



CARDINHAM GARDENING CLUB  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
held at 7.30pm on Monday the 16th February 2009  
in Cardinham Parish Hall

Apologies

Ron Hooper, Su & Ray Chun, Peter & Margaret Seymour, Betty Pethwick, Edna Vallis, Linda Brice, Mike Pidcock, John Bate, Pauline Bonker.

32 members attended the meeting.

The minutes of the AGM held on Monday 14th of January 2008 were read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

Libby commented that the meeting had been moved several times due to the recent snow and rain. She hoped everyone had a happy Christmas and New Year and that we were all looking forward to new gardening challenges in 2009. She commented on the wet summer, but a wonderful autumn with spectacular colour.

Unfortunately some of our meetings suffered because of the poor weather: Lamorran had to be cancelled, the visit to the Cornish Roses was not well supported and we had to postpone Martin Pallett's talk because of the severe weather.

On the positive side the talk and demonstration on wood turning by John Brookes was very informative and entertaining. Other highlights included: the visits to Rosemoor, to Mark Norman's organic allotment followed by the cider supper at Bodmin Plant & Herb Centre, and the tips and snips evening was also popular. We ended the year with a very merry meal in the Hall with Tracey Wilson, from Pengelly Nursery, entertaining us with her talk of preparing for Chelsea.

We will be visiting Pengelly Nursery in May and other visits will include a couple of lovely gardens in Blisland, our social evening will be at Lanhydrock, and a two day trip to the gardens of Great Dixter, Sissinghurst and Wisley. We will have talks on bees from Henry Kendall and plant collectors from Christian Lamb.

Libby thanked members for their support and also the committee for all their hard work to make the events run so smoothly. Thanks particularly to Loveday and Sue who do much beyond the call of duty and to Margaret who has planted up the tubs outside the hall on our behalf. She

reminded members that this is your club, so to let the committee know if there is anything they could be doing differently or of any visits or speakers that you would like included in the programme in future. She also noted that details of our programme and news about the club are available from our website.

She concluded by wishing everyone a successful and happy gardening year.

### Treasurer's report

Loveday reported that we had 67 members in 2008.

We have over £400 in hand. The January speaker had not presented the cheque, and both the speaker and the Hall were more expensive for the Dinner. The cheque for the meetings in the Hall during 2008 had not yet been presented. However, the bank had a healthy balance and the Committee has decided to leave subscriptions at £5 for a single, £9 for a couple.

A Statement of Accounts was available for members to peruse.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by David Flynn and seconded by Mick Martin.

### Media Report

Mick reported that he provides regular reports about the Gardening Club and its activities to the Cornish Guardian, Country Gardener and also the local parish magazine. The Cornish Guardian sometimes drop the reports due to lack of space, but his work keeps up the profile of the club. He also commented that few clubs have a website.

### AOB

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

Meeting closed at 8 p.m.

Minutes Agreed

Signed .....

Date .....