

20/1/99

- A Committee Meeting was held in the Todrick Room, Gifford Village Hall with the President Margaret McDougall in the Chair.
- Apologies Val Jones; Sandy Boggan; John Sheldon; Pat McGilwray; Rosemary Teacher.
- Matters Arising ^{Flower Show} Items stolen - no further developments. No bill so far from the security firm.
- Bulk buying - supplies arriving February
- Trees ~~24~~ planted 18-24 inches high. Concern regarding hedge cutting. 4 foot high white painted stakes required to mark them. Peter Glasik will paint them if someone else sources them.
- Millennium No contact from Gifford's Committee. Ideas - plant 1 large tree or several small ones; plant daffodils to join the courses. Query whether planning permission will be required for trees; special permission for something in the Pound? Possible trees - Yew; Weeping Ash.
- Outings Evening to Beryl McNaughton June Saturday - Cambo & Willie Duncan Shows - Strathclyde end of May? Glenrothes 18/19 Sept
- Holiday - Henry Doubleday / Powys Castle? Ron Holton will put together a possible agenda.
- Tea rota 17 Feb Jones Ingram Holton 17 March Reid David Teacher 16 milk & fresh biscuits needed each Meeting - Bill Maley will buy for each.
- Show Raffle Raffle conner needed for the Flower Show. Margaret Beveridge will provide help & information. Hermione Falconer volunteered with Peter Glasik offering to assist. Ron Holton proposed that M.B. should be made an Honorary Member. Agreed.
- Show Operer M. McD. proposed that Sandy Boggan CBG should be invited to open the 1999 Show

in recognition of services rendered.
Year 2000 show - Willie Duncan suggested. SW to contact him.

EVENING MEETINGS Need raffle prizes for each meeting to offset costs - £30 raised from the last Meeting.

Garden Openings - Are we to open the Village garden again this year. Generally felt that every other year a better option. Best to coincide with the opening of Lady Mariott's garden. Need to get the details of when to enter the Yellow Book.

Meeting ended 8.20 p.m. Date of Next Meeting 14 April.

M. McDougall

14/4/99

A Committee Meeting was held in the Todrick Room, Gifford Village Hall with the President Margaret McDougall in the Chair.

- Apologies Ann Ingram, Peter Glasik, Bill Maley
- 1998 Show Security. £800 offered in full & final settlement by the insurance company who also met Fiona Sheldon's fees. M. McD. proposed that as we are not paying the security firm any fee the full £800 should be paid to the stick donors to divide among their members. Any outstanding claims from GHS members would be met from GHS funds. Floor opinion in favour. A special note of thanks to Peter Shea for waiving his £50 claim for compensation for the loss of his car, and also to Sandy Boggan for waiving his claim for his bottle of wine. SW to write to the stick donors.

Bulk Buying SB read accounts showing £2810.75 expenditure £2441.00 expenses with £569.77 profit. 53 bags of peat remaining. Proposed to order 50 bags of peat less and increase back order next year. Thanks were given to SB for his hard work.

Stakes for Trees PG has been to paint. Some tree money is still outstanding. Record of all contributors to Millennium be linked in the minutes. PK to send names to SW.

Millennium Proposed to plant a tree possibly on green in front of Ellen Davids house. Permission would be needed from ELC. RH suggested that a plaque should be attached to mark the occasion and a blacksmith approached to make a good railing. If a large flowering cherry were purchased from Snelton it would cost over £100.

Letter Received from Margaret Beveridge accepting the Honorary Life Membership with sincere thanks and gratitude.

Winn Trip Numbers booked only 10. Suggested that SW should contact Haddington and ask Linton Horticultural Societies, as well as other groups in Gifford.

Possibly the novelty of these trips away are wearing off and should only be held every 2 years.

Intersociety 28 April - Penicik. Need 3 for the team.

Quiz RH, SR, SW, MH, DG suggested.

