

Edgworth & District Horticultural Society

45th Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 21st November, 2018

7.30 pm at The Barlow, Edgworth

	Members Present: 79 members attended the meeting
1.	Apologies: Phil Broughton, Pat James, Kath Ashworth, Barbara Lee, Gill Atkinson, Pam Duxbury, David Bonser, Lynne Bonser, David Gillespie, Heather Gillespie, Pauline Rose, Delphine Griffiths, Carol Dickinson and Audrey Hudson
2.	Minutes: The Minutes of the 2017 AGM which had been displayed on the website all year were distributed on tables and accepted as an accurate record. <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Proposed by Anna Harvey○ Seconded by Carol Frudd○ All other members were in agreement and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.
	Matters Arising: None
3.	Chairman's Report: <p>Chairman, Keith Shatwell, began his report by welcoming members to the 45th AGM. Another successful year with 25 new members joining the Society.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ He thanked everyone who helped to make the Show such a success mentioning the committee, plant growers, cake makers, stewards and all helpers without whom the Show could not take place.○ Special vote of thanks was given to Pat and Geoffrey Whalley for their work as entry stewards, a position they held for many years. They are stepping down from this task but Pat will remain a committee member and will continue with her role as Events Secretary.○ Special thanks also went to Tony Murphy who whilst not a committee member, puts a lot of effort into organising the Show in his position as Show Secretary,○ The annual 4-day holiday, another highlight of our year, saw members off by coach to visit several beautiful gardens in the Cotswolds. A very enjoyable trip.○ Thanks to Phil & Jean who already have made plans for the 2019 4-day holiday to Hampshire. Register of Interest began at this meeting.○ A plea was made for extra committee members and also volunteers to help throughout the year with various activities, whilst thanking those members who bake cakes, help with teas at meetings, and gave special mention to Carol Murphy and Sue Matthews who man the door.○ He also thanked The Barlow, especially the facilities team who have made our life so much easier in helping set out chairs, tables etc. especially at the Show and tonight for the AGM.○ He also thanked Pat Whalley had again arranged an excellent and varied programme for the monthly meetings in 2018.
	Membership now totals 235 including life members.
4.	Treasurer's Report : <p>This was read by Jean Turner (Vice Treasurer), in Phil Broughton's absence. Phil had prepared the Report and accounts ahead of the meeting. Copies of the Financial Report & Summary Report to 30th September, 2018 were available on every table at the meeting.</p>

	<p>The Annual Show raised £31.93. It is less than last year and is made up as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £378.41 Surplus before assets spend - <u>£346.48</u> Expenditure includes a replacement gazebo and storage box which will be used for many years to come. <u>£ 31.93</u> Total (excluding raffle donation) <p>Again the prize money claimed exceeded the amount paid in. This needs reviewing. £482 was raised from entries on Saturday afternoon, with 378 people visiting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thanks were given to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pat Whalley & Sue Brohi for persuading local businesses to advertise in the schedule. ▪ The Advertisers themselves for their support, their fees more than cover the cost of printing ▪ The plant stall staff who work tirelessly whatever the weather. ▪ All members who donated plants or grew on plug plants. ▪ The cafe staff who toil in the kitchen and those serving refreshments to the many visitors. ▪ The people who made cakes for sale in the cafe. ▪ Local businesses who generously donate raffle prizes. ○ Expenditure included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Printing costs- £716. 02 ▪ Hire of the Barlow - £650 ▪ Rosettes ▪ The raffle enabled a donation of £310 to Urban Outreach.
	<p>Outings</p> <p>Martin, Phil and Sue were also thanked for arranging visits to 4 great gardens and to EHS members for filling the coaches. Trips are costed to break even at 45 people but filled coaches make a surplus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed by David Spencer ○ Seconded by Pat Whalley ○ Agreed by all
	<p>Bequest</p> <p>Geoffrey Nuttall, (deceased), a past member, bequeathed the sum of £46,136. 44 to Edgworth & District Horticultural Society. This was announced at the AGM in 2016. The Financial Advisor from Accountants (Hawarths of Accrington, spent a lot of time finding a suitable investment (not easy to do for a Society). In March 2018, the sum of £46,136. 44 was invested in Old Mutual Wealth Account. Hawarth's made no charge as promised, Old Mutual charged £60.</p>
<p>5a.</p>	<p>Election of Officers for 2019:</p> <p>The current Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary had all agreed to stand for re-election. There were no other nominations for these posts so the proposed Officers for 2019 are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman - Keith Shatwell Treasurer - Phil Broughton Secretary - Irene Spencer <p>All three officers were re-elected for the coming year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed by Anna Harvey ○ Seconded by Sue Brohi ○ Agreed by all
<p>5b</p>	<p>Election of Committee for 2019:</p>

	<p>Angela Swallow agreed to join the committee and was unanimously accepted</p> <p>The following members were re-elected /elected to the committee to serve in 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sue Brohi Martin Cox David Spencer Jean Turner Pat Whalley Heather Dowle Angela Swallow ○ Agreed by all
6.	<p>Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts:</p> <p>John Sharp was re-elected as Independent Examiner of Accounts (previously referred to as Auditor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed by David Spencer ○ Seconded by Keith Shatwell ○ Agreed by all
7.	<p>2019 Plans:</p> <p>a) Event Secretary's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pat Whalley, (Events Secretary), detailed what promises once again to be a very interesting programme for 2019. The talks are varied and the planned visits to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Himalayan Garden & Sculpture Park, ▪ Lowther & Dalemaine ▪ Harlow Carr are all eagerly anticipated. ○ The 4-day holiday continues to be very popular and books up very quickly. This year members will visit the beautiful gardens of Hampshire July 27 – 30. ○ The chairman thanked Pat for once again putting together what promises to be a very varied and interesting programme for the coming year. <p>b) Spending the Bequest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flowers in Edgworth: This project foundered due to an impasse with Blackburn-with-Darwen. Negotiations will continue with the hope that progress can be made in 2019. Both the Parish Council and local businesses are in favour of the project. ○ The Tebay Memorial bed and the Barlow bed previously maintained by Society members had become very untidy until gardeners were employed to keep both beds in order at a cost of £468 per annum.
8	<p>Open Forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A member asked if the Society might make a contribution to the roof repairs at the Barlow. As this is not a horticultural project, it is not possible due to limitations on what the legacy may be used for. ○ A member pointed out that the subscription is too low and that it should be increased. Keith explained that the matter has been discussed several times but it is difficult to justify when extra money is not currently needed to run the society.
	<p>8. 20 pm the meeting ended and Keith Shatwell thanked everyone for coming. It was followed by a social evening with a Seed Swap, Power Point slide show of the year's activities, quizzes and a potato pie supper with wine.</p>

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