

HOLT & DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB

FOUNDED 1948

President: Richard Brooks

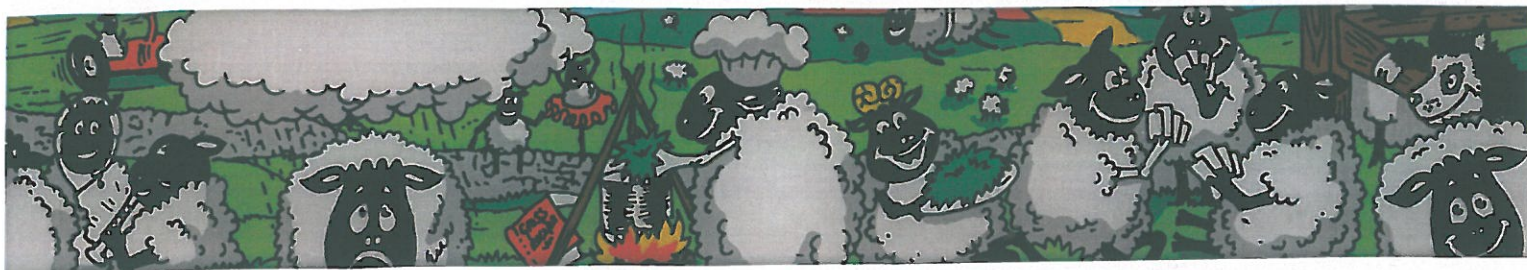
Chairman: Pat Cubitt

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CLUB MATTERS Christmas 2021

This is just a brief postscript for 2021 – and some good news or Gospel. Following his popular talk in November Nick Padwick has confirmed that we shall be welcome to visit Wild Ken Hill ‘during the second half of May’. **Richard Brooks** has ascertained that this will be a proper farm walk perhaps with a meal at The Folkes Arms or some other hostelry thrown in. Meanwhile our President has been cultivating his impersonation of Nelson by appearing with his arm in a sling to add to his monocle. Historians will know that our Horatio lost the sight in an eye on Corsica (1794) and the use of an arm on Tenerife (1797). Cricketers, and Australian ones in particular, believe that he also lost a leg giving rise to the unlucky 111 score from having one eye, one arm and leg. However when killed at Trafalgar Nelson was in possession of both sinister and dexter members. Speculation has persisted as to what the third body part he lost (or the use thereof) might have been but we hope that Richard will otherwise remain intact.



It was great to have several of the younger generation to hear Poul Hovesen at our December meeting. They were shown how a progressive large scale farmer has, over an extraordinarily successful career, continued to achieve efficiencies and increased productivity while adopting more sustainable techniques and responsive organisation. Poul isn't into regenerative farming to the same extent as Nick and certainly not into organic farming like our charmingly obdurate but resilient **Coen van Beuningen**. His Ash Farm Organics plough a lonely furrow in the Upper Wensum Valley and Coen, having just turned 77, still continues to bring Dutch 'total hockey' to Norfolk pitches. Another venerable attendant at our last meeting was **Colin Ross** whom we should have congratulated on reaching four score years this autumn and it was good to see him back with us. For any of you who might be struggling in these difficult times may I remind you that there is lots of help available. David Faulkner, the former NFU man for north-east Norfolk has provided me with a supply of YANA information and their helpline is 0300 323 0400. Alternatively there are our old friends RABI on 0800 188 4444, the Farming Community Network (Farming Help) on 03000 111 999 as well as The Addington Fund on 01926 620135. For my part, and paraphrasing the advent hymn, I'm off to Rejoice in the Hills of the North leaving you in your Eastern Lands to Awake from your Far Hills, cold and gray, and Rise to Liberty.

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Tuesday, 11th January



Jane Kenny M.R.I.C.S., F.A.A.V.

Having moved recently from Savills to ADAS Jane is one of our own as well as one of the region's leading land agents. She has also reared prize winning pigs.

Tuesday, 8th February

Christine Tacon C.B.E.

Bringing home the Tacon. It is twelve years since Christine, a Norfolk girl, last spoke to us when she ran the Co-op Farming Business. She was then the first Groceries Code Adjudicator and is now Chair of Red Tractor and the BBC Rural Advisory Committee as well as a Director of the AF Group.



Tuesday, 8th March

Rob Mutimer

Son of Tom & Janet Rob is very much in the news as Chairman of the National Pig Association. His family run their successful Farm to Fork operation at Swannington and Rob is also a member of the AHDB Pork Branch.

