



CARDINHAM GARDENING CLUB
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held at 7.30pm on Monday the 8th February 2010
in Cardinham Parish Hall

Apologies

Henry Kendall, Jane Dickinson, Susan Edward-Collins, Linda Brice, Mike Pidcock, John Bate, Margaret & Brian Toft.

45 members attended the meeting.

The minutes of the AGM held on Monday 16th February 2009 were read. Acceptance proposed by Mike Millward, seconded by Maureen Crabbe.

Matters Arising

Covered later in the meeting.

Chairman's Report

Libby noted that the inaugural meeting of the Gardening Club was 21 years ago on 26th January 1989, and we have a cake to celebrate with tea this evening!

The inaugural meeting was attended by 25 people, and included a talk by Richard Sutton on landscaping. The next meeting in March 1989 was attended by 48 people. Subscriptions were £2 and a variety of speakers and visits were arranged, including visits to Maidenwell, Lanhydrock and Pobus. At meetings a plant stall helped to raise funds for the club.

By 1990 the club had 60 members, and has averaged 60 to 70 over the years, which is good for a rural district with a hard gardening environment!

Today we have about 60 members, and have had a better year weather-wise, so we have had better support for visits, which have included Blisland Gardens, Pengelly Garden Centre and Lanhydrock. The highlight of the year was the trip to Wisley, Great Dixter and Sissinghurst. We have also had a good variety of talks during the year.

This year's trip is planned for the 3rd weekend in June and will be to Bodnant in North Wales, plus Powis Castle and Sudeley Castle. Visits are also planned for Poppy Cottage at Ruan High Lanes and Northwood Garden in St. Neot. We have talks planned from Nick Bacon of Trelawney Garden Centre and Trevor Wilshire, ex of Wisley.

The Annual Flower and Vegetable Show is the first Saturday in September, and Libby asked all club members to support the Show.

Libby thanked all the committee, who don't meet often, but it can be at short notice. She especially thanked Sue and Loveday for all their hard work as secretary and treasurer, and Margaret for planting and looking after the Hall tubs.

She also thanked all members for their support and asked them to let the committee know if there were particular places or talks they would like, so we can arrange them.

Pauline Bonker proposed thanks to Libby for all her work as Chairman.

Treasurer's report

Loveday presented the Statement of Accounts which was available for members to peruse. She noted that there were two hall payments, so we have no caught up and are up to date with these payments. We have £301.17 in the bank and in cash.

The donation to Perennial was from the monies raised at the Flower and Vegetable Show. Sundries include the cost of the pasty evening.

Subscriptions are to stay at £5 single and £9 couple: proposed by Gwynn Seume, seconded by Gill Long, unanimous support.

The club is a member of the RHS, so we get a copy of "Gardens to Visit". Extra copies cost £7.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Midge Frost, seconded by Joan Ruark, unanimous support and thanks to Loveday

Media Report

Mick reported that he provides regular reports about the Gardening Club and its activities to the Cornish Guardian, although sometimes these did not appear in "Down Your Way" due to lack of space. Country Gardener magazine has ceased trading. Mick also reports in the Cardinham & Millpool Community Magazine, and has events advertised on Radio Cornwall in "Garden Line" on Sunday mornings. All his work keeps the profile of the club high in the local communities.

Committee Elections

There had been no nominations for the committee, and the current committee was willing to continue en bloc. The list of committee members was read out: Libby Pidcock, Loveday Sutton, Richard Brice, Sue Crier, Midge Frost, Margaret Bate, Gill Bate, Mick Martin, Peter Scholes, David Flynn. Proposed by Simon Smart, seconded by Gwynn Seume, unanimous support.

Committee positions:

Chair - Libby, proposed Sue Crier, seconded Peter Scholes
Treasurer - Loveday, proposed Gill Long, seconded Mike Millward
Secretary - Sue, proposed David Flynn, seconded Geoff Bull
Vice Chair - Richard, proposed Loveday Sutton, seconded Midge Frost
Media - Mick, proposed Libby Pidcock, seconded Loveday Sutton.

AOB

Sue requested volunteers for the tea and raffle Rota for future meetings, and asked members to check that their address and telephone and e-mail details were correct when they paid their subs.

Information for the Bodnant trip would be available at the next meeting, ask Loveday if needed before.

The Christmas Evening in December would be a quiz and buffet, and less formal than in previous years.

Meeting closed at 8 p.m.

Minutes Agreed: Signed Date