

HOLT & DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB

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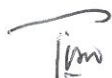
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Who to believe ? **Michael Pollitt**, my oppo as Stalham Secretary and fellow Tyke, as a loyal Holt member hasn't lost any of his no nonsense, journalistic qualities. He pointed out the alleged partisan way in which we invited Duncan Baker, the Tory parliamentary candidate, in November without having a husting for the other candidates. Now he has taken exception to our latest speaker **John Godfrey** whom he describes as a "snake oil salesman" and I attach the advice from the Financial Conduct Authority advice on bitcoin / cryptocurrencies. Michael points out that there is more available on their website and in these circumstances your **Chairman** and I should apologise for highlighting **Bridget Greenwood** as the speaker before she cried off at the last moment. Whether or not you agree with Michael it was good of Mr Godfrey of Blockchain Consultancy Bitclass to deputise and he indicated that there are rich pickings ahead.

We had a show of hands from those who are interested in coming on the *Austria trip at the beginning of June*. Encouragingly about one third of those present proved positive and it will be appreciated if they and all other members who are like minded will register with me as soon as possible. I have also started to take names of those who wish to come on the *coach trip to Shropshire's / Gs on Wednesday, 17th June*. Our inaugural *Garden Party* is pencilled in for the *Friday, 19th June* with the *Clay Pigeon Shooting Match* on the following *Thursday, 25th June*.

The Wednesday night ITV 6 part dramatisation of the White House Farm murders is picking up pace and of particular interest to **Stuart and Andrew Ross** who were at Gresham's with Jeremy Bamber. He is serving a full life sentence for murdering five members of his family and a friend of mine told me that Bamber has sired two children since he was jailed in 1986. This was gathered from the Yorkshire prison which my friend visited as The Queen's representative which doesn't mean that he was there "at her majesty's pleasure" but as the Lord-Lieutenant for the East Riding. The murder scene is Tolleshunt D'Arcy close to the Essex coast between Colchester and Chelmsford; as a pedant I can't ignore the GPS tramlines in the cornfield in front of the farmhouse which look wrong for 1985. Apparently it was filmed west of Chelmsford and some of our members with connections to that part of East Anglia may be able to pinpoint the location. By the way do we think he did it ?

Health bulletins include for **Richard Harrison** who, like **Ben Jones**, is reportedly making a good recovery from a back operation. Coincidentally two other past Chairmen, **Bill Poortvliet** and **Mike Attew**, have also had similar problems although the lures of shooting and Carrow Road seem to be useful aids to recovery. Don't miss a possible insight into the Harry & Megan Saga from **Dominic Reid** through his connection with The Invictus Games at our next meeting on *Tuesday, 11th February*.



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