our 1,100 members. We have better prices than they do for most commodities and our training is far cheaper as they provide it through a profit making limited company, rather than a not for profit Machinery Ring as we do.

Any feedback on this or anything - especially how we could service the Members better is always welcome. - Do support your LOCAL Ring.



## Training

It's been a good start to 2020, we offer a wide spectrum of training courses across various locations with distance not being an issue and we have a network of professional instructors/Assessors through Lantra/City & Guilds who will travel.

All training for Young Farmers Clubs will get a discounted price and we will not be beaten.

We have been running PASC Training with Assessment or Assessment only over the winter months which have been very successful. If you still require to do this please contact me for more details.

HSE spot checks are still being conducted on farms to ensure common health and safety risks are being managed – one area which has been raised is ATV safety – It is a legal requirement for all ATV operators to have training, ATV Training is available through the Ring at short notice!

## February

20th	Rough Terrain Telescopic Lift Truck Refresher
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21st	Industrial Counterbalance Lift truck Refresher
24th	PASC Training/Assessments
25th & 26th	B + E Trailer training
26th,27th & 28th	First Aid at Work
28th	Rough Terrain Telescopic Lift Truck Refresher

## March

2nd	Rough Terrain Telescopic Lift Truck Refresher
2nd & 3rd	Tractor Driving
3rd & 4th	B + E Trailer training
5th	Industrial Counterbalance Lift truck Refresher
6th	Rough Terrain Telescopic Lift Truck Refresher
9th	PA1 Safe Use of Pesticide
10th	PA6 Handheld
11th & 12th	Brushcutter
13th	PA4 Slug Pellet/Granular Applicator
13th	Brushcutter Refresher.
17th	Emergency First Aid +F

17th	PA2 Boom Sprayer
17th	Rough Terrain Telescopic Lift Truck Refresher
19th	PA12 Assessments
19th & 20th	Rough Terrain Telescopic Lift Truck
25th, 26th & 27th	First Aid at Work
30th, 31st & 1st April	Felling & processing Trees Up To 380mm

***Ring the Ring for all your training requirements, at a competitive price!!***

If you have any questions on training please do not hesitate to contact me on 01577 830616 or email [lynne@tayforth.co.uk](mailto:lynne@tayforth.co.uk)

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## Social Media

Social Media – Our Christmas/Countdown Christmas Competition was a great success and we would like to thank all our members who donated prizes and well done to all those that won.

Please look out for more happening on our social media sites (Facebook/Twitter & Instagram)





## Pentland Biomass offer reduced rates to Tayforth Machinery Ring members for all your biomass fuel needs.

### Contract Chipping

Our 400hp PTO Musmax Chipper is available for hire. It will chip to your preferred spec and produce up to 40 tonnes per hour. It can be hired, by the hour, with one of our operators.



### Woodchip Deliveries

Pentland Biomass specialise in the production and delivery of BSL registered, high quality woodfuel, delivered in walking floor trucks.

### Landowners - Standing Timber Required

If you have standing timber in Scotland's Central Belt or Borders that you wish to fell and sell, Pentland Biomass offer a straightforward end to end service. We manage the project from start to finish - applying for a Felling Licence, having the timber felled, buying the timber and removing it from your site. Please contact Richard directly on 07812 025578 to find out more.



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