

HOLT & DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB

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2017 WINTER MEETINGS

We can now start 2017 in 'admirable' fashion by welcoming **Peter Crichton** from Bury St. Edmunds. "In a change to the advertised programme" Peter will appear in place of Nigel Meyer who has had to withdraw enabling us to hear from one of the most experienced and prolific professionals in the pig industry. One of that rare breed of Agricultural Valuers he is also an auctioneer, commentator and authority on outdoor pigs with views on the future which will be well worth hearing at **7.30 on Tuesday, 10th January.**

Continuing with the porcine theme, as forewarned, we have **Steve Hart** in February fresh from winning his Pig Farmer of the Year accolade at the Farmers Weekly awards in the autumn. Not only have we kept romance alive by postponing this from Valentine's Day to **Wednesday, 15th February** but in doing so we have also avoided the Canaries' Carrow Road Championship clash with the Magpies. For those not familiar with Association Football this means Norwich are playing Newcastle in a game they are likely to need to win if they are going to retrieve their season and still retain a chance of promotion back to the Premiership.

On **Friday, 24th February** our team of bowlers will be trying to retain the **Adams & Howling Trophy against Stalham at Rossi's in North Walsham.** We've proved dominant in the traditional section and **Stuart Ross** has 'a ten pin plan' to win that section as well at the third attempt.

Our final speaker for this season is **David Henley, Principal and Chief Executive of Easton & Otley College** who joins us on **Tuesday, 14th March.** He might be asked to spare you too many details of raising Large Yorkshire Whites in his youth for fear of making you pig sick. David has 'diversified' into engineering and sport during his dynamic career in agricultural education which brought him to East Anglia less than two years ago.

Texas has proved a step too far for our foreign foray so we're forfeiting Fort Worth for Forfar. Well almost; **The Borders around Melrose** is now looking likely to be our destination for the **first week in June.** Thanks go to **Mike Attew** for his work in trying to arrange things for us but Texas is almost three times the size of the UK which would have made it a Maverick choice.



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