

HOLT & DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB

FOUNDED 1948

President: Richard Brooks

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Vice-Chairman: Andrew Ross

75th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Thursday, 11th April 2024 at Gresham's School

from our Chairman Martin Jensen

I am writing to update you on this event since, while the number of bookings is looking promising, we are keen to make the most of this landmark occasion when we are delighted to have Thomas Townshend, the 7th Viscount Raynham, as our guest of honour. Tom is the CEO of Raynham Farm Co. Ltd. with the Estate having been chosen as Champion Farm in last year's Aylsham Show Farm Business Competition. He has also done much in the way of diversification and perpetuates his family's legacy of farming in this county that dates back to 1543. It was Charles "Turnip" Townshend, the 2nd Viscount in the Eighteenth Century, who promoted the Norfolk Four Course Rotation that was a key feature of the Agricultural Revolution. In response our former Chairman Peter Perry-Warnes will speak on behalf of the Club with reflections on our history. For this special evening our President Richard Brooks and longtime committee member William Youngs, both epicureans and Liverymen of the Worshipful Company of Farmers, are organising a first class dinner. There will be a reception with wine and soft drinks in the Big School at Gresham's while on the menu will be the finest English fillet of beef. Vegetarian options are available and please let us know of this or any other special dietary requirements. The Club will be sponsoring the fine wines for the meal and a £5 raffle entry is included in the £75 ticket price in support of the YANA mental health charity for rural communities. There will be some good prizes and all Club members, partners, family and friends are welcome. I particularly hope all past office holders and committee members along with other stalwarts and supporters of the Club can attend. This will be a notable occasion when we can look back on the Club's history with pride whilst strengthening the bonds and opportunities for the 75 years to come.

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Payments of £75 per ticket should be made to 'Holt Farmers', Sort Code 20-03-26 Account Number 10554197 or by cheque to our Honorary Treasurer **Laurie Hill** at Summerhill House, 1 Sculthorpe Road, Fakenham, NR21 9HA laurie.hill@larking-gowen.co.uk 07811 034215

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STOP PRESS - Dinner Details:-

William Youngs has, following a meeting with Robin Gainher who is now Commercial Operations Manager at Gresham's, provided these provisional timings and arrangements for the Anniversary Dinner :-

18:30 for 19:00 Champagne reception in the Dyson building (2 glasses of champagne or white wine and a soft drink option)

19:15 move to dining room

19:30 starter is served - 1 glass of white wine

20:05 main course is served - 2 glasses of red wine

20:55 Dessert and cheese served - 1 glass dessert wine or port

21:25 Speeches to start

22:45 Guests Depart

He confirms that the starter will be spring orientated and that the main course is Chargrilled Fillet of Beef with Marinated Beetroot and Vegetable Terrine as the vegetarian option. This will be followed by Black Forest Chocolate Delice and a Selection of Cheeses.

The Top Table will seat 12 with 36 on each of the three other tables. It is possible that a paid bar will be available after the speeches.



"TURNIP" TOWNSHEND, CHARLES, 2nd VISCOUNT RAYNHAM, STATESMAN & FARMER 1674-1738