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The Glorious First of June 2022

It was a good few years ago when I last used this famous English naval victory in 1794 to indulge in a bit of jingoism. It may be a bit off to bash our continental neighbours when there is war in Europe but a bit of flag waving might be forgiven at this lovely Jubilee time. If you recall Admiral Howe duffed up the French Revolutionary Navy in the Bay of Biscay although, as with most sea battles, the outcome wasn't wholly conclusive. This also applied to The Battle of Sole Bay which we are entitled to celebrate 350 years after we duffed up the Dutch (sorry **Coen**) off the Suffolk coast near Southwold. In truth the Dutch generally gave as good as they got in those three naval wars although they didn't help themselves in this instance by getting drunk after they had captured the English flagship so that our lot were then able to seize it back. Samuel Pepys was the MP for nearby Harwich and, as Secretary for the Admiralty, he had played a large part in modernising the Royal Navy. As we gather from his diaries his foible was women rather than drink, or even the drink.

Meanwhile it's all coming together around Heydon. Irmingland Hall is still up for sale – maybe with less than 6 acres it lacks sufficient grounds. By merely spending some £10 million in total you could restore it to its former glory by amalgamating it with the late Jim Agnew's Church Farm where 681 acres have just come onto the market. Further, if you've still got funds to spare, you might also see if the poultry applicants at Limekiln Farm are prepared to sell their 100 acres. There the planners are being threatened with free range pigs or poultry in mobile sheds if they reject the current proposals for a manager's dwelling and 32,000 'free range' birds.

I confirm that we now intend to slightly shorten our *trip to Shropshire's on Thursday, 23rd June* so that anyone wishing to attend the Banham bash can get back to north Norfolk in time. Thanks to **Stuart Ross** for allowing us to use Oak Farm, Thornage Road, Holt, NR25 6SY for the coach's first pick up point at 8.30 and to **Alastair Wagg** for doing the same at the Tattersett slip road off the A148, PE31 8RT, at 9 o'clock. Several of you have already informed me of your choice and I trust the remaining seats can soon be filled.

Martin Jensen has returned safely from the Ukraine and provides us with a poignant description of what is happening there. It's good to hear that the donations are being put to good use and we hope that Putin soon sees sense so that the blighted land has a chance of recovering.



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