Plant Sale 15 May. Set up 9.00am open at 10.00am. 115 boxes of plants ordered from Jeffreys. 112 ordered last year.

Flower Show SB to open 1999 and Willie Duncan 2000. 2 nights watchmen needed. Thurs. - Sunday night 9pm-7am. Michael has offered. Willie Fairgreave may help. We have to pay first £400 if any damage. Last year the watchmen were paid £50 for 2 nights. Fee for 1999 £400 per hour per person. Concerns from the floor over the costs involved

especially for the 2 nights when the marquee would be empty apart from tables. After discussion concerning members rotas, times the watchmen needed from it was decided at any option other than just to hire watchmen was just too complicated.

Gifford Community AGM 21 April. will be looking for Association fundraising efforts for Hall from organisations who use it.

Annual M McD proposed producing a combined membership card and annual syllabus, similar to that produced by Puthhead or Gorchbridge H.S. After general discussion the feeling from the floor was to stay as we are.

99/2000 SW to contact Terrie Water Gardens
S. Wilson flowers at Tellowrangie
Bill Tait - Dobbies

for talks Jan - March.

Start the season on 13 Oct with a ^{Accordian} ~~little~~ concert by George King - M McD to contact 10 Nov 1999 Cheese & wine AGM

April 2000 Quiz hosted by Dalkeith H.S.

Flower sale 17 May

19/20 Aug Flower Show

If going to be in with Lady Mariott garden opening in July would need to inform members in the next newsletter.

A & B 2000 Gent Trip information passed on by ED. Being run by same company that we used for North Garden. SW to investigate.

Meeting closed 9.00 p.m. Date of next meeting 21 July.

- M. A. McJ. Gall

21 July 1999 A Committee Meeting was held in the Todrick Room, Gifford Village Hall with the President Margaret McDougall in the chair.

Apologies Sandy Burrell, Ann Ingram, Jackie Reid, Paddy Lamb, Pat McGilveray.

Tribute The meeting opened with M McDougall paying tribute to the late Laurence Bessridge who died 1 month ago. A committee member in 1987 he became President in 1995. He put his heart into everything he did. GHS sent £20 donations to the British Heart Foundation and flowers + letter to MB. A letter of thanks from MB was read.

£100 Gifford Association are requesting donations for a memorial - possibly a seat. M McDougall proposed a donation. S S felt that LB would have wanted something more constructive, a view endorsed by RH, but ultimately it is up to the Hall Association. RT who is on the Hall Association committee will make our feelings known. It was proposed that a plaque should be put on the collage at the top of the stairs in memory of LB as GHS own contribution. Agreed in principle - approval will be sought from MB first.

£800 insurance - no acknowledgements had been received for the cheque forwarded to the Strick Drivers.

Trees 1 BI + M McDougall have put the painted stakes by the trees. Only 1 appear to have died which will be replaced by Tithill. Thanks were given to PG for painting the stakes.

Millennium Tree - still awaiting confirmation from GLC.

Trips.

Strathclyde 10 did not turn up. Paddy is pursuing them for payments of the bus fare. After a discussion concerning the best way of ensuring payments / reminding people that they have booked it was decided that a statement should be put at the top of all booking forms making it clear that people are liable to pay the bus fare once they sign up for the trip.

Glenrothes 25 people booked to date.

Inter-society Quiz 28 April Penicuik team of RH, D.G. & SW won! Congratulations to the team.

Plant Sale £350 profit up £5 on last year. Thanks to SB + all who contributed plants. Also ID, RH + SB for collecting the plants.

Syllabus 120 October Entertainment Night George King
7.30 Grotto raffle needs donation
10 November AGM wine & cheese
12 January John Wilson Yellowcraig
9 February Hamish Wilson Teviot Water Gardens
8 March Bill Tait Silver & Gray
26 April Quiz - Dalkeith

Letter from Gifford Community Association was read, proposing 50:50 profit split market on 30 Oct to raise funds for the Hall. Decided to buy bulbs wholesale and offer them for sale, some being put up as Christmas presents. M McDougall to write back to confirm. Need to advertise the event in the GHS Autumn Newsletter.

