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Anthony Hayward was a friend of mine, another land agent, who died last month. He was a Fellow of the RICS and Agricultural Valuers whose career spanned the merger of the traditional firms of Case & Gamble in Dereham with Andrews and Dewing in Wells. They became Case & Dewing run by David Case, Mike Gamble and John Dewing who were prominent Norfolk agents while Anthony had connections with Hubert Spalding, not least through his widow Dawn who was Hubert's secretary. I attach his autobiographical notes and since his retirement 15 years ago he was Parish Clerk for Gunthorpe and Bale. Here at Well House close to Bullfer (Norfolk name for a puffball) Grove he kept a horse which was also retired from long distance riding which was one of Anthony's hobbies. Another was keeping an archive of property details and other records which I have sometimes referenced in my ramblings. One of these was the marked set of Andrews & Dewing auction particulars for the sale of Rookery Farm, Bodham to Arthur R. Wilson that I have quoted previously. **John McNeil Wilson** is still keeping an eye on the daffodils on his and his son **Robert's** operation from Chestnut Farm at West Beckham while Robert now operates from Manor Farm at East Winch where he won the 2022 Norfolk FWAG Ian MacNicol Memorial Farm Conservation Competition. He is seen here receiving his award from the Bishop of Norwich as well as among his host.



Having lost Richard Waddingham it is good to know that our members are still conserving our countryside in the face of all the pressure from energy schemes, tourism, water demands and the like. Lastly – a final shout out for tomorrow's Burn Valley Vineyard trip – please contact Laurie a.s.a.p.



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