

# HOLT & DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB

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## CLUB MATTERS

**April 2018**

Apologies for the delay but we have an added incentive for you to attend our upcoming *Annual Dinner on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> May at The Links Hotel in West Runton. Lady Anne Glenconner* (appropriately for an event hitherto referred to as *Ladies' Night*) has graciously agreed to be our VIP guest speaker. She is, by all accounts, a remarkable person who was for decades Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Margaret. She is the aunt of the Earl of Leicester who spoke to us when he was still Thomas, Viscount Coke of Holkham. Lady Anne has endured family tragedy over her three sons with the late Colin Tennant who became Lord Glenconner; apparently she preferred England to his estate on Mustique. **Roger Combe**, Squire of Bayfield, is a relative and he has kindly agreed to assist in a Question and Answer Session. We are indebted to him and to our unofficial social secretary **William Youngs** for arranging this. It looks like being an event not to be missed and **Pat Cubitt** needs to hear from you urgently if you have not already booked on 01263 712611 or 07796 954746 or [wcubitt@btopenworld.com](mailto:wcubitt@btopenworld.com)

Meanwhile our club has been approached by Alex Inman who is a social scientist and Senior Research Fellow at the University of Exeter's Land, Environment, Economics and Policy Institute. He has been travelling round the country to recruit clubs like ours and Statham for a *UK Farmer Group Discussion Network*. His ideas are summarised on the attached literature and, in particular, he is hoping to involve the movers and shakers in the agricultural industry — especially the farmers who make the decisions on what and how to farm. Our Vice Chairman thinks it is something we should investigate and could anyone who is interested please let me know promptly ?

We had a token presence at the recent RABI Quiz as we were denied a Holt table but still nearly managed a podium place. Don't forget we need fresh brains to try and win back the Norfolk Livestock Quiz Trophy in November. Currently we have 26 names down for our trip to *Holland Trip* starting on **5<sup>th</sup> June** and places are filling up fast for our *Trip to Lincolnshire on 3<sup>rd</sup> July* more of which anon. Let us hope Spring has finally arrived so that you can get onto the land and there is grass for the livestock.

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