

HOLT & DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB

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CLUB MATTERS

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A new decade and the prospect of more foreign frolics. *Austria at the beginning of June* is still on the radar and **President Bill Poortvliet** and **Chairman Pat Cubitt** have made initial moves to confirm this. The hope is to restrict the cost for the four days to in the region of £800; as always the earlier we can book flights and hotels the cheaper the trip will be. A draft itinerary is attached and it will be appreciated if you can register your interest with me as soon as possible. We should have more information by the time of our next meeting on *Tuesday 14th January* when **Bridget Greenwood**



will, among other things, be discussing how the blockchain can help farmers to create traceability for customers of their products. She attended Loughborough University and is a founding director of Financial Social Media UK having started up a company called The Bigger Pie which supports companies in the blockchain and crypto currencies. Bridget is a million miles from the likes of Ruja Ignatova



who has disappeared after conducting a worldwide bitcoin scam that might have cost \$15 billion but the subject is highly topical.

I promise that there will be no repeat of last month's unfortunate situation when our speaker had to compete with the local W.I. in spite of The Feathers being our home for the whole of our club's existence of over 70 years. **Dominic Reid** – perhaps an older version of Charlie Graham-Wood who gave us an inspirational talk at our AGM - is then our livewire speaker on *11th February*. Perhaps he will have some perspective on the on the Prince Harry and Megxit controversy.



Then *the cops come calling on 10th March.*

Pat Cubitt and Senior Club Member **Richard Brooks** have conducted a recce of **Shropshire's** – or '**Gs**' as they trade from their home base around Ely. An *all day trip on Wednesday, 17th June* is planned to see their vegetable operation including a mushroom plant and nursery along with packing and irrigation operations. John Shropshire is the main man who is granting us a rare opportunity to hear about his business that extends to Spain, Senegal, Finland and elsewhere. As with our 2017 trip to Euston we shall make a donation to the local church at Soham to cover the cost of lunch etc. Again please register with me for a place. Two days later, *Friday 19th June* is being pencilled in as the date for our inaugural **Garden Party** to replace the Ladies's Night / Annual Dinner of previous years. This is planned to be more **Charlie Mack's** event than what Ricky Nelson sang about but sounds fun and more of this anon. The next week on *Thursday 25th June* Charlie is again due to be involved along with **Tony Williams** and others in organising our **Clay Pigeon Shooting Match** against Stalham – again details in due course. In the meantime please don't overlook the fact that our **Bowls Match against Stalham** will be earlier than in previous years on *Friday, 7th February*. This is meant to be the most depressing time of the year but good news about **Ben Jones** who says that his back operation appears to have been a success.



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