

# HOLT & DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB

FOUNDED 1948

President: Bill Poortvliet

Chairman: Jimmy Fowell

Vice-Chairman: Pat Cubitt

## NOTICE OF 68<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2016

### CLUB MATTERS

OCTOBER 2017

The political scene continues in topsy turvy fashion but the seasons still turn and, as the nights draw in, we're back round to our AGM and the start of our winter season. Theresa May and **Jimmy Fowell** remain in post and at least one of them should continue through to 2019. Accordingly I hereby formally invite you to our **68<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting that is being held at 8 p.m. this Tuesday, 10th October at The Feathers Hotel in Holt.** The agenda will be similar to previous years and we have **Chairman Jimmy** and **William Youngs** up for re-election to the committee. Under **Chris Borrett's** aegis we are pleased to have **Bob King** back to judge your barley samples and to give his perspective on the grain trade in these times made uncertain by Brexit and much else.

After the unfortunate cancellation of *Student Day* a highlight of our summer was our *tour round the Euston Estate*. Our President **Bill Poortvliet** organised a great outing hosted by the Duke of Grafton's dynamic estate director Andrew Blenkiron. Euston made a better job of hosting Sir Cliff Richard than Holkham did hosting Sir Tom Jones although apparently there were still grumbles about a parking fee of £20 in the Capability Brown parkland. As with our *trip to Scotland* we had to dodge the showers in seeing the huge AD plant, solar park, reservoir and conservation work in normally arid Breckland. We're heading in the opposite direction next year to see how an Old Greshamian has done - not badly I think we can say - with James Dyson's huge *Beeswax Farming enterprise in Lincolnshire*.

**Richard Brooks** is to thank for this and we are greatly indebted to him for his numerous introductions. After Lady Byford for Ladies' Night he's sprung a major coup for us by recruiting **Guy Smith, Vice President of the NFU no less, to come and speak to us in December (12th)** only a couple of years after top dog Meurig Raymond came to The Feathers. Then for **January (9'h)** Richard has recruited **Bee Kemball who is Director of the Suffolk Show.** To add to this he alerts us to the Advanced Course in Agricultural Management being held at Cirencester early next year. **Jeff Poortvliet, Tom Dye** and **Kit Papworth** have been on this in the past and I have application details for anyone interested. It may be a bit late to get on the 2018 course but it is an annual one that has been running successfully for 66 years.

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