

21-1-98

Apologies

Matters

Item I

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A Committee Meeting was held in the Todrick room with the president Lawrence Beveridge in the chair. Pat Mc Gillivray, Rosemary, Teachers Sam Wilson, Val Jones, Sam Burgess, John Sheldon.

arising. (i) With reference to item x, the RHS changed the time of year when subscriptions were due. Insurance through the RHS was covered as usual.

The Treasurer reported £6,730 in the bank.

True planking. The president reported enormous administrative difficulties in obtaining permission. The board of Scotland Water Board has objected so no trees can be planked on the Western side of the road.

Programme for the church service on 25th January is in hand.

The President will give an address. John McVie will read the first lesson and Margaret McDougall the second.

Shirley Parks will arrange the flowers. The Haddington Fiddlers will play during the service.

After the service flowers will be taken to Bill MacIntosh and other how life members.

After the service wine will be served in the village hall and there will be a short committee meeting on that occasion.

All is on course for the lecture by Willy Duncan on 28th January and by Bill Tait.

- on 18th February.
- v RHS lecture 7th April. How Hallow will co-ordinate a group to deal with liaison with Town House, publicity, visual aids, ticket sales etc. Val Jones, Sandy Boswell,ileen David will assist.
 - vi Flower show schedules. 550 will be ordered - the usual number. Cost will be 50p.
 - vii It was agreed that both the new top vase competition and the top hat competition should be included in the flower show.
 - viii It was agreed to modify the page on Membership in the schedule, making life Membership is available at £20.
 - ix A trophy is needed for the novice flower class. It will be the same as the last dothian cup (from signum).
 - x The head teacher of Gifford school is delighted to receive a cup from the RHS. The school will choose annually what the cup will be awarded for.
 - xi Security. GHS will be responsible for the Marquee from Thursday - Monday morning when Keith will be responsible. Wharton Security will provide security from 9pm - 7am. They will bring their own Mini trailers and have radio contact with their HQ and security van which runs 24hrs. Cost will be £220 + VAT.
- The proposed French Town was discussed. The Gifford Churchyard Fund requested a donation from GHS to preserve

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and make safe headstones. The Gifford Society also supports the fund. The committee decided to do make \$100 pro rem.

② Avin Campbell from the East Lothian News will meet the President regarding publicity for the whole 150th programme.

The next meeting will be held the 22nd April. The inter-society quiz the 15th April.

There will be an extra short meeting 25th January. The meeting closed 9³⁰ pm.

James Brown

Addendum 25.3.98

John M. David

Mrs Margaret McDougall intimated that letters had been sent to village organisations inviting them to participate in the Flaws Festival.

25-1-98

A brief committee meeting was held in the Village Hall with the President, Lawrence Beveridge in the chair.

Apologies Present

Jan & Agnes McNeil, Sam Wilson, Lawrence Beveridge, Margaret Holton, Val Jones, Rosemary Teacher, Pat Mc Gillivray, Row Holton, John Sheldon, Peter Skea, Sandy Boswell, Elizabeth Cooper, Herriane Falconer, Sandy Boggan, Mary Benton, Margaret Mc Dougall, Helen David, Paddy Lamb.

Item I

The church service was a very happy occasion enhanced by the lively playing of the Haddington Fiddles.

II

The President and the show secretary visited the printers with the draft schedule. No problems are envisaged. The art group drawings would definitely be usable. This short meeting was held to mark the fact that the inaugural meeting of the LHS was held exactly 150 years ago. The meeting closed at 1³⁰ pm.

James Brown

John M. David

25-3-98

Apologies

Matters

A committee meeting was held in the
 Todrick room with the president Lawrence
 Beveridge in the chair.
 Present: Agnes McNeil, Edwin David
 Rosemary Teacher, Hermione Falconer, Peter
 Shea.

arising - 1) Tree planting. The president reported
 that after further negotiation with B. Dothian
 Council Transparkation and Andrew Baroun
 Lindsay, it had been agreed that the
 trees should be planted in the
 hedgerow rather than the verge as
 had been hoped. Planting would now
 be delayed until the autumn of 1998.
 2) Book buying. Sandy Baggow reported
 that this had gone extremely well,
 with most lines now sold out. A number
 of potential purchasers had been
 disappointed because they had not put
 their names on the list. The committee
 thanked Sandy for again dealing with
 this important aspect of the Society's
 activities which was recognised as
 involving and enormous amount of hard
 work.

