

Edgworth and District Horticultural Society
Annual General Meeting - 16th November 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

	Members Present –78 members attended.
1	Apologies: Derek Bailey, Audrey Hudson, Sue Wilson, Michael Dobson
2	Minutes of the 2010 AGM were read, approved, and signed by the Chairman
3	Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.
4	Chairman's Report This is the first AGM led by Barry Scanlon as Chairman. His report is attached but here are a few highlighted notes.
	Membership has grown from 239 to 249 over the year with an average attendance of 81 per meeting.
	Pat Whalley was thanked for producing the programme for the past year. The highlight being the celebrity speaker, Christine Walkden in July. We sold all 120 tickets.
	Thanks were given to the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Phil Broughton for organising the day trip to Powis Castle in July ➤ David Spencer and Barry Scanlon for organising the day trip to Ripley Castle in September. ➤ Carol Murphy for organising the Annual Dinner.
	Annual Show – There was an increase of 20% in attendance resulting in a record 396 people. This is probably as a result of the new gazebo for the plant stall and the additional banners that were purchased, together with a wider distribution of leaflets. The Chairman thanked all volunteers concerned with the delivery of these leaflets.
	The 4-day holiday to Dorset was a roaring success again and thoroughly enjoyed by the 50 members who attended. Thanks were given to Phil Broughton and Jean Turner for their planning of this trip.
	The committee and volunteers have continued to maintain the Tebay Memorial Garden at St. Anne's Church.
	Daffodil and crocus bulbs have been planted around the newly sited waterwheel on Bury Road.
	Web site. Thanks were given to John King who has developed the website substantially over the past year

	<p>New Initiatives include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hanging Basket Competition for which we had several entries with the winner being announced at the Show. ➤ Catalogues from Suttons Seeds were offered to members with an escalating discount depending on the amount of total sales. This was so popular that the discount from Suttons exceeded the 33% we'd assumed and had offered to members. ➤ A seedling swap was held in May. This year May will be our evening visit but we will try to fit it into another event around this time. ➤ Volunteers will be sought in January to sow seeds to grow on into flowering plants for the plant stall at the Annual Show. ➤ The Refunds policy on ticket sales for trips etc. is now clearly shown on tickets.
	<p>Barlow Institute, The future. Meetings are almost certain to continue to be held here. We don't yet know if we will need to set out chairs ourselves etc. or if there will be a rent increase.</p>
	<p>Finally the Chairman thanked the committee, volunteers and members who had worked hard during the year to make such a success of every activity.</p>
5	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>The treasurer talked through a Powerpoint presentation of the summary of the Society's accounts previously distributed to members. (Summary is attached)</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The closing balance was £4,529.34, up from £4,450.43 last year. ➤ 2.8% interest on new account will be paid annually so does not show yet. ➤ The Show made a surplus of £205.20 - an increase on last year ➤ Membership had increased from 239 – 249.
	<p>Christine Walkden: The income from ticket sales was not enough to cover the evening's costs but this was a planned loss as the Society was in a position to subsidise the event for the benefit of members.</p>
	<p>A cheaper ink supply for the printer has been sourced so that printing costs are down.</p>
	<p>The treasurer thanked the auditor for his dedicated and thorough work on the Society's accounts.</p>
	<p>Show Plant Sales soared (almost doubled) and brought many extra members of the public into the Show. The gazebo proved a worthwhile investment at a cost of £107. The other contributing factor of the success of the Show was the purchase of extra banners at a cost of £187.</p>

	<p>2012 is forecast to make a slight surplus so no increase in fees or subscriptions There is an estimated £1,400 to spend whilst still leaving sufficient reserve in the bank. The Society's turnover is approximately £7,500.</p>												
	<p>Annual subscriptions will remain at £2.50 for the coming year. Monthly admittance charges will remain at £1. 00 members (£2. 00 non-members) for the time being.</p>												
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	<p>The following members of the 2011 committee were re-elected as follows John King, Carol Murphy, Barbara Kenny, David Spencer, Jean Turner, Pat Whalley, Keith Shatwell and Sue Brohi Anne and Alison Tarpey-Black accepted an invitation to join the committee and were elected to it.</p>												
	<p>Norman Woffenden and Sue Matthews have decided to leave the committee but are willing to be called on to help when needed. Thanks were given by Barry Scanlon for the work Norman and Sue have done for the Society. Sue has served on the committee for around 5 years. Norman has served on the committee for 19 years, 9 of which were as Chairman. He has always worked extremely hard and will be greatly missed as a committee member. Latterly he was membership secretary and also worked hard gathering in advertisers for the Show Schedule. He was presented with a windowsill propagator and bell cloches. In response he thanked everyone and said what a wonderful part of his life serving on the committee had been. He was invited on by Sheila Coomer and soon replaced Brian Arnold as Chairman and has always found the society members past and present very friendly and helpful.</p>												
8	Auditor												
	<p>David Mason was re-elected as auditor</p>												

9	2012 Programme
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Thanks were given to Pat for arranging a very interesting and varied programme for 2012. ➤ She went through the programme for the year ahead. ➤ She mentioned that as well as the 10% discount from Holland's Garden Centre The chairman has negotiated a 10% discount on the gardening range from J. Maher Ltd. of Little Lever on production of their own card which was issued to all members on renewing their subscription. They will also deliver free of charge all orders over £80.00.
	The annual 4-day trip, this year is to South Wales where we will visit several gardens which are not necessarily normally open to the public. We always have a wonderful time with excellent friendly company. The date is 1 week earlier than in the past, 21 st July to avoid clashing with the Olympics.
	Phil thanked Jean Turner for the help she had given him in planning this trip.
10	Suttons Seeds
	50 catalogues have been supplied and this year members can save 40% on seed supplies and 15% on plants and sundries as explained by Phil Broughton. Orders are to be handed to Amanda Mason who has kindly offered to organise this once again. Orders will be delivered direct to the purchaser. The Treasurer expressed thanks to Amanda for this and the work she did in organising it last year.
11	Open Forum
	Members were asked their opinion about the tea break being at the end of the talk as we have trialled this year. There were no objections so this will be the format unless a speaker prefers to break up their talk with an interval.
	Michael Arundel spoke on behalf of St. Annes' Church regarding the Tebay Garden. He expressed the Church's thanks for the work done by committee and volunteers in maintaining the garden following its refurbishment. It makes a very attractive approach to the Church.
	The Annual General Meeting closed at 8.20, and members proceeded to the pie and peas supper and the seed swap. There was also a picture quiz and a questions quiz on each table with a prize for the 2 winning teams of boxes of chocolates.

Signed

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