Holt Farmers 75th raffle

Michael Pollitt writes

A hand-made corn dolly was the star prize at the 75th anniversary dinner.

Made by Richard Brooks, president of Holt & District Farmers' Club, who had learned the skill in the harvest field, it was won by George Youngs.

The top table guests included Thomas Townshend, Viscount Raynham, Baroness Hazel Byford and Jon Pye, chairman of Stalham Farmers' Club and his wife, Rachael. The founder and now patron of the mental health awareness charity, YANA (You Are Not Alone). Mrs Melinda Raker, and her husband, John, was also among the guests.

Martin Jensen, chairman, was the Master of Ceremonies and William Youngs organised the seating plan for the 110 members and their guests with the invaluable assistance of the club's long-serving secretary, Tim Nicholson, and treasurer Laurie Hill.

The prizes were donated by the club and sponsors including Larking Gowen, Brown & Co and Chemspec.

Bottle of Champagne, Melinda Raker.

Decorative two-handled Cider Cup, Aidan Owen.

Oil painting by Richard Jex Waters, "Predicting the Weather, Burgh," Hazel Hammond.

Celebration box, Burn Valley Winery, three bottles and gift voucher, Tony Williams.

Gift voucher, Bea van Poortvliet.

Corn dolly, by Richard Brooks, George Youngs.