A O B

Glenrothes Show SW had made enquiries, not possible to pursue. ED raised the question of whether we should travel straight back after trips rather than stopping off. Opinion generally in favour of making more of the social aspect and continue to stop.

SOIL IMPROVER

SB brought to the society's attention

S. SMITHS, CARDIFF, HADDINGTON EH41 4PX
High Quality soil improver & mulch £2.50
MMcD reminded meeting that British Fuels deliver
80l bag for £2.99.

RHS letter inviting GHS to enter a window box/hanging
basket at Chelsea was rejected.

SHOW DUTIES Duties and times relating to the organisation
of the flower show were discussed and reported on a
separate sheet.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.
Date of the next meeting Wed. 25 August.

M. A. McDougall
President

25 August 1999 A Committee Meeting was held in the
Todrick Room, Gifford Village Hall with the
President Margaret McDougall in the chair.

Apologies Hermione Falconer, Ann Lygam, John Sheldon,
Bill Maley, Jackie Reid, Eileen Daird, Pat McIlwray

Millennium Tree Still no news from GLC

£100 sent to Gifford Community Association for
Lawrence Beveridge memorial - no acknowledgement

Stik Drones No acknowledgement of compensation cheque

Trees Haddington Road - no change

Clenrothes Trip No news

G. Hall Fundraising GHS only MMcD has responded.

Unclear whether event will go ahead.

20 Oct 7.30 Volunteers for teas RT, AS, MH
Payments for entertainers: George King £50 / singer £25

Strathclyde Show cancelled next year

RH proposed outing to Tatton Park Show in July?
Would mean 2 nights away

SBoggon - World Flower Show in Glasgow (DTBC)

Bulk buying Compost 943 bags (20 pallets). SB to
cancel order more bark less peat. Prices same as
last year.

FLOWER SHOW Card received from Jean Hill - Have

Best Boggon art thanks for flowers; Pat
McIlwray thanks for fruit.

General vote of thanks to all - especially Peter
Shea who sustained an injury in the line of duty!

Marquee Leith of Berwick. Badly erected too near the
trees; pulled up to high; tear caused by error; tables
left outside; no warning tape on metal stakes.

1999 show compared favourably with 1997.

Floral arrangements up 41. Total entries up. Door
only down by 40 people. (Some exhibitors slipped
in without registering). No donation for first year
so finances much the same.

237 members (down) 25 life members.

Tea good value - lots of scones left over - leave more unsalted

Tea 150 adults + numerous children. No need to purchase table cloths - GHS ones in the kitchen drawer.

Tea boards - Ask Ian to amend start time

Raffle cake excellent. Malley to receive £30 costs.

Flower Stewards - comment - encourage people to put names of varieties on their entries.

Veg Judges very thorough. Beetroot entries down.

Industrial: Comments by Judge on the cards felt to be unnecessary.

Children: Judges seemed very hard and not consistent. Better to clearly stipulate media for art entries.

Floral Art: Excellent display

Honey: Suffering from rape/disease/weather quality poor. Need to encourage entries.

Slits May put in an extra slit category. NO MISHAPS AT ALL THIS YEAR!

Tea chests needed for vase storage

Black polythene needs replacing SB to get a quote

Dust sheets polythene needed.

Wood battens - quote received (£69) for white wood. Need rough sawn.

2 bottles of whiskey (£25 ea) to be ^{Loggy Weddle} ^{Ian Burgess} ^{adder} ^{box} ^{to} ^{get} ^a ^{quote}

Public Address System: Need to purchase our own, could be donated to Hall for communal use. Should be set up Thursday nights to enable full testing. Best speakers should be set to face STAG WAT (otherwise they cancel each other out).

