

Edgworth and District Horticultural Society
Annual General Meeting - 21st November, 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

	Members Present – 80 members attended.
1	Apologies: Sue Parry, Audrey Hudson, Ian Harvey, Gordon Cooper, Ken Faulkner, Gerald & Marjorie Openshaw.
2	Minutes of the 2011 AGM were read, approved, and signed by the Chairman Proposed by Sue Brohi, seconded by Peter Matthias.
3	Matters Arising: There was a spelling mistake in the surname in apologies for absence. Michael Dobson should be Michael Dodson.
4	Chairman's Report The chairman talked through a power point presentation covering the following points.
	Membership up from 249 to 263 with an average attendance of 80 per meeting with 77 attending the AGM. The January meeting brought in a record 101 members.
	The following members and committee members were thanked for arranging the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pat Whalley for producing the programme for the past year. ➤ Carol Murphy for arranging the annual dinner at The Clog & Billycock, 34 attended. ➤ Pat Whalley for visit to Waddow Hall. 46 members turned up on an unusually dry evening. ➤ Jean Turner for the visit to Biddulph Grange ➤ Phil Broughton for arranging the trip to The National Memorial Arboretum and Litchfield Cathedral which attracted 43 members ➤ John King and team who have developed the website substantially over the past year. ➤ Phil Broughton and Jean Turner for their planning of the 4-day holiday. ➤ All members who planted bulbs at the Waterwheel in Edgworth. ➤ All who contributed in any way to the success of the show. ➤ Amanda Mason for co-ordinating the Sutton's Seeds orders
	Annual Show – Attendance - a record 405 people. Exhibitor numbers increased to 143 Exhibit numbers were down as expected especially in the produce classes in view of the very cold and wet summer, the worst in living memory.
	The 4-day holiday to South Wales was excellent in every way. .
	The committee and volunteers continue to maintain the Tebay Memorial Garden at St. Anne's Church.
	Daffodil and crocus bulbs planted around the newly sited waterwheel on Bury Road looked very impressive. A further 300 tulips are to be planted in the area.
	Hanging Basket Competition was again held with a few extra competitors this year. The winner was announced at the Show.
	The Barlow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The rent has increased, 28% for meetings and a massive 65% for the show, although this is the first increase in several years. ➤ Jubilee celebrations were held in June on a very wet Sunday. The Society had a plant stall to support The Barlow and we raised £165. This has not as yet been handed over to them as we are waiting until a specific item can be agreed on for funding. Most of the plants were from Arthur Lane Nurseries who offered a sale or return deal. ➤ A business plan was put forward for The Barlow which would effectively have removed the top floor of the building for community use. Several user groups objected and as a result the plan has been dropped.

	<p>Website Substantial development and maintenance work has been done to update and improve the website. www.edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk</p>
	<p>Newsletters 2 newsletters were produced and delivered to members and to some local shops</p>
	<p>The chairman paid tribute to the memory of Norman Woffenden who died on 23rd October. He retired from the committee last year after serving for 19 years, 9 of which he was chairman of the society. Latterly he was membership secretary and vice treasurer. He also ran Woffenden Wines and his wife Beryl kindly donated wine for the AGM with which a toast was raised to his memory. He will be greatly missed.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mahers will continue to offer members 10% discount on gardening items on production of Maher's card of which Carol Murphy had a supply. ➤ Arthur Lane Nurseries are offering 10% discount on production of our society's current, signed membership card. ➤ Hollands Nurseries now offer 10% discount to everyone so they are no longer listed on our cards.
	<p>Suttons Seeds catalogues were offered to members with a discount of 40% off seeds and 15% off all other items inc. bulbs, onions & potatoes.</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: The Treasurer talked through a Powerpoint presentation of the summary of the Society's accounts previously distributed to members. (Summary is attached) Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The closing balance was £5,115.08, up from £4,529.34 last year. This means after leaving a balance to cover the unexpected there is £1,000 to spend this year and suggestions were asked for as to how this money could be spent. Suggestions from the floor are mentioned in item 10. ➤ The Show made a surplus of £382.65 - an increase on last year ➤ Income from Advertisers in the Schedule soared to £750 making a surplus on the printing of schedules of nearly £320. ➤ Plant Sales increased, as did income from the cafe (a staggering 75%). ➤ The last 2 speakers kindly donated their fees to the Society. ➤ No questions followed this report <p>The Treasurer was thanked for his work on the accounts.</p>
	<p>Elections</p>
6	<p>Officers Chairman - Barry Scanlon Treasurer - Phil Broughton Secretary - Irene Spencer</p>
7	<p>Committee John King, David Spencer, Barbara Kenny, Jean Turner, Pat Whalley, Sue Brohi, Carol Murphy, Keith Shatwell, Anne Tarpey-Black, Alison Tarpey-Black, David Mason and Amanda Mason. 3 of these committee members will be co-opted members.</p>
8	<p>Appointment of Auditor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Thanks were given to David Mason who is stepping down as Auditor after several years of dedicated and efficient work, and is to become a committee member. ➤ A request for a replacement auditor was made, if there are no volunteers from the

	membership, then a professional auditor will be appointed by the committee.
9	2013 Programme
	➤ Thanks were given to Pat for arranging a very interesting and varied programme for 2013. The highlight will be a visit from Chris Beardshaw in October.
10	Open Forum
	Suggestions for the £1,000 which is available to spend this year brought 2 ideas ➤ The Victorian kitchen garden at Turton Tower ➤ Filling the flower beds at the front of the Barlow ➤ These and any other suggestions will be considered by the committee.
	➤ Names were collected for the Annual Dinner, and the 4-day Holiday. ➤ A 'Getting to Know You' questionnaire was offered for completion by all members.
	The Annual General Meeting closed at 8.20pm, a slide show was on screen after the meeting and remained during supper. 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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