**Cambridge Society of Dorset**

**Farming; A local farmer’s view, past, present and future – a talk by James Cossins, Chairman of Dorset NFU, followed by lunch, at the Langton Arms on Thursday 8 March 2018.**

On Thursday 8 March 2018 you are invited to the Langton Arms, in Tarrant Monkton, Dorset, post code DT11 8RX. Coffee will be served from 10:30 am, followed by the talk at 11:00am.

**James Cossins** is currently into his second year of a two year term as Chairman of Dorset NFU. His family have been farming in the Tarrant Valley for five generations. He farms about 940 hectares, either as an owner occupier, tenant or contract farming arrangement. He has about 320 milking cows, 180 beef cattle and about 650 ha of crops.

His wife Barbara runs the local Pub, the Langton Arms, Tarrant Monkton, where their own Butchery supplies the meat, with the beef coming from their own farm.

James connection with ourselves is through our member, Alan Shrimpton, who was one of his teachers at Bryanston School. James will give a short talk about local farming, past, present and future, followed by a question and answer session. He is anticipating significant interest in the impact of Brexit on UK farming, and would be equally interested to hear views from the audience.

At around 12:30 a three course lunch will be served, starting with a complimentary soup. The menu choice will be: their signature Steak pie, made with beef from their own farm; Stuffed chicken breast; or a vegetarian option of Baked aubergine filled with ratatouille, topped with mozzarella cheese. A trio of sweets, and coffee/tea with mints, will follow. Drinks may be purchased from the bar. The Butchery at Rawston Farm (Tarrant Rawston DT11 8SF – approx. 2 miles from the pub) will be open in the afternoon till 3pm for visits and purchases.

The cost per head for members and guests will be £26 each. Payment can be made by bank transfer to The Cambridge Society of Dorset, or by cheque. Our bank account is with HSBC, sort code 40-17-22, account number 31130641. If you pay electronically, this must be done when you return the slip and please give your surname and ‘Farming’ as the reference on the bank transfer. Please return your booking slip (and cheque if appropriate) by e-mail or post to: Mr David Frith, 27 King Richard Drive, Bournemouth, BH11 9PH Tel: 01202 580769 Mob: 07885 777426 david.frith1@ntlworld.com by **Sunday 4th March 2018**. Please enclose a SAE if you wish your booking to be acknowledged and note that there may be a delay before your cheque is paid in.

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**Farming talk and lunch at the Langton Arms, Thursday 08 March 2018**

I/We wish to attend at a cost of £26 per person.

I enclose my cheque….OR I have paid online… (ref: surname and ‘Farming’) Please tick.

Member(s).................................................................    Phone no..................................

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Guest(s)........................................................................................................................................................

Lunch choice (please insert numbers required):

Steak Pie……….Stuffed Chicken breast………. Baked aubergine ……..

Have you any special dietary requirements e.g. gluten free?