Item I Arrangements for RHS lecture. How Hollow
 reported that the sub group had
 arrangements well in hand. Ticket
 sales through RHS stood at around
 70. The PA system and projection
 would be tested in the Town House
 in advance of the lecture.

II Inter Society Quiz. The GHS team was
 agreed as Margaret Hollow, Margaret
 Mc Dougall and Bill Maley.

III School Exhibition 16-25 May. Each of the

children in the school was producing
 something for this event. Val Jones
 had arranged to borrow display
 boards from the local library service.
 She would liaise with Pat
 Mc Gillivray about how the material
 should be mounted and displayed.
 It was agreed that the exhibition
 should be open from 2³⁰ - 4³⁰ pm
 on the week days and at the
 week-ends would be open at
 the same time as the GAE Show.
 Members of the committee would
 give their names to Val to make
 a Manning rota, only one person
 being required at any one time.
IV Gardens open 5th July. Margaret
 How Hollow to attend a briefing
 meeting to be held by the local
 organisers for Scotland's Gardens
 Scheme at which posters etc. would
 be made available.

V Distribution of Schedules. Committee
 members agreed to collect those for
 delivery from Elizabeth Cooper's home
 immediately after the meeting or as
 soon as possible. Speedy distribution
 was essential as the schedule had
 inserted in it the Spring Newsletter.
 The president thanked Mrs Cooper
 formally for all the effort she had
 put into the preparation of the
 schedule and its production. How &
 Margaret Hollow were also thanked for
 the work they had put into the proof
 reading. The schedule was agreed to

be a first class product. The president informed the committee that a first attempt at providing hints on showing vegetables and on presentation of baking and jams had been put together and that this would serve to test reaction. The hints were inserted in the schedules as was a leaf off reply for attendance at the Garden Party on 21st June.

vi Material for floral art backing & display sample was selected & approved.

AOB 1) Scotland's National Gardening Show. Volunteers to man the RHS stand had been requested and Members of the committee were invited to submit their name if interested.

2) Evening visit. Margaret Mc Dowgall expressed regret that there were no evening outings organised this season. It was agreed that the programme for the year was already sufficiently full. The emphasis would be placed on this aspect for 1999.

The date of the next meeting is 22nd April.

Flower Society → *John M. David*

22.4.98

A Committee Meeting was held in the Ipswich room with the President, Laurence Beveridge in the chair.

Matters arising ① RHS lecture 7th April. We were able to fill the hall. The lecture had variable reactions, the slides were excellent. Altogether it was a success.

② Antis Society Quiz. Gifford now has the sables for a year. The quiz will be hosted by: Penicill 1999.

Dalkeith 2000

Pathhead 2001

Gifford 2002

Guthrie 2003.

Item i School Exhibition. C. Dothian Council are lending display boards from 12th - 25th May.

ii Plant Sale 16th May 10am. Two tables organised. Items from gardens & greenhouses welcome.

iii National Garden Show 30th May. Leave 10am. Cost £14.

iv Garden Party 21st June. Rosemary Teacher is in charge of catering and bookings. A light lunch is planned and Rosemary will distribute catering duties.

v Gardens open 5th July. A sub committee will be formed to plan the organisation.

vi Raffle. Some prizes have been donated for the raffle. Following discussion, it was decided to raise the first prize to £100. Blenniu Pathgate is donating a cake as usual.

vii Trip to Monet's Garden 28th - 31st August. 14 people booked.

VIII Flower Festival Yearlin Church 12th, 13th September
20 groups are participating although
there are only 10 windows to display
the arrangements. There will be a text
to go with each exhibit. On the
Sunday night the event will conclude
with the Trinity Handbells.

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The next Meeting will be 22nd July.

Lawrence Beveridge Edwin M. David

22-7-98

A Committee Meeting was held in
the Toorick room with the President
Lawrence Beveridge in the chair.

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Matters

Bill Maley arising. (1) Plant Sale. It was a great
success, everything sold very quickly.
(2) School Exhibition was an enormous
success. Thanks were expressed to
Val Jones & Pat Mc Gillivray for
setting it up and to Rosemary
Teachen who filled in a letter of
thanks was received from the
Head for the cheque of £100.
(3) Garden Party went swimmingly.
Thanks expressed to Rosemary Teachen
who was responsible for the catering
and for setting it up. The President
sent a letter of thanks to the
Handwicks.
(4) Gardens Open. Enormous success. £2040
banked. (Visitors to Linky sea were
counted - 279!)

