



## **BARHAM & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**Minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**Held at the Barham Village Hall on 19th January 2012**

- 1. Apologies for Absence: Tim Bines, Chairman**
- 2. President's Address**

The President, Brigadier Maurice Atherton welcomed members to the AGM 2011. He conveyed the Chairman's best wishes and gave special thanks to the Committee for the efforts made last year.

He asked members to stand and remember Keith Bailey who died in 2011. He then asked members for comments to last year's AGM minutes.

There were none and the minutes were approved by Bill Oakey and Tishy Fleming nem.com.

The membership stands at 220 and is healthy.

He encouraged members to take part in the forthcoming shows and remarked that especially the children's section would need more entries.

The excellent outings were very successful and well attended.

The Neame Cup team was runner-up in last year's competition and the President showed the cup won by the team. This year's third round will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 8.00 p.m. at the Kingston Barn.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Show will take place on 31<sup>st</sup> March this year together with the Plant Sale and the Committee hopes to see large entries.

The report was approved nem.com by Tishy Fleming and Gill Terry

- 3. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that Finances are healthy.

She explained that the section 'Secretarial Expenses and Sundries' included costs for a farewell present for Chris Barber and no secretarial expenses.

Outings made a profit .Plant Sale profits were down compared with the previous year and the view was expressed that plants had been sold too cheap.

She expressed special thanks to Richard Calderwood for preparing the Accounts.

The Financial Report was approved nem.com by Wendi Atherton and Andrew Clough.

**4. Election of Committee and Officers**

Liz Oakey resigned from the Committee and the President gave thanks and wished her well. He presented her with a farewell present on behalf of the Society.

All committee members had agreed to stay on and were elected en bloc including one new committee member: Liz Dallison.

Approved nem.com by Wendi Atherton and Liz Oakey

**5. Secretary's Report on Programme 2012**

The Secretary outlined the few changes that had to be made to the provisional programme published previously. These have now been incorporated into the membership card 2012.

a) Afternoon outing had to be moved to 16<sup>th</sup> June – visit limited to 20

b) The November event had to be moved to 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. as village halls were not available for the 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. due to elections taking place on that day.

She explained various details of the other events; these will all be included in the forthcoming Newsletter. She encouraged members to support the Neame Cup Team on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. at the Kingston Barn and pointed out that an additional evening had been included to give members another opportunity to learn how to show Daffodils. She explained also that the Spring Show Schedule had been prepared with special care with a view to attract a large amount of entries.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm and members were invited to a glass of wine and refreshments prepared by Committee members, followed by entertainment by Geoff Dole and Mick Lynn about 'The Green Man in the Garden'.

Suggestions put into the 'suggestion box' made by members are as follows:

Outings to Batemans, Anglesey Abbey, Godinton House and Garden and gardens opened privately, Polesden Lacy (house and garden), Hyde Hall and Beth Chatto, Borde Hill Garden, King John's Garden and Nursery, Titsey Garden, Titsey, Great Dixter

Subjects for Speakers: Viniculture and Oenology, Showing Vegetables and Flowers,

Plants and Trees for various soil situations, Water Features for Small Gardens/Stream Constructions

Plant Associations, Garden Design, Growing a Wild Garden

Possible Speakers: Tom Hart-Dyke, Tim Burgess

The suggestion was made to have a Wine and Wisdom evening on horticultural subjects

Some of the outings should take place during the week and not at weekends.

....and finally: walking in ever decreasing circles!!!!.....

The evening finished at 9.00 p.m.