

## Managers Report -Bruce Hamilton

2018 was a very successful year for our Machinery Ring with more business, more members and more staff. Our focus remains helping our Members businesses by making it easier and/or financially beneficial to trade with other members of the Ring.



For 2019 we will continue developing the business through an increased social media presence and by developing the Smartphone App to answer as many questions as it possibly can. During the year we will fully re-vamp the website.

We are becoming experts at taking on complete jobs from whole farm contracts to woodland management. With the latter everything from felling licences to marketing gets done with no middle man profiteering and all the profit being returned to the farmer.

Fuel remains the biggest portion of our business with 8 suppliers supplying 15 million litres to members last year.

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### AGM

The AGM on 6th March reported on the following:

**Accounts** - Another tiny profit with the balance sheet stronger at £208,000.

**Membership** - Another 70 new members joined during the year bringing us to nearly 1,100 Members.

**Turnover** - Total turnover up to £15m. Core business and number of requests up again. Total turnover is heavily dependent on fuel prices.

**Staff** - The four contract team of Andy, Becky, Kirsty and Lorna are doing a great job. Lynne will be back soon from maternity leave to help Kirsty with Training. Judith is still handling the entire administration and accounts.

**Directors** - Ron Smith and Allan Myles retired after many years on the board. David Bell joins the board.

After the AGM Carole Brunton gave an interesting insight into the workings of RHET who provide a vital link between school children and the farming community.



# New Members 2018

Silverdyke Park Ltd, Windmill Road, Anstruther  
Robertson Plumbing & Heating, Lochhead, Wellwood  
A Harley Seeds (Blairfield), Blairfield, Milnathort  
Bio8 Ltd, Markham Vale Environment Centre  
Mark Sykes, 14 Millburn Court, Symington, Biggar  
John Lang Transport (Balmullo), Woodlands, Balmullo  
Firm Of Stuart H Dawson, Muirhead Of Pitcullo, Dairsie  
Agri Market Insight & Access Ltd, Burston Court, Devon  
Nicola Hornsby, Achray Farm, Brig O Turk, Callander  
Malcolm Campbell, Northbank Lodge, Cameron, St Andrews  
I F & M M Hunter & Sons, Balmyre Farmhouse, Rait, Perth  
Jon Todd, 1 Woodside Cottage, Conland Farm, Glenfarg  
Pipeserv, Milldown Cottage, Coldingham, Eyemouth  
Stirling Agricultural Society, Station Road, Bannockburn  
H W Macqueen Contracting Ltd, Balloan Farm, Farr, Inverness  
Kippendavie Group Fund, Broxden  
Falkland Kitchen Farm, 2 East Port, Falkland, Cupar  
Carphin Partners, C/O Starrbank, Cupar  
Avoir Technology Ltd, Fungarth Farmhouse, Dunkeld  
C R Smith Glaziers, Gardeners Street, Dunfermline  
Donald Hooper, 7 Menzies Crescent, Kirkcaldy  
K Munro & Sons, Kinloch Farm, Ladybank  
A E S Fabrication Ce Ltd, 1 Buchanan Park, Ceres  
David & Alison Cameron, Westerton Farm, Auchmuir Bridge  
William Cuthbertson, Balcanquhal Farm, Gateside, Cupar  
L K H Agricultural Services, 8 Halffields Court, Kennoway  
Achalic Farm (A Firm), Lerags, Oban, Argyll  
A J Finlayson, Middleton Farm, Muthill, Crieff  
United Box Ltd, Baikie Farm, Airlie, By Kirriemuir  
Binn Properties Ltd, Bein Inn Hotel, Glenfarg, Perthshire  
A B Concrete, Unit 1, Bridgehaugh Industrial Estate, Aberdeen  
A J & E Robb, Townhead Farm, Stirling,  
P & Y Jones, Killernie Farm, Saline, Dunfermline  
Russell Combe Haulage Ltd, 18 Seaforth Drive, Kinross  
Gordon Ratcliffe, Millwood, Cleish, Kinross  
Lewis Commercials Ltd, 6 School Street, Leven, Fife  
David Reid, Bruadar, Milnathort, Kinross  
J & H Buchanan, Hardiston Farm, Cleish, Kinross  
Alexander Grant, Inchbae Farm, Garve, Ross-Shire  
Peregrine Finance, 14 Wellhead Close, South Queensferry  
C D S Labour Ltd, The Office, Chapel Farm, Hoppole, Spalding  
Trax Plant Hire Ltd, Newlands Farm, Walled Garden, Milnathort  
Rembrand Timber Ltd, Ashley Road, Glenrothes  
St Andrews Brewing Company, Bassaguard Estate, St Andrews  
H L Tree Services, 4 Inch Farm Cottage, Pittenweem, Anstruther  
Teasses Estate Ltd, Estate Office, Teasses Estate, Leven  
Ally Blyth Plant Hire, Unit 2-3, Maidenplain Ind Est, Aberuthven  
Stewart Contracts Uk, 31 Darnell Drive, Perth  
Gavin Adam, Windyedge Farm, Lassodie, Dunfermline  
N H S Forth Valley, Carseview House, Castle Business Park  
Stephen Sherriffs, 49 High Street, Auchtermuchty  
G.C Taylor (Farms) Ltd, Middlebank Farm, Errol, Perthshire  
Glasson Fertilizers, West Quay, Glasson Dock, Lancaster  
Chris Mcshave, Hurst, Cupar Road, Newburgh  
Land Energy Girvan Ltd, Grangestone Ind Est, Girvan  
Fiona Nicholson, The Gables, Old Perth Road, Cowdenbeath  
A Frame & Son, Cushenquarter Farm, Plean, Stirling  
G G S Agri Ltd, Gellybank Farm, Kinross,  
Firm Of J M Rennie, Prathouse Farm, Dunfermline, Fife  
Downfield Ltd, Downfield Farm, Cupar, Fife  
E Fergusson & Sons, West Auchenlongford, Sorn, Mauchline  
Cortis Land & Tree Management, Spittalfield, By Murthly  
Crave-In Enterprises, Bein Inn Hotel, Glenfarg, Perthshire  
L Laird & Sons, Lochhead Farm, Coalton Of Wemyss, Kirkcaldy  
J D W Agri Ltd, Gartfinnan Farm, Clackmannan  
Neilson Electrical, New Cottage, Redwells, St Andrews  
National Blood Transfusion Svs., South Gyle, Edinburgh

