

Edgworth and District Horticultural Society
40th Annual General Meeting – 20th November, 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

	Members Present – 84 members attended, Includes 3 new members, Barbara Wareing, Wayne Silver and Lesley McManus
1	Apologies: Pat Whalley, Eileen Bailey, Richard Woffenden, Claire Woffenden, Barbara Walker, Edna Hardman.
2	Minutes of the 2012 AGM were tabled, then approved and signed by the Chairman Proposed by Barbara Kenny, seconded by David Spencer.
3	Matters Arising: There were no matters arising
4	Chairman's Report: The Chairman's Report covered the following in his Powerpoint presentation:-
	Membership up from 263 to 269 with an average attendance of 78 per meeting with 80 attending the AGM.
	The new members were welcomed.
	Chris Beardshaw was our celebrity speaker in October. The Barlow was packed to the rafters for his excellent talk which lasted from 7.30 – 10.30 with a ½ hr. 'break' which Chris spent signing his books, so he worked really hard all evening.
	Our evening visit in May took us to Myerscough Garden when Bob Hughes gave an excellent guided tour of the gardens and state of the art greenhouses.
	2 day trips were made taking full coaches to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Yorkshire Lavender Farm, it is surprising how many products they can produce from lavender. This was followed by a visit to the Breezy Knees Garden & Nursery in York, an amazing place to visit with extensive gardens where they grow the plants they sell in their borders so you can see what your purchases will look like as they mature. ➤ The Autumn outing was to Thorpe Perrow Arboretum with its magnificent autumn colours
	Members Dinner – 26 went to the Pack Horse in Affetside. Unfortunately, this was very disappointing as the room was so cold due to a heating failure and the alternative heaters they provided were totally inadequate. Hopefully the dinner in 2014 will be much better.
	40 th Show – This was the best Show ever with 370 adults attending. Whilst there were fewer exhibitors than last year, exhibits broke all records both in number and quality. For example, in 2004 the number of exhibits was 414, this year the number was almost double at 801.
	Another record was the number of advertisers in the schedule. This contributes greatly to the overall printing costs.
	The 4-day holiday to Kent & Sussex was very successful as usual. 51 people attended and visited 8 wonderful gardens including Great Dixter and Sarah Raven's famous cuttings garden. Sarah spent about 20 minutes talking to us and was very welcoming.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Work in the community continued with regular tidying up of the Tebay Garden in St. Anne's churchyard. This is now a Memorial Garden for past members. ➤ More bulbs were planted at the waterwheel. Unfortunately the Council mowers cut down the foliage with their grass cutting. Later porta-cabins were placed on the site for some time whilst work was being done on the sewers. This may have affected the bulbs so the display may be poorer next year. ➤ As a result of a member's suggestion, the flower bed in front of the Barlow has been transformed by Amanda Mason and her team after the committee decided to fund the redesigning and planting of the bed.