SB - Night watchmen should erect the tables not our women. Auction slow - still raised £101

Membership card: New colour used PL proposed yellow

Prize Money ^{M.C.} raise to £1; 60p; 40p

10 Nov AGM Wine SB to get wine + glasses RH + PG to help set up. ED to be asked to provide cheese again. Estimate 100 people.

2000 show Judges need organising before November. Full list of new judges to be sent to SW.

Advert prices in schedule not covering printing costs. Keep at same level as prices only raised last year. Seek more advertisers.

Next Committee Meeting 7 p.m. 10 Nov. before AGM.

M.A. McD - gall

Annual General Meeting 10th November 1999
President Margaret McDougall in the chair
welcomed a full house of 60+ members.

Apologise Peter Glasik, Len Parker, John &
Sheldon, Eileen David, ~~Wend~~ Jones, Hermine
Falconer, Mogy, Ron & Margaret Holton,
Miss Blackadder.

Minutes of the AGM held on 11/11/98 were
read but could not be formally approved as the
copy of the Treasurer's report was missing.

An outline of the year activities was given
including winter lectures, summer outings and
the Flower Show when Dunder was down a bit, but
this seems to have been a general trend countryside.
Thanks were offered to Liz Cooper for her 10
years as show Secretary, which was greeted with a
warm round of applause.

It was confirmed that the Stick Drivers
whose sticks were stolen at the 1998 show
received £800 compensation from the insurers.

Thanks were offered to Paddy Lamb and the
accounts auditor M. Maslowski. Accounts are
still healthy with £388.19 profit over the year
and final balance of £6176.89.

Subscriptions fixed at £2 per person, but
prize money to be increased to £1; 60p and 40p.
Bulk buying orders were once again being taken.
A request for ideas for outings was made.

It was announced that Giffords Gardens would be
opened once again on July 1 to tie in with
Lady Mariott. Names of people wishing to
participate needed to be forwarded to Sandy Bigger
by January 12.

John Sheldon resigned from the committee
hopefully for only the coming year.

Officers Election All the current committee were prepared

to stand for another term. Nomination for was
received for Sean Cunningham (Proposed Peter
Shea; seconded Mary Benton).
Thanks were offered to all Committee Members.

The evening ended with a social cheese and wine
gathering.

M. McDougall

GIFFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

1998-1999

<u>1998</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>1999</u>
00.00	MEMBERSHIPS	484.00
20.00	11 Life MEMBERS 2	40.00
	Total 26	
37.50	Raffles at Meetings	188.84
308.98	Current Bank Interest	177.29
611.00	Bulk Buy Income	2987.05
694.21	Plant Sale Income	777.34
612.00	Outings Income	608.00
1768.20	Flower Show Income	1791.40
830.75	Prize Fund Donations	247.10
345.00	Schedule Advertising	358.00
	Trees Income	306.00
	Miscellaneous Including	837.00
	Insurance Pay-In of £800	
315.00	FLOATS	285.00
		<u>9087.02</u>

Total Income £9087.02

Total Expenses £8698.83

Profit £ 388.19

Bank Balance B/F 1998-1998 £5788.70P

Profit 1998.1999 388.19

£ 6176.89 = Bank Balance Nov. Inst 1999

<u>1998</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>1999</u>
586.89	Printing and Stationary	84.35
193.90	Advertising	90.98
58.77	Meetings Expenses	94.32
153.00	Hire of Hall	133.00
112.47	Offices Expenses	31.15
2056.56	Bulk Buy Expenses	2384.26
369.81	Plant Sale Expenses	427.30
597.50	Outings Expenses	630.00
3699.26	Flower Show Expenses	3317.65
15.00	NAT. Veg. Soc. MEMBERSHIP	17.54
25.50	Lottery Licence	17.50
44.00	ROYAL HORT. Soc. MEMBERSHIP	44.00
104.00	CUPS Insurance	105.00
135.00	Sundries Including Insurance	1036.78
	Pay-Out of £800 to Stick Dressers	
	AFTER Flower Show 1998.	
315.00	FLOATS	285.00

8698.83

Certified Correct
J. M. Maslowski

24/11/99

Apologies Liz Cooper, Ron & Margaret Holton
Sandy Boswell, Rosemary Teather, Paddy Lamb
Bill Maley

24 November 1999

A Committee Meeting was held in the Todrick Room, Gifford Village Hall with the President Margaret McDougall in the Chair.

