

HOLT & DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB

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CLUB MATTERS

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After some excellent non-agricultural talks we are onto home ground for our next meeting on **Tuesday, 12th February**. **Emily Norton** is a livewire lady who heads up the rural research team as a Director at Savills. Her family farms at Frettenham where they milk a Brown Swiss dairy herd robotically and have diversified into cheese production, commercial as well as holiday lets and more. With a law degree from Cambridge and a Masters from Harper Adams she was also RNAA Nuffield Scholar in 2018 which involved researching agricultural support systems around the world. She has spent time in Brussels advising Stuart Agnew and, amongst other roles, Emily is also a Director of Norfolk Food and Drink Ltd. so she will have plenty to educate us about.

Poor timing sees this almost clash with Brown & Co's annual Spring Update which will be held at Holt Rugby Club that same afternoon between 4.0 and 6.30. There will be a light buffet afterwards to tide you over till 7.30 by when you need to get to The Feathers. Anyone wishing to attend should register using the attached link from which you see that there are alternative venues at Wymondham on the Monday (10th) and King's Lynn on the Wednesday (12th) as well as further afield.

After a long wait Holt & District Farmers' Club is finally moving into the digital age with a website. **Chairman elect Pat Cubitt** has set this up and the address is www.holtfarmers.club The intention is to put recent newsletters and club results online along with other relevant items. **Colin Ross** compiled a record of all our trips every one of which, until recently, he had been on and the only member to have done so. Any photographs, newspaper cuttings or other contributions will be most welcome.

Colin's brother **Ian** has been in hospital and we wish him well. Also I'm sad to report the death of two people with strong connections to our club. Mary Callaby was Walter's widow and our commiserations go to their son Richard and family. Also Philip High, a prominent local councillor and son of Roly who acted as right hand man to Peter Smith, my predecessor as secretary.

Outgoing **Chairman Jimmy Fowell** has been having some difficulty booking hotels in Liverpool early in June – maybe because Take That are playing there on the Wednesday. Nevertheless it would help if fans or farmers could register by providing Tony Williams with a £150 deposit – either in the post or at the upcoming meeting.

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