# Farm Waste Disposal

The SEPA burning exemption has been withdrawn as of 1st Jan 2019. This means that the only legal thing you can burn on a farm is virgin wood i.e. trees, brash, hedge material etc.

This will inevitably mean that certification bodies such as SQC & QMS will be asking how you dispose of your waste 'legally'.

There are several waste streams on farm that you need to have a plan for:

**Waste Oil:** £125/uplift including proof of uplift

**Scrap Metal:** You get £120-£160/t for tidying your farm

**Cardboard:** This can be recycled if kept dry and clean.

**Plastic:** You can either use a skip or a Solway bin to have the waste collected or you can deliver it by tractor & trailer to a recycling station.

Silage Wrap, Fert Bags, Feed Bags, Chemical Containers & Feed Buckets can all be recycled if kept separate.

Net Wrap & Bale String cannot be re-cycled and so must be kept separate from other plastics or it is all landfilled.

The Solway system requires a bin (or two) at £150 each and each liner costs £30 including delivery and uplift. The Ring is the sole supplier in our area and hold stock of bins and liners. The big benefit of the Solway bin is that it is very tidy with no possibility of the plastic blowing away. Some of it is also recycled in Scotland into bollards, picnic tables and of course Solway recycling bins!

If you wish a skip left on farm to dispose of your plastic you will be charged the 8-14 yard skip cost of £100-£110 plus contents at £128 - £135 per tonne (min 1t) unless you separate the plastics. If you keep each plastic clean and separate this can be reduced to £70-£85/t. (Prices as of March 2019)

An alternative is you store the plastic on farm, separate out the non recyclable net & string and a 40 yard skip can come and take away the lot at £180-£200.

If you are transporting any waste you require a SEPA Waste Carrier Licence. If you book the waste in through the Ring you can use Tayforth's Waste Carrier Licence to legally get it there at no extra cost.





