

HOLT & DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB.

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NOTICE OF 67th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11th OCTOBER, 2016

CLUB MATTERS

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Over the summer we've gotten a new Prime Minister amidst Brexit and all the other political upheaval. It was **Jack Hammond** who instigated our triennial fixed terms for the chairmanship so that **Peter Perry-Warnes'** time is almost done. The double-barrelled farmer from the place with no vowels (Tyby) has taken to his role like a duck to water. Apart from his gift of the gab and Norfolk humour Peter has shown his skill in dealing with awkward customers including John Ross, errant kangaroos and elusive trout as well as whatever he is accosting with a stick on his Facebook homepage. Waiting in the wings (geddit?) is **Jimmy Fowell** whose time has come to become our new Chairman — we can't wait. Unfortunately **Bob King** is unable to make it to our AGM so **Chris Borrett** has kindly offered to add to his duties as compere of the barley competition presentations. **Tony Williams** will regale us with the tale of how he conquered Mount Kilimanjaro back in March and when I last looked he had raised £2175 for Big C. **Bill Poortvliet** and **Stuart Ross** are up for re-election to the committee and with all the political parties having been involved in leadership battles perhaps this is the year for a coup ? Accordingly I hereby formally invite you to our *67th Annual General Meeting which is being held at 8 p.m. next Tuesday, 11th October at The Feathers Hotel in Holt.*

Jimmy Fowell was behind a famous visit to Winsford Hall near the bottom end of the Bure at Stokesby in spite of the weather. Edward Wharton was a brilliant host and we were pleased to be able to sponsor him in his marathon effort to raise £5000 for the Anthony Nolan Trust — a blood cancer charity. He asked me to pass on his thanks to those present and said *"I thought your club was fantastic — full of knowledge, experience (.9 and good humour — what more could you want? "* That rounded off an excellent summer season with a happy trip to Hampshire, Student Day again refusing to let the weather win and the pleasure of seeing the Clay Pigeon Shooting Match being resurrected.

Our members have also been successful in other spheres. **Simon Evans** was President of the Aylsham Show and with him having been President of the Norfolk Association of Agricultural Valuers it is good to see that **Jane Kenny** has recently been appointed to that post. That was witnessed by **Thomas Love**, the King Canute of Walcott, who continues his successful term as County Chairman of the NFU. Any one who wants to help us retain the Norfolk Livestock Clubs Quiz Trophy at the end of this month should let me know. Meanwhile we are drawing up a list of speakers who we hope will make it worth your while to turn out on coming winter evenings.

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