We may possibly open the gardens
again next year on every 2nd year.
Sadly Maryoth is happy for us to
have the same date as her garden
opening.

Comments arising: There were insufficient
Maps although 350 were run off.
Visitors would like to repeat the
experience next year but maybe with
fewer gardens.
It would be helpful if everyone knew
which gardens had plant stalls.
The main purpose of this Meeting
is to finalize arrangements for the

Flower Show.

Item i Bob Allen (flower judge) has died.
ii All children who enter an item will be given a memento. Permutations discussed. A card was the choice.
 Rosemary Teachers volunteered to work something out on her computer.

- i) The Marquee will arrive on the Thursday. Everyone there 10 am Friday to set up.
- ii) Margaret & Lawrence Beveridge will host the judges' lunch at the Tweeddale.
- iii) The following were discussed: skenwadding, mauls scrubmen, photocopying coffee for judges, tea in Village Hall, prize money, auction, raffle, competition cake, bouquet presenter (Bradley Lerner), tractor, electricity, door duties, security staff, & silver band.

AOB i) The profit on the sale of the compost was £557.

- 2) The eternal problem of people who don't turn up for outings was discussed briefly. President to mention in his newsletter.
- 3) Hooring for Marquee if wet. We have woven sheeting which can be laid after the tables are set up.
- 4) Flower Festival. Tea will be available in the church balcony on the afternoon of Sat. 12th Sept. Skewands are required for both the Saturday & Sunday.

The meeting finished 8³⁰ pm.
 The date of the next meeting is 26th August.

James Beveridge John M. David

26-8-98

A Committee Meeting was held in the To drink room with the President, Lawrence Beveridge in the chair. Apologies John Sheldon, Peter Skeea, Pat McGillivray, Joan & Agnes McNeil, Hermione Falconer. Matters Arising. Flower show. i) Thanks were expressed

to the President to Elizabeth Cooper, Paddy Lamb, Joy Monk & Margaret Beveridge. To help cover her costs, Blennie Bathgate will receive £20 for her cake & a letter of thanks. Rika Wilson will be sent a basket of flowers for designing the embroidered kerchief.

As Dougie Nain's premises have been used for years, he will be sent a flowering plant & a letter of good wishes.

- 2) Entries were up substantially although honey entries were down.
- 3) Hanging baskets. It was suggested we have extra brackets for hanging baskets. Ron Holton to organize.
- 4) Membership. Numbers of ordinary and life members are up on last year.
- 5) Accounts. All income is up on last year. Expenditure exceeded income by £1034.

Item i Skewandering. When planning for next year, Mrs Skewandering is required on the Friday night when exhibits are brought in.

ii Skewandering. One judge - Mrs Skoakley - made various suggestions for honey exhibits. It was commented that we

- are a village show and do not aim to achieve national standards.
- iii Floriundas. A Member pointed out that the RHS does not recognise Floriundas Roses and suggested the class be renamed. For further discussion.
- iv There was discussion as to whether jams in jars other than 1 lb would be acceptable.
- v Schedule Review groups to report back at next Meeting - the same groups as last year.
- vi Judges. Suggestions for 1999.
 Flowers - Bill Tait & friends
 Veg. and fruit. Cook in Jars.
 Jams & Jars - Penny Smith.
 Baking - Liz McCall.
 Honey - George Hood.
 Children - Ash Pat McGillivray.
 Handicrafts - Yvonne Henderson.
 Floral Art - Viv Clayton.
- vii Seemingly. Fiona McVie has written to the seemingly firm telling them they are liable for the missing items. Next year we will try to have 2 Members and a dog to police the Marquee.
- viii Helpers. We need more helpers to set up and dismantle the Marquee and for seemingly.
- ix Flower Festival. 20 programmes will be duplicated & placed in plastic folders for lending out. On the Sunday the exhibition will close at 6pm. At 7pm there will be a

short service with the Trinity Hand Bells.
 Request help for Shirley Park with flowers and greenery for the GHS arrangement.

- x Lunch for how. life and committee members Village Hall 11th October 1pm.
- AOB 1) Autumn newsletter is due so suggested speakers for next season: January. Ben-J. McNaughton. Alpines. February. Willie Duncan. His Garden tho' the seasons.
- 2) We need new office bearers and committee members. The President will take a 1-year sabbatical. New secretary required from November. Jan & Agnes McNeil have resigned from the committee.
- 3) Gardens opening in 1999. To be considered at the next Meeting. Date of the next Meeting 14th October. The Meeting closed at 9pm.