## Whole Farm Energy Reviews

Mint Energy is pleased to offer a free Whole Farm Energy Review to Tayforth members. The review, which may include the farmhouse, will make sense of your energy usage and identify areas where savings can be made.

As an accredited energy assessor, Mint Energy is able to access government funding and free loans to provide new energy saving infrastructure with no cash spend and immediate benefits, saving money for your business. Eligible items include: - LED lighting, insulation, double glazing, solar panels, boilers and other equipment which may reduce energy use within the home or business. We can take care of your entire project including funding applications, installation, commissioning and ongoing support.

Taking constructive measures to improve energy efficiency will put your business on a sound footing and ensure that you are well placed to deal with forthcoming legislation to reduce the carbon footprint of this industry.

Current government support aimed at meeting carbon reduction targets provides farmers with a great opportunity to upgrade their buildings, reduce spending and even increase the comfort of their homes.

To learn how you can access these savings, call Tayforth now to arrange an appointment for your Whole Farm Energy Review.

### **BOC Gas available in Fife**

We are pleased to announce that Industrial Services are now open for business as your new local BOC Agent. We will cover all your gas requirements along side our standard fuelling equipment business.

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## Vehicle Rebates & Discounts

In 2018 Members benefited by over £200,000 in savings and rebates on purchases of CaseIH tractors, Toyota Hilux and Ford Ranger trucks.



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*All Enquiries Welcome*

# Lycetts

Insurance Brokers

Farming insurance broker Lycetts has become the latest member of the Tayforth Machinery Ring.

Through the new partnership, Tayforth Machinery Ring members will be able to benefit from Lycetts' range of products and services.

With nearly 60 years' experience arranging insurance for farms, rural and commercial businesses, Lycetts can provide flexible solutions, no matter the specialism.

"Having personally been a member of Tayforth Machinery Ring for many years, in a farming capacity, it gives me great pleasure to introduce Lycetts insurance brokers as a Ring member and present our services to Tayforth Machinery Ring members," said James Cuthbertson, of Lycetts' Edinburgh office.

"I was brought up, and subsequently farmed in partnership with my brother and parents, at Inch of Ferryton Farm Clackmannan, and moved into farm and general insurance broking 14 years ago, so I am acutely aware of the challenges farmers face.

"Insurance can be expensive and complicated and many farmers are so strapped for time that they do not have a full understanding of their insurance needs and the cover they have in place. In fact, just one third of farmers review their insurance policies when renewals are due."

As well as offering advice and competitive insurance premiums for farms and commercial businesses, Lycetts also benefits from its own risk management division, financial services and engineering Inspection division.

For a free review of your insurance needs, contact James Cuthbertson 0131 225 9119 or [james.cuthbertson@lycetts.co.uk](mailto:james.cuthbertson@lycetts.co.uk), quoting the Tayforth Machinery Ring.



## Tayforth App

The latest version of the Smartphone App has been released and allows Members to both



submit items and view important information from your tractor seat or even lying on a beach.

For example if you have just finished baling a field you can submit the worksheet for us to process, tell us you are available, order some fuel and some concrete and ask for a copy invoice.

On the information side you can see the up to date training calendar, Vehicle Rebates & Discounts, current Sales & Wants as well as access to the Annual Handbook's prices, Rules and Transport Legislation.

To find it search Tayforth on the App Store or Playstore and download it. Log in with your own e-mail address and everyone has the same password—ring.

It was extended this year after feedback from the Next Generation Group. If you have any other requests for enhanced functionality please e-mail them to [bruce@tayforth.co.uk](mailto:bruce@tayforth.co.uk)

## Theft of tractors and trailers— Example Police Incident Report

Three tractors were stolen between the 21st and 23rd February, one from East Wemyss and two from Kirkcaldy, the details are as follows:

John Deere 6630 Premium tractor green in colour bearing a 12 plate, taken from a farm near to East Wemyss. This tractor was connected to a plough at the time of the theft so whoever stole it must have had knowledge of how to work the hydraulics as the plough was removed and left behind in a field.

If you are concerned about the security of your property or plant and would like a free security survey or If you would like to be copied into forthcoming news alerts then please contact me on the details below.

