



# MCAVA Newsletter

Summer 2023

## Presidents Welcome.....

Welcome to the MCAVA 2023 Summer Newsletter to keep you up to date. It is an honour to write to you, having recently been elected as your president of MCAVA for the year ahead. We wanted to mark our first meeting of the year with an outdoor visit and social occasion and had a great afternoon at Marston Lodge, Marston Trussell, Near Market Harborough meeting with colleagues from across the Association, looking at diversification and forestry.

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

I hope you find this newsletter useful and thank you to Niff Whitton for her time and efforts in bringing this Newsletter together.



## Diary of Events for 2023/24

Date	Event	Location
Thursday 8th September 2023	Young Valuers Conference	Warwick University
Tuesday 19th September (PM) 2023	MCAVA Council Meeting	Kelmarsh Hall, Northamptonshire
Wednesday 20th September (PM) 2023	Central Council Meeting	Birmingham
Thursday 21st September 2023	National Tutorial	Leonardo Hotel, Cheltenham
Wednesday 4th October 2023	MCAVA Pre Exam Tutorial	TBC
Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th November 2023	CAAV Examinations	TBC

# AGM

MCAVA hosted their AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023, at Fawsley Hall, Daventry.

It was held in person, the first time since 2020! 71 members joined us for the day, and 62 for the evening three course dinner.

We were delighted to be joined by CAAV Junior Vice President, Martin Hall who gave an insightful and interesting after dinner talk—we all know some interesting facts about Madagascar now!

An entertaining auction by Paul Clayson and a raffle on the evening, raised a total of £1,515 for the Farming Community Network (Tim Fox's chosen charity).

Thank you to all who generously donated lots for the raffle and auction, and to those who supported and attended the event.

Please hold Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in your diary!



**Jeremy Mumford. Richard Mumford Golden certificate with Martin Hall**



**William Davies gavel winner and Martin Hall**

**William Young investiture by Tim Fox**



## GOLDEN OLDIES.....

Having both started their MCAVA journeys in 1973 we are delighted to have awarded

**John Hinson**

and

**Richard Mumford**

# Golden Membership

Thank you for your continued support and hope your certificates can take pride of place on your walls!

# Young Valuers Update

The Young Valuers visited Packington Estate at the beginning of April.

We had a fantastic afternoon with 23 MCAVA young valuers attending. Sam White, agent at Packington Estate, gave us a very informative and interesting tour of the estate by tractor and trailer. The visit included the history of Packington Hall and Estate with an overview of the day to day management plus an insight into the estate strategy given the close proximity to Birmingham and Coventry with HS2 also running through the Estate. We visited the Estate's private Church, a recently renovated shoot lodge, the walled gardens and also one of their in hand farms which the estate are now farming regeneratively without the use of any chemicals or fertilisers.



The visit was followed by a tasty supper at The Bulls Head, Meriden.



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## *Last First Of The Summer Wine....*

Fourteen of the Young Valuers cohort were lucky enough to have an afternoon out of the office wine tasting—and get to classify this as “work”! Our visit was to the Rutland Vineyard, Ketton near Stamford on 28<sup>th</sup> June.

The vines here have only been planted for 2 years, so are not yet ready to harvest, but Tim was able to give lots of insights into the challenges around the planting and establishment of the vines. Tim continues to farm his arable holding alongside the vines, and it was interesting to learn how important his knowledge gained from agriculture has been when applied to viniculture: not least in that nothing goes to plan the first time around!

After our tour of the vineyard, and some in depth chats on soil and the impact of the Jurassic Age, we returned to the Tasting Barn to sample English Wines from other local producers, as the Rutland Vineyard is yet to have had a grape harvest. Zoe's insights into the variety of flavours the wine delivered were very useful for someone as unknowledgeable on wine as I am, and I shall definitely be recycling these phrases to sound more impressive!

The afternoon was also of course a great opportunity for Young Valuers across the area to catch up and we look forward to the next events. Philippa and I have some ideas in the pipeline for events later in the year, so do watch out for emails from Sophie to update you on this. Don't forget Young Valuers is for everyone up to the age of 40, and as ever we very much welcome your suggestions of what you want to do!

***Grace Millbank***



# Changing of the Guard.....

It's that time of year when we welcome our new Fellows and Council Members and thank the retiring Council Members for their efforts.

## Welcome to our new Fellows.....



Amelia Glanville  
Savills, Peterborough

Frances Houseman  
Fisher German, Market  
Harborough



Caryss Pickavance  
Carter Jonas, Birmingham

William Davies  
Fisher German, Bedford  
*Winner of the Willoughby Garton Cup and gavel*



Flo Gilman  
Fisher German, Ashby-  
de-la-Zouch

Esme Harrell  
Aldi





# Welcome to our new Council delegates.....

## Seniors

Philip Hoare,  
Savills



Anna Loweth,  
Strutt & Parker



Adam Farnsworth,  
Berrys



James Brown,  
Rural Insight



## Juniors

Lucy Whitaker,  
Fisher German



George Watchorn,  
Brown-Co



Amelia Glanville,  
Savills



Fran Houseman,  
Fisher German



### **Are you interested on being on Council?**

Elections take place at the AGM in February each year. Delegates stay in post for 3 years and can either move into another position or come off Council.

Council is a great way to meet people and make lifelong connections within the industry—it can be a tough world out there and having the MCAVA family and network is a great support to many.

If you're interested and want to find out more speak to any one of our Council delegates whose details can be found on the last page.

## Let's Get Talking and Walking - The Cotswold Way

Olivia Meredith and I walked 123 miles over 5 days all in aid of **The Farming Community Network**. When we set off on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, we were expecting to do 102 miles however we managed to find another 21 just in case the 102 wasn't enough! This wasn't due to poor map reading! The Cotswold Way has some routes where there are options to take a longer or shorter path, in which we always chose the longer one as well as navigating back to our accommodation for the night.

We completed the following route:

Day 1 - Bath Abbey - Old Sodbury

Day 2 - Old Sodbury - Dursley

Day 3 - Dursley - Birdlip

Day 4 - Birdlip - Winchcombe

Day 5 - Winchcombe - Chipping Campden



The aim of the walk was to raise awareness of mental health within the rural community, Oliva has set up a page on Instagram “@letsgettalking2022” to direct people to the mental health support available, as well as brightening up people's days with some positivity! The walk was therefore called “Lets Get Talking and Walking” to encourage others to get outside for a walk with a friend and start talking about their mental health.

A few statistics:

Number of blisters: 4

Number of steps: 238,718

Number of miles: 123

Number of laughs along the way: 1,000,000

The amount of support we have received has been overwhelming from everyone! There really are so many kind people out there in this world and completing this walk has really highlighted that to us! We have currently raised **£4,025.00** for such a worthwhile charity which helps so many in the rural community and we couldn't have done it without all this support!

Let's keep trying to raise awareness! - Let's Get Talking

*Caryss Pickavance*



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