

HOLT & DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB

FOUNDED 1948

President: Bill Poortvliet

Chairman: Jimmy Fowell

Vice-Chairman: Pat Cubitt

NOTICE OF 69th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 9th OCTOBER, 2018

CLUB MATTERS

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Climatically we've had an extraordinary year so far with an awful Spring followed by the hottest Summer since 1976; fortunately we now seem to be having a better Autumn if not an Indian Summer. Naturally this will have affected the quality of your barley samples although **Chris Borrett** indicates that they might be better than was feared in the face of harvest. He hopes his innovation of collecting them through your respective grain merchants is easier and **Bob King** is the judge again. This year Bob is away so we are fortunate to have Crisp Malting Group's CEO Adrian Dyter, previously with Carlsberg, to address us at next week's AGM.

The other novelty is likely to be a contested vote for the committee. **Jack Hammond** has decided to stand down after nearly twenty years of distinguished service both as committee member and, between 2010 and 2013, as Chairman. Initially he was co-opted following the premature death of our much missed Vice Chairman at the time, Peter Reid. Jack was a safe choice being Chairman of Aylsham Growers and son of our incumbent **President Billy** to whom he is still known as John. Nevertheless we are indebted to Jack for the personable and calm manner in which he has served us so well and for so long. The rest of the committee has again gone for experience in ticketing **Andrew Ross** and **Richard Procter-Smith** as candidates to be Jack's replacement. Andrew is well known to most of you with his family being the most prominent in our club's history. He is a past Chairman of North Norfolk NFU and has served on the NFU Sugar Group since 2014. Richard meanwhile is farm manager at Bawdeswell Farms Ltd. which is owned by part of the Gurney family and he has become a committed member of our club in recent years.

Vice Chairman **Pat Cubitt** and **Charlie Mack** are also due for re-election which means that there will be at least four candidates for three places. Added to this there is the option for another candidate who has agreed to stand to be nominated by any member. As usual the form for this is attached to the AGM Agenda. This outbreak of democracy is rare since I can only recall one previous occasion in my time as Secretary when a vote has been held. In these circumstances I also attach a form so that anyone who is unable to come to the AGM can submit a postal vote (or by email). These must be received by me by Monday, 8th October and if you do this but decide to attend the AGM after all please don't vote twice.

Accordingly I hereby formally invite you to our **60 Annual General Meeting that is being held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 0 October at The Feathers Hotel in Holt.**

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