**Fraser Laird, Crime Prevention Officer**  
**Community Safety P Division**  
**Police Scotland**  
**Dunfermline Police Station**  
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# McCONECHY'S

## TYRE & AUTO CENTRES

MAKE	SIZE	PATTERN	COST
Michelin Telehandler	460x70x24 {4} fitted	XMCL	£2,012 Less Mich rebate -£150 £1,862 Less NFU rebate -£100 <b>Net £1,762</b>
Kleber Telehandler	460x70x24 {4} fitted	Lugker	£1,612 Less Kleb rebate -£150 £1,462 Less NFU rebate -£100 <b>Net £1,362</b>
BKT Telehandler	460x70x24 {4} fitted	BKT	£1,500
Mitas Telehandler	460x70x24 {4} fitted	Mitas	£1,440
Firestone Telehandler	460x70x24 {4} fitted	Fire	£1,440

## Training - by Kirsty



As usual we have a high demand for Telescopic/ Industrial, First Aid, ATV, Chainsaw and Pesticide courses. However we do have access to a wide range of courses, so please do not hesitate to contact Lynne or myself even if the course you are looking for is not listed in our handbook.

New for 2019 is the Training calendar in our app, where you can view when and where our courses are getting held and book yourself a space on a course.

Livestock Short Journeys is another very popular course that most people are unaware they need. Farmers are required to provide their Award number to renew their Transport Authorization with Animal Health. If you haven't already gained this award, get in touch as you can be tested at the Tayforth office.

It has come to light that if you passed your driving test after 1st Jan 1997 you can tow a tractor drawn trailer but you cannot tow a trailer behind a combine, telehandler or self propelled sprayer. And of course you cannot tow a trailer with a plated weight of over 750kg behind a car or 4x4. You will need to sit and pass a B+E test for this. We are running these regularly so please call the office to make sure you are covered.

For all your training requirements call Kirsty on 01577 830616, e-mail [kirsty@tayforth.co.uk](mailto:kirsty@tayforth.co.uk) or use the new App to book a place yourself.

If you know you are in need of training and have any question, please do not hesitate to give the office a call..



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Within our Waste Management division we can empty and treat all waste from domestic and commercial septic tanks, biodisc treatment plants, grease traps, interceptors, oil tanks and caravan waste. Our rates are very competitive and our operatives are fully experienced in the services that we provide. We have tankers from 1000 gallon capacity up to 3000 gallon capacity, not only are we licensed waste carriers we are one of the very few independently owned waste water treatment plants in Scotland. This means that you can be confident that your waste is being treated and disposed of in an environmentally secure manner and we can provide a 24/7 emergency call out.

As we are a family business our team is our strength and we have a dedicated group who work closely with our customers to ensure that our standards are maintained to a high level at all times

## **H & S - Let Us Help You**

Health and Safety plays a huge roll in our workplace and is something everyone plays a part in. If you put your socks on in the morning, be the one to take them off at night again.

Agriculture has the highest rate of fatal injury of all the main industry sectors, around 18 times higher than the All Industry rate.

Tayforth can arrange everything to help you on your way to creating a safer environment on your farm and commercial premises. From a simple thing like Farm Signage, Risk Assessment Training and Certificated Operators Training, right up to Bi-spoke full Health & Safety packages.

If you're not sure what you require or where to start then a Health Check can be arranged to point you in the right direction and let you know what you need to do. The cost for this is £50.00 and there is no obligation to go any further.

Don't leave it to late, call the Ring to help you get it right.....

## FREE FUEL CARDS FOR ALL MEMBERS

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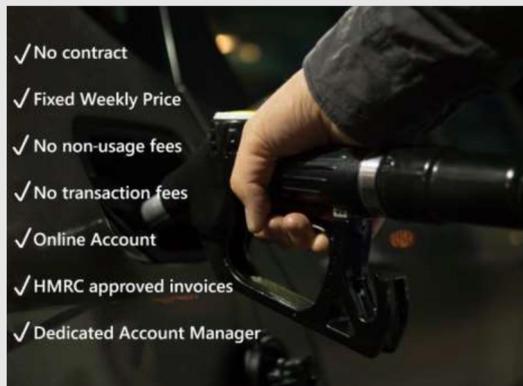
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