

HOLT & DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB

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CLUB MATTERS

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Bodham be blowed. It was 24 years ago that **John Mack** and his late wife Joanna (nee Gent) initially applied for a wind turbine on the Cromer Ridge between Bodham and Upwood surrounded by North Barningham, West Beckham, Gresham, and Baconsthorpe. With a base at about 90 metres above sea level and a blade tip height of 66 m the turbine approved on appeal at the beginning of this month will reach over 50 metres above Norfolk's highest point at nearby Roman Camp. The smaller turbine to the west at Selbrigg half way to Holt was approved at the same time. Interestingly it is between these two locations that the third cable route to scythe through north Norfolk is now proposed. This will serve the Danish Dong development beyond the existing offshore windfarms which, including the new sites off Lincolnshire and the East Riding, is due to become the largest in the world. I, for one, was surprised that John and his son David who has been to the fore in the recent applications, have won through when the government appeared to have taken against onshore developments. These are topsy turvy times and maybe others will now be persuaded to revive their own onshore schemes for renewable energy ?

Any of you who wants to make the *trip to The Borders* and has not yet registered is advised to do so promptly. Rail card and sleeping details need to be clarified for **Pat Cubitt** and **Tony Williams**. *Tuesday* could be a deadline when *David Henley, Principal of Easton and Otley College*, rounds off our winter season at The Feathers.



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