Auction Results:

GENEROUS BIDDERS

A tremendous total of more than £5400 was raised at the charity auction.

Auctioneer Simon Evans, who is also president of Aylsham Agricultural Show Association in its 70^{th} year, was invited by the club's chairman, Jonathan Deane, to mount the rostrum – actually a wooden beer crate with some green carpet.

He wielded his gavel with great success and the club appreciates his support for the highly successful evening at How Hill Farm, by invitation of Peter Boardman.

The key lots sold included

1 Helicopter flight £550 to Danny Gotts

- 2 Lunch on the Broads £250 to David Faulkner
- 3 Henry Alston's shoot £1200 to Freddie Vaudery
- 4 Meal/ room Norfolk Mead £300 Caroline Crane

5 Tea at the Commons made £600, arranged by North Norfolk MP Norman Lamb to haulier James Gray. Then even more remarkably, another opportunity to visit the House of Commons as a guest of Mr Lamb made £600 from Richard Harrison, who is the former president of Holt & District Farmers' Club. And then finally Mr Lamb was able to boost the club's charity coffers by a further £600 by inviting Alison Ritchie, Fran Baugh, Carole Catchpole and Zan Faulkner to join him at the Commons. In all, this one lot made a total of £1,800 – thank you, Mr Lamb.

The president's daughter, Sammy, bought the shooting instruction or training for £250 for her husband, David, and Kevin Starkings paid £300 for 1,000 cartridges. The under-bidder was John Lockhart, who thought that he had actually bought the lot.

And the hard-working committee member, Robert Norman, who helped to raise so many 175th anniversary donations, paid £150 for a socket set.

Peter Perry-Warnes, chairman of Holt & District Farmers' Club, and a group of his club members, also supported the evening. Peter bid £250 for the special pair of wellies.

The dog grooming, offered by Easton & Otley College, made £80 to the Clabon family and finally, David Faulkner, of the East Norfolk NFU branch, secured the final lot of a Microlite flight for £300.