	<p>The following members and committee members were thanked for arranging the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Amanda Mason for the hard work in completing the work on The Barlow flowerbed and for co-ordinating the Sutton's Seeds orders. ➤ Pat Whalley for producing the programme for the past year, arranging the visits to Myerscough Garden and Thorpe Perrow, and for her efforts in obtaining advertisers for the Show Schedule.. ➤ Carol Murphy for arranging the annual dinner at The Pack Horse, Affetside. ➤ Jean Turner for the visit to Breezy Knees and the Lavender Farm. ➤ David Mason and John King for keeping the website updated.. ➤ Phil Broughton and Jean Turner for their planning of the 4-day holiday. ➤ All who planted bulbs at the Waterwheel in Edgworth. ➤ All who contributed in any way to the success of the show. ➤ The Committee and all members who help in so many ways during the year.
	<p>Newsletters - 2 were produced and delivered to members and to some local shops.</p>
	<p>Catalogues were available for Suttons Seeds. With a group booking Suttons offer 40% discount on seed purchases and 15% on other items. All orders are delivered to the individual member's home address.</p>
	<p>The Barlow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Several improvements have been made at The Barlow this year. The volunteers involved with the running of The Barlow work very hard and it is much appreciated by the Society as a user group. ➤ The heating boiler had broken down last week but fortunately repairs were completed just in time for our AGM.
	<p>2014 Programme</p> <p>The newly designed membership card was issued for the first time in its new credit card size There will be a very good and varied programme for the monthly meetings in 2014, including a talk by Sam Youd, Head Gardener at Tatton Park who some of you might recall seeing on TV in one of his appearances.</p> <p>In addition the following will be arranged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Evening meal will be at the Red Lion, Hawkshaw - 26th March ➤ Evening visit will be to The Ridges, Chorley. - 21st May ➤ Day trip to Plas Cagnant & Crug Farm Nursery, N.Wales - 7th June ➤ 4 Day holiday in July to Fife and Angus, Scotland. - 19th - 22nd July ➤ Day trip to Scampston Walled Garden - 6th September
	<p>Barry Scanlon, John King, Barbara Kenny, David Spencer and Irene Spencer are all stepping down from the committee, so a strong plea was issued to recruit volunteers.</p>
	<p>The Chairman thanked Beryl Woffenden who kindly donated the wine served with the supper tonight. It was from a stock left from the sale of her late husband, Norman Woffenden's wine business which was sold last year and the donation was in his memory.</p>
	<p>40th Anniversary celebrations</p>
	<p>The Chairman explained that whilst the original Society has been traced back to around 1900 and continued until around WW2, the Society was re-formed in 1973 and the first Chairman was Frank Redman, who unfortunately died recently. The first secretary was Jean Entwistle. Jean, together with Joyce Nelson who joined the Society soon after it started were invited to the AGM to ceremonially cut the celebration cake. Unfortunately Jean was taken ill so could not attend but Joyce was there to perform the task.</p>
	<p>A booklet has been produced by David Spencer outlining the history of the Society and includes photos of members going back over the past 40 years. David gave a brief talk about it before offering a free copy to each member household. Members attending the AGM were able to take theirs on the night, other members will receive theirs with the newsletter in early January.</p>
	<p>The Chairman thanked</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ David Spencer for the work in researching, writing & arranging the printing of the booklet. ➤ Jean Turner for the catering arrangements (an excellent Meat & Potato Pie supper was

	<p>served by caterers who also supplied the beautifully decorated cake).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Judith Scanlon who created a lovely floral arrangement for the top table. This was later raffled off. ➤ Joyce Nelson for attending our special AGM and cutting the special 40th Anniversary Celebration cake.
5	Treasurer's Report:
	The Treasurer thanked John Sharp for his work as Auditor. Pat Whalley for her superb work in getting speakers.
	The Treasurer talked through a Powerpoint presentation of the summary of the Society's accounts previously distributed to members. (Summary is attached)
	<p>Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We spent more on speakers than in 2012. This is money well spent as it benefits members directly. He thanked Pat Whalley for her superb work in getting good speakers. ➤ The Show made a surplus of £832.55 - more than double last year's £382.65. ➤ Plant sales made a profit of £418.65 - £314.65 last year. ➤ Refreshments made a profit of £423.50 - £348.51 last year ➤ Schedule, more advertisers meant an income of £930.00 - £750.00 last year. ➤ The Society printer has been put to good use having printed 20,000 copies every year since its purchase in 2007. ➤ The outings proved popular, the coaches were virtually full meaning that a £275 surplus resulted, as the costings are based on 40 bookings. This number may need reviewing. ➤ This year £1,000 was spent on The Barlow flower bed mentioned in the Chairman's report. ➤ Money was also spent on repairing the damage caused to the centenary tree planted by Roy Lancaster and replacing the tree support and protecting frame which had been damaged, possibly by a motorised grass cutter. ➤ The Society provided the bulbs which were planted in the waterwheel area ➤ £350 has been donated over 2 years to The Barlow as a donation towards the overhead projector which all users can make use of.
	The closing balance was £4,917.62, down from £5,115.08 last year.
	No questions followed this report
	The chairman thanked Phil Broughton for producing these accounts and his unfailing work as treasurer during the year.
	Elections
6	Officers for 2014 Chairman - Phil Broughton Treasurer - Keith Shatwell Secretary - Amanda Mason
7	Committee for 2014 Jean Turner, Pat Whalley, Sue Brohi, Carol Murphy, David Mason and Sue Jeffries
8	Appointment of Auditor John Sharp who audited the books this year was elected as Auditor for 2014.
9	Open Forum
	Free Raffle tickets had been attached underneath 2 chairs in the hall. This was announced and the 2 winners were awarded the floral arrangement made by Judith Scanlon and a voucher for a photo to be taken by the local photographer. This voucher had been donated

