

# HOLT & DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB

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## CLUB MATTERS

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A good proportion will have already been vaccinated and I know that one or two of you have even received your second jabs. We're all hoping that this will hurry up the end of this doleful lockdown and provide the shot in the arm needed to get this show back on the road. **Chris Borrett**, the current Stalham Chairman, and **Michael Pollitt** have suggested that a Shooting Match might be an appropriate way to start. For our part **Richard Brooks** has been liaising with John Shropshire who remains ready to host our Fenland trip once this is permitted.

In my last newsletter I foretold that the indefatigable **Ken Leggett** was about to be 90 and the EDP rightly ran a feature on him in January to celebrate this. One memory that sticks with me was on our trip to Scotland when we were taken up onto a grouse moor. We were given time to admire the views and stretch our legs which Ken took as full dispensation. Eyeing a nearby Munro (3000'+), although it may have been a Corbett (2500'+) or a Graham (2000'+), Ken took off – in mountaineering parlance – “heading strongly for the summit” even though he was the oldest amongst us.



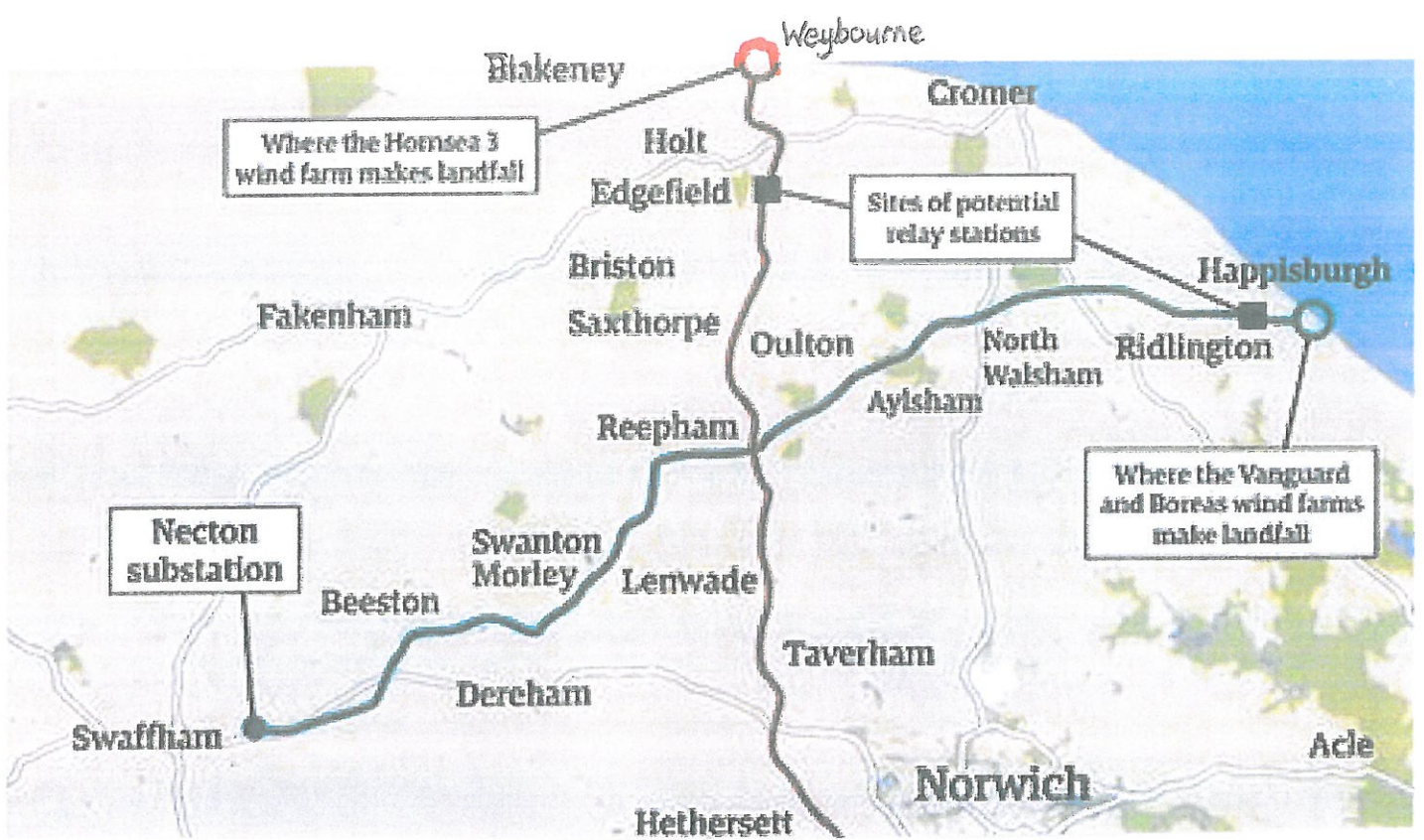
Not much to report I'm afraid. Norfolk has lost two of its best agriculturalists both called Robin: Limb was the face of British Sugar who we had as a speaker and died far too early aged only 62. Robin Pooley was another dynamic character who had a wide range of successful roles the most prominent of which was promoting the potato trade. Meanwhile the controversial saga of the proposed pipeline routes continues with the Orsted Weybourne to Swardston being approved while the approval for the Vattenfall Happisburgh to Necton was overturned in the High Court.



Chris Borrett



Olly Stone



On the sporting front Ben Youngs and Olly Stone have given us moments to cheer amidst, it must be admitted, several disappointments in England's rugby and cricket internationals. Ben's elder brother Tom is still captaining Leicester Tigers in something of a revival with Norfolk youngsters Jack Poortvliet and Ben Steward catching the eye. It is great that Tom's wife Tiffany (nee Sands) appears to have fully recovered to the extent that she has been able to establish a health products business. By all accounts Tom will return to farming once his rugby career ends but Ben may have other plans as he has been 'flashing his pecs' in an advert for Dove deodorant.



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