

Anniversary year of success

A record number of events was staged during the year – attracting strong support from members.

And most members have altered their annual standing orders to pay the new rate of £20pa from January 1. If you've not amended your standing order from the old rate of £10pa, which changed on July 1, 2015, please do so.

The changed date for subscriptions, to January 1, increased income to £3,225 from £1,735 last year.

In financial terms, the club made a surplus last year of £1,329.32 – against £582.84 in the year to December 2015. For the record, this almost eradicated the deficit of £2,226.86 in 2014.

Donations – as has been widely reported, the club was able to distribute a total of £8,000 to four local charities and good causes in December from the highly-successful summer 175th anniversary party at How Hill. In addition, a total of £875 was presented during the year with £500 to farming's charity, the RABI, and £300 to the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association for the Spring Fling and finally £175 to Army charities following the successful visit to the Stanford training area.

The club greatly appreciates support of the East Norfolk branch of the NFU and in particular the secretaries, Christopher Deane, David Faulkner and James Taylor for insuring the club's trophies and other general help with club activities.

There is a stock of about 112 club ties, which cost £1965 in 2014 and a number were given to speakers and to hosts of our events.

In terms of detail, a deficit of £404 was recorded on hosting suppers. Although the dinner made a modest surplus, the club entertained members of Acle and North Walsham Young Farmers' Clubs at the January meeting. Further, the 175th anniversary dinner in December, which was attended by 40 members, was also subsidised. In terms of reserves, there is a total of £2,775 in deposit which earned £2.98 (£1.36) in interest.

And the club has healthy current account balance, largely represented by the January 1 influx of subscriptions.

It would greatly help the secretary and treasurer and also membership secretary, Jason Cantrill, if members could check/ amend and standing order to £20pa.

The website has logged a total of 61,516 visitors since the launch in January 2014. In the past 12 years, it has seen an increase of 26,513 from last year's total of 35,003. Thanks to webmaster Tim Papworth for his updating of the site.

It is possible too that the series of features marking the 175th anniversary have helped to generate further traffic. A number of club reports from the early years – including the 1870s, 1880s and from 1914 have also been transcribed. These can be seen in the "early years" section. The photo gallery taken at the 175th summer party - including 174 photographs - has also been very popular.

All members are welcome to attend the annual meeting on Wednesday, February 8 starting at 7.30pm.

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