Apologies:

Liz Cooper, Ron & Margaret Holton, Sandy Boswell, Rosemary Teacher, Paddy Lamb, Bill Maley.

New Committee Member

Jean Cunningham was welcomed onto the committee.
The committee is still one member short.

A letter from Lorraine Maley was read, thanking the Society for paying her expenses for the competition cake.

A letter from the solicitors acting for William F. Masterton (life member) was read. He no longer wishes to receive any correspondence.

Hall Fundraiser

GHS raised £18 for the Village Hall fundraiser. The event became a table top sale, which was not very well advertised, and the participating groups were only notified 3 weeks before the event.

George King evening 20 Oct.

Very well received. GK received £20 while the singer and mouth organist received £10 each.

Tea Rota for evening meetings

Bill Maley to be asked to get the tea and biscuits again.

January	Cooper	Cunningham	David
February 9	Falconer	Holton	Ingram
March 8	Jones	Reid	Teacher

Expenses for Speakers

John Wilson does not want anything. It was felt that we should offer £10 for petrol.

Evening Meetings Raffle

Mary Renton to continue as convenor. Will take anything garden orientated for the raffle.

Quiz Dalkeith

Date to be confirmed.

Time

6 April.

Plant Sale May

Either 13 or 20 proposed. Need to find out when Haddington House sale is so that we do not clash.

Laurence Beveridge Memorial

Plaque not considered appropriate by Margaret Beveridge.

Flower Show 1999 and 2000

Marquee. No response to our letter of complaint. Quote received for next year: £1,116.90 + £55.85 insurance + VAT. £400 excess excludes all movable items. Agreed to hire from them under those terms and prices.

Hermionne Falconer to be Show Raffle Convenor again with P G to help.

Tea chests/wooden boxes needed to store the vases. Peter Glasic to ask a contact. John Irvine may be worth approaching.

Millennium Tree

ELC given go ahead as long as they can get mower around it. Need railings to go around it. Ron Holton to be asked where he got the hanging basket brackets. We will also need to commission a plaque. Robertsons of Haddington a possibility. The railing design will need to be child safe.

Outings

Sue Wilthew needs to be relieved of the duty of organising the meetings and taking bookings due to pressure of work. Margaret and Ron Holton to be approached to see if they could take over the work.

Possibility that the RHS show will be going to Ingleston next year.

Sandy Boggon suggested that Drummond Castle would be a good place to visit later in the year.

Other suggestions Fasque? and Craigside as full day trips, with Inveresk for an evening.

Evening entertainment 2000

George King in October was a successful event. Proposed that we invite him to do this again, and offer stovies.

AGM. Feeling of meeting that a speaker would be preferred this year to the cheese and wine format. David Grindley suggested Morrison of Carberry Candles be approached. Keen on gardening, could follow up with a visit to Carberry later in the year 2001.

Fiona Sheldon is unwell. Margaret MacDougal proposed that we send flowers and a letter of thanks to John.

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Treasurers Post

Paddy Lamb want to resign from the post next year, and would like someone to shadow her this year, before taking over. Ian ~~Burgess~~ to ask his wife if she would be interested. She could be co-opted onto the committee.

A.O.B.

Everyone asked to save 100g coffee jars for slug pellets – send to Sandy Boggon

Letter from Sheila Reid Scotland's Garden Scheme was read. Delighted that we are opening our gardens again on 2 July. 22 gardens opened last time. Posters and stickers will be organised. A list for members to sign themselves up to take part will be available at the spring meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Next Meeting 19 January

Happy Festive Season to all.

M. A. McDougall