



# The Midland Counties Agricultural Valuers' Association

(Affiliated to the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers)



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2022

## Presidents Welcome.....

Welcome to the MCAVA 2022 Spring Newsletter which I hope you will read and enjoy. It is an immense privilege to write to you, having been elected as your President at the AGM, and it is my hope that we will all enjoy a year where lockdowns can be a long-distant memory and normal business can be resumed. We wanted to mark our first meeting of the year as a special occasion, to properly and personally celebrate the achievements of our members, and hope that you will be able to join us at Kelmarsh Hall on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May to meet with colleagues across the Association, enjoy the tea, and make a memorable occasion.

My formal Presidents Welcome letter can be read [here](#).

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and thanks again to Niff Whitton for her time and enthusiasm in putting this together.

TIM FOX



## NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....

\*\* You will have recently received an email from Sophie asking for subs to be paid—please attend to as swiftly as you can to help the association out. Any problems please contact [nick.bowman@berrys.uk.com](mailto:nick.bowman@berrys.uk.com).

\*\* Your Publicity Officer, Niff Whitton, is diversifying away from direct land agency to work for the NFU as Agency Partner and Group Secretary at the Kettering Branch. She very much intends to remain part of MCAVA and continue with her role and the production of the Newsletters.

\*\* We are considering a “Relocations, Marriages, Births and Deaths” type section if members think it would be of interest. Thoughts and contributions welcome by email to [mcava1910@gmail.com](mailto:mcava1910@gmail.com)

2022	DIARY OF EVENTS	2022
DATE	EVENT	VENUE
18 May @ 2pm	Council Meeting	Kelmarsh
18 May @ 3.30pm	Social, Presentations & CPD	Kelmarsh
19 May	Central Council Meeting	Birmingham
23-24 June	National Conference	Liverpool
29 June	MCAVA Tutorial	TBC
31 August	Deadline for registering for Exams	-
September	National Tutorial	TBC
Autumn	Young Valuers Conference	TBC
21 September	Council Meeting	TBC
22 September	Central Council Meeting	Birmingham
9-10 November	CAAV Exams	TBC
November	MCAVA Conference	TBC

# AGM ROUND-UP

Another well oiled online AGM happened on 3rd February 2022 where we saw Caroline end her two year Presidential stint and hand over the reins to Tim Fox.

The AGM was well attended and whilst we would have loved to have been in person we have got plans for May to be able to have a get together and give out some awards in person!

We had a wonderful talk from Marc Brown, Gun Room & Marketing Manager at Bettws Hall in Mid Wales along with a virtual tour of their amazing set-up.

We also had the opportunity to celebrate our new Fellows and congratulate Emma Greig, not once, but twice for her amazing achievement in the 2021 exams. All our new fellows are introduced below.

We also had some fun and catch up times in the Break-out rooms where we had the opportunity to put forward some captions for some great snaps from the Warwick Celebrations and we thought we would share the best with you here....



**“The Good, the bad and the ugly – you decide.”**

**“I'm in charge, you are all going to do as you're told!”**



**“The realisation that you're not The Young Guns anymore”**

**Past presidents fancy dress party**



*Thanks again to everyone involved in organising the AGM and hopefully that will be the last fully online event for a while!*

**Meet our new Fellows.....**

As has become customary in this Spring issue we welcome our newest Fellows and extend our congratulations to the prize winners.



**Name:** *Emma Greig*

**Company:** Jarroms, Lutterworth

Winner of the Willoughby Garton Cup presented to the MCAVA candidate who passes both parts of the examination in the same year to become a fellow and gains the highest mark in the written exam and Winner of the MCAVA Gavel presented to the MCAVA candidate who passes both parts of the examination in the same year to become a fellow and gains the highest mark in the practical exam.



**Name:** *Abigail Hicklin*

**Company:** Fisher German, Ashby



**Name:** *Grace Millbank*

**Company:** Bletsoes, Thrapston



**Name:** *Harry Chichester*

**Company:** Godfrey-Payton, Warwick



**Name:** *Maisy Moseley*

**Company:** Fisher German, Ashby



**Name:** *Rhian Evans*

**Company:** Godfrey-Payton, Coventry



**Name:** *Robyn Dearden*

**Company:** Fisher German, Ashby



**Name:** *Tom Beeley*

**Company:** Fisher German, Market Harborough



**Name:** *Emily Barnacle*

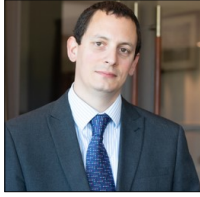
**Company:** Brown & Co, Melton Mowbray

## CHANGES TO COUNCIL

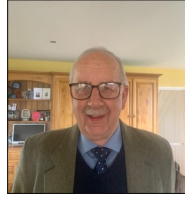
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Emily Barnacle



Helen Frampton



Declan Oddy



Grace Millbank



### ***A word from our double prize winner Emma Greig***

Congratulations to all those that sat the exam in November last year. Be proud that you did it. Well done to the new fellows and to those that have now got one section under the belt. Thank you also to the others in my revision group. To win both the practical and written awards was completely unexpected, to scrape a pass was my aim.



It is a daunting prospect sitting the exam at any time, even more so when it was 20 years after sitting my APC. By doing the tutorials, various webinars I have been brought up to date with what is happening in the world of being a rural professional. This knowledge has given me the confidence to be better with my clients and guide them through the changes to come.

For anyone thinking of doing the exam I would say go for it. Having the time was something that put me off doing the exam in the past but with a son at Young Farmers or Rugby training there were many hours available to sit in the car revising – make the most of your changes. The CAAV is for the rural professional community and creates its own community too. On my journey I have reconnected with people from the past and made new friends and contacts for the future.

We have introduced a new section into our Newsletter as put forward by Helen Gibbs as a space where our members can give their insight into ...anything they like! If you have a particular passion or would like to share the story of your firm or think that someone's surveying career should be highlighted then this is your space to share!

Please send any ideas or stories to [mcava1910@gmail.com](mailto:mcava1910@gmail.com)

# INSIGHT INTO...

Laws & Fiennes

Helen Gibbs begins by telling us about Laws & Fiennes (L&F). Laws & Fiennes was started in 1946 by Nathaniel Thomas Allen Fiennes, 21st Baron Saye and Sele (Lord Saye) of Broughton Castle Estate or to those who know him, Nat Fiennes, and Mr George Laws. Mr Laws was the Bursar to Lincoln College, Oxford and L&F are still the College Land Agent. Nat Fiennes, who is 101, is still a visitor to the office which is on the Broughton Castle Estate, he is an amazing man. Although not a member of the CAAV, he has had a very interesting life and is a very kind man.

In the Second World War Nat served in the Rifle Brigade (Prince Consort's Own). He received an emergency commission in the Rifle Brigade on 19 April 1941, and was promoted war-substantive lieutenant on 1 October 1942 and temporary captain on 3 September 1943. In March 1945, he was mentioned in dispatches for service in North-West Europe. In April 1945 Nat and two others, were the first troops to reach Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. In 2020 he recalled for the Daily Telegraph, "We turned down a small track, and it opened into a sight you would never want to see again ... People being chopped up, people on the ground, pits with three or four hundred dead bodies in each ... It was like something from a nightmare, and the smell was overpowering." I highly recommend watching this interview with him [From D-Day to Bergen-Belsen: Lord Saye & Sele tells his unique wartime story. - YouTube](#)

Following Mr Laws and later Mr Fiennes retirements there have been 4 subsequent partners who have continued the business. The office first opened in Barford before moving to Broughton where it has remained. There are 5 full time surveyors now practicing from the office.

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