

HOLT & DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB

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Again I am indebted to the **Pollitt** Bureau for **Michael's** attached report. He himself contributed helpful insights into the issue of mental health, not least in recounting how his stepfather took his own life after giving little indication of his intent. Then **Jimmy Fowell**, in his well worded and fulsome vote of thanks for Henry Kilvert, told us about Sid Gower. He was the farmer who in October stepped in front of a train – the same method used by Michael's stepfather - on the London line near Diss. He once worked for Jimmy who remembers him as a solid and hardworking chap whom he little expected to be capable of such a thing. To complete a deadly hat trick Stephen Pilch, a farmer from Gissing, did exactly the same thing on the same stretch of line less than a fortnight later. However the help is there if we only ask and YANA are extending their service on their Helpline 0300 323 0400.

Martin Jensen and **Peter Perry-Warnes** have been wrestling with the itinerary for *the Sweden trip* and have managed to bring the dates forward by 24 hours to **Tuesday, 28th to Friday, 31st May**. These were the original dates but they were changed on account of flight availability which has now changed again so that people who have events to attend on Saturday, The Glorious First of June, will now be back in time. This has already helped one or two and please will any others please register with me as soon as possible ?

The Anniversary Dinner on Thursday, 11th April is also taking shape. In essence it will follow the Livery Banquet form with which **Richard Brooks** and **William Youngs** are familiar through their membership of The Worshipful Company of Farmers. Gresham's can cater for 120 and the individual tickets will be £75 to include a £5 raffle ticket in aid of YANA. There will be wine and soft drinks with the Club paying for these. There will be a seating plan once we have a better idea of who is coming with the intention of people being able to sit next or close to those of their choice. Again please register with me as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Unfortunately Barclays have been slow with changing our signatories so that our donation of two beehives to Thornage Hall has yet to go through. Nevertheless the ubiquitous **Michael Pollitt** has suggested a springtime walk round the regenerative farming practised by the Camphill Community at Thornage Hall. He says this will be an actual Farm Walk although motors may be required if we choose to ford the stream *en route* for the nearest pub at Hunworth through the fine railway arches next to the Glaven for refreshment. Somewhere near here is Bell Acre where an unknown donor got lost in a snowstorm and found his way to safety through the chiming of the bells at Thornage Church. A yearly sum was bequeathed although it might be noted that the distance between the two villages is little more than one mile.

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