

HOLT & DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB

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Our bowlers under **Stuart Ross's** leadership are to be congratulated on retaining the fine Adams & Howling Trophy for an amazing tenth year in a row. In fact the only time they've looked like losing it was a few years ago when they forgot who had it. We can skim over the 10 pin bowling which we've yet to fully master and where **Charlie Mack's** skill was sorely missed. Nevertheless in the traditional competition our lead rink of **Michael Jones, Dudley Jones** and **John Mack** won by 25 to 8. Special mention should be made of **Philip Jones**, perhaps besporting the Bermuda short and canvas Plimsoll, for scoring 263 which put him second only 8 off the highest score.

Next up is **Ladies' Night on Friday, 5th May back at The Links in West Runton, 7 for 730.** The menu is enclosed and please book with **Pat Cubitt** in good time; wcubitt@btopenworld.com As previously mentioned we are honored to have Hazel, Baroness Byford of Rothley who was Shadow DEFRA Minister in the Lords during the New Labour government as the guest speaker. She remains very active in agricultural and charity spheres and attended our Student Day last year. **Richard Brooks** has put his Edgefield smallholding on the market to keep her in the manner to which she is accustomed. Following that is the **Golf Day ...with a difference ... on Monday, 15th May at Bawburgh.** There will be a new format for this annual charity event that is being generously sponsored by NFU Mutual with plenty of prizes donated by RABI. Teams of four will pay £180 for the day starting at 11.30 with bacon rolls and tea/coffee, tee off at 12.30 to 2 over 18 holes with a two tee start followed by dinner at 6.45. Details are available from sallymitchell@afiweb.net or **President Bill** at billandmary23@tiscali.co.uk Talking of RABI their annual Quiz and Supper is coming up at 6.30 for 7.15 on Wednesday, 19th April at East Tuddenham Village Hall. **Chairman Jimmy** intends to enter a team of 6 in addition to **Jack Hammond's** sextet so please get in touch with him or via me if you want to support this worthy charity.

Meanwhile remaining vacancies may have been filled for our **trip to The Scottish Borders from Tuesday, 6th June to Thursday, 8th.** **Jimmy Fowell** is in the chair with **Pat Cubitt, Tony Williams** and **William Youngs** in train to help organize this exciting outing. If you haven't booked a place you are welcome to register with Tony as there may be cancellations while those who have should make sure he has got your rooming arrangements straight and that Pat has your rail card and travel status details for our first class ride from Peterborough. **Student Day is on Thursday, 22nd June** courtesy of **Jonathan Seaman** and **Tony Hurn & Phyllida** under **Rob Hughes's** calm direction. We have been slightly hit in recent years by the weather and schools calling off late so everyone's help and ideas will be welcome to keep this event, of which we are justifiably proud, up to the mark. Last year's event coincided with the EU Referendum and this year we're making it another double bill with our revitalised **Clay Pigeon Shooting Match against Statham** that evening. **Tony Williams** (again, is there no stopping that man ?), **Charlie Mack** and **Charles Skinner** will be 'giving it both barrels' to make this a sustained comeback and any young guns should make themselves known.

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