James Brown

John M. David

21-10-98

Matters

A Committee Meeting was held in the lodger's room with the President Lawrence Baveridge in the chair. During the President was not yet heard from the Glenisk Farm regarding the Harquee during the flower show. The Police raided a house in Haddington and found a stick which was not ours. The insurers have not yet made contact.

2) The Flower Festival was a great success. \$178 was received in donations in Testin Church. A donation was made to the Trinity Handbells. The entire event was enjoyed by guests and those who participated. Alterations to the flower show schedule were discussed in detail including the following points:

i) show 3 162 to read "from the garden and not purchased". Delete "flowers need not be grown personally by the exhibitor".

2) Tea board to be changed to 130 - 5⁰⁰ pm.

ii) The 7th Garden Festival will be held 18th & 19th September in Glen Vottes. GHS has been invited to take part.

iii) Bulk buying. It may be necessary to limit the amounts of compost and peat - 50 bags per person is considered excessive. Decision to limit 20 bags of any one item per person. Prices this year are up 20-25 p

per bag. iv) Millennium. A committee has been formed in the village. Because of a lack of information this will be discussed at the next meeting.

v) due Mingard would be prepared to gift us an RHS Encyclopedia to raise money for the GHS. At the January meeting she will display Dorling Kindersley books.

vi) tree planting. The council will be informed when canes are put in the hedgerow. They will be planted after mid November.

vii) suggested outings. Day - Cluny House, Aberfeldy March - Oak Potmore Broughton House, Bigger Park. James Finella's garden at Hurlford in Ayrshire plus one other garden - possibly in September.

Evening. Inveresk Lodge. Water Gardens & Smokehouse Jedburgh. Berrybank Nursery (Berth McNaughton). ? The Murrell.

viii) A.M. The following points were considered. Haddington Fiddles appeared 8³⁰ pm. Wine & cheese for approx. 55 people. Pin board with photographs of various events. Raffle 50 p for one prize (book). Election of new office bearers: Margaret Mac Donagh as President. " Holrow as vice President. Replacement for Secretary Agnes & Jan McNeill. The meeting closed at 9 pm.

- M. A. MacDonagh

11-11-98

Annual General Meeting

The President Lawrence Beveridge welcomed a large audience. Apologies from Mr & Mrs G. Barry, Kay Watson, Pat Mc Gillivray, Sue Galbraith, Jean Robertson, Mr & Mrs Archie Campbell, Mrs Nisbet, John Fraser. Rosemary Teacher. Minutes of the AGM held on 12-11-97 were read.

Margaret MacDougall proposed and Stanley Boswell seconded the Minutes. President's report. The President thanked all Members for their hard work which was well rewarded. All events were a great success in spite of the weather. The President then detailed the calendar of events throughout the year. The flower show proved worthy of the 150th anniversary celebrations. Sadly, our oldest life member, Kit Weddell, died last week. The new trees have yet to be planted. Thanks were expressed to Elizabeth Cooper, Ellen David, Paddy Lamb, Margaret Beveridge (who for 10 years has organised the raffle and is now retiring from that job) and Margaret Maslowski for auditing the accounts.

Election of Office Bearers:

President - Margaret MacDougall
 Vice President - Margaret Holton
 Secretary - Susan Wilkew
 Treasurer - Paddy Lamb will continue in post.

The President appealed for new younger members for the committee. He asked to the committee:

Jaqueline Reid, Ann Ingram, Peter Glasie, Jan Blundell.

1999 Programme of Meetings:

- 13th January, 17th January, 17th March
 - AOB 1) summer outings - The President requested suggestions for summer visits
 - 2) Thanks were received from Pat Mc Gillivray for the flowers sent to her.
 - 3) subscriptions are now due. £2 p.a per person. NOT per couple.
 - 4) Trees. The list will be retained until the trees are actually planted.
 - 5) Bulk buying. Lists are on the table.
 - 6) Raffle. RHS encyclopaedia has been gifted by the MacDougall who works for Woking Kindersley.
 - 7) Calendars - there are some spare if required.
 - 8) Flower show '99 21st & 22nd August.
 - 9) Next committee meeting 20th January.
- At the conclusion of the AGM, Members enjoyed cheese and wine to the accompaniment of the Haddington Fiddlers.
- Thus concluded a most enjoyable and successful 150th anniversary year.