	for a raffle at the Show but was not claimed.
	<p>Phil Broughton presented the 5 retiring members of the committee with a thank you gift of bottles of wine plus flowers for the ladies. Phil said a few words about each person and their contribution to the Society. Barry Scanlon and John King had been involved with the committee over a period of 30 years, with Barry having served as Treasurer 1983 – 1988 and Chairman 2010 – 2013.</p> <p>John King had also served as Treasurer 1981 - 1983 and Secretary 1983 – 1985 and 2007 - 2009</p> <p>Barbara Kenny was Chairman 2004 - 2010.</p> <p>David Spencer had served as Chairman from 2001-2004 and was Show Secretary from 2001 until 2013.</p> <p>Irene Spencer joined the committee in 2001 and served as Secretary 2003 – 2007 and again 2009 - 2013</p> <p>Collectively, they have contributed a considerable amount of time, effort and enthusiasm to the Society over many years.</p>
	<p>The 40th Annual General Meeting closed at 8.45pm. A slide show of the year's activities was on screen after the meeting and remained during supper. Members proceeded table by table to the meat & potato pie and peas supper being served by the caterer. There was also a 1973 quiz and a questions quiz on each table with a prize for the winning team.</p>

Signed.....

Dated.....

EDGORTH AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SUMMARY REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

	<u>2013</u> Actual	<u>2012</u> Actual	<u>2013</u> Forecast <u>Budget</u>	<u>2013</u> Forecast <u>Worst</u> <u>case</u>
GENERAL INCOME	£796.38	£689.43	£730.00	£545.00
MEETINGS	-£445.29	-£183.88	-£430.00	-£665.00
CELEBRITY SPEAKER MEETING	-£153.89	£0.00	-£175.00	-£630.00
SUNDRIES	-£224.30	-£75.39	-£255.00	-£384.50
ANNUAL SHOW (see separate report)	£832.55	£382.65	-£4.00	£0.00
PRINTER CONSUMABLES (purchases less usage + provisioned holdings)	£2.62	£4.18	£0.00	-£60.00
MEMBERS' OUTINGS	£260.34	£152.59	-£10.00	-£70.00
SPECIAL EXPENDITURE (budgeted against reserves)	-£1,273.37	-£442.43	-£1,520.00	£0.00
PROVISIONS CARRIED FORWARD Excl.Printer Consumables	-£1,570.74	£33.86		

GROSS ANNUAL CHANGE

Annual Change incl. special expenditure	-£197.46	£585.74	-£1,664.00	
Annual Change ex special expenditure	£1,075.91	£1,028.17	-£144.00	-£1,264.50

MOVEMENTS IN CASH BALANCES

	<u>Closing</u>	<u>Opening</u>
Cash	£45.77	£83.41
Halifax - e-savings 2012	£6,287.36	£4,831.48
NatWest - current account	£155.23	£166.33
Provisions carried forward (net)	-£1,570.74	£33.86
	£4,917.62	£5,115.08

(Donations to Charity

£407.00)

Signed (Auditor)

Date