

coffee and home-baked biscuits, price for this 50p per person. Mrs. McKay to ask Mrs. Dornie Thomson for loan of projector, 16" An Accordion night was suggested, instead of a Ceilidh in 1983, date suggested was Wed. 23rd March

Plant Sale to be on 4th June.

Outing '83 Suggestions asked for.

Flower Show On 20th and 21st August, to run for 2 days. Amendments to schedules to be at next committee meeting

Christmas Tree. Mr. Simon Younger has kindly agreed to donate this, and it will be erected on Saturday 18th Dec.

Bulk-Buying Orders for this will be taken from now on, but the new prices will not be fixed until the January meeting

Inter Soc. Competition A letter from the Secretary of the Mayfield-bathhouses Gardening Club was read, secr. to answer this as no member from here will be able to attend the meeting on Dec 1st. Also a letter from Pathhead Hort. Society was read, inviting us to send a team to their Quiz on 23rd Feb. '83, secr. to ask for more information.

A.O.B. None.

Next meeting to be Tuesday 1st Feb. 1983.

to Mr Hamilton, secr.
A Boggan

1st February 1983

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Todrick Room at 7³⁰ pm. The President in the Chair.

Apologies from Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Davie, Mr & Mrs. Milne and Mrs. Vance. Secretary to write to Mrs. Davie as she is ill.

Secretary also contact Mr. Dornie Thomson to remind him about the projector for 3rd March meeting.

Garden Quiz Members were asked to encourage friends and neighbours to come to this.

Meeting 3rd March The Dutch Bulb films with interval for coffee and home-baked biscuits, provided by the ladies of the committee.

Accordion Night Date 23rd March to be changed to 6th April, David Grindlay to arrange with the Bowling Club, secretary to arrange refreshments.

Outing 1983 Stobo Castle was suggested, ^{on 15th June} secr. to write about this and also ask about place for refreshments in the vicinity - failing this contact Dawyck.

Quiz at Pathhead Four people wanted for this, Peter Stea, David Grindlay, Mrs. McKay and Mrs. Bathgate were suggested, on Feb. 23rd.

Inter-Society competition will this year be held in Prestonpans, Gifford's turn will be in 1985. (24/9)

Bulk-Buying This is now to haul at Sandy Boggan's, Levington Compost at £3.25, Gro-Bags at £1.45, Peat at £3.50, Winter wash at £1 for 2 pints. Estimates to be got for balls of peat.

Flower Show It was decided to raise the entrance fee to 30 p for adults, 15 p for children over 5, infants & members free. The marquee will cost £650.00 this year. The Marchioness of Tweeddale to be asked to present the

prizes. Leith's of Berwick to be asked to donate a prize. The Goblin Ha' to be booked for judges' lunches. Judges suggested: George Mackie and our Hunter - flowers Alec Bisse and Jim Cockburn - vegetables Miss Maine - Floral art Miss Ketchin - Industrial Mrs. Henderson - Handicrafts Mr. Anderson - Childrens' sec. 400 schedules to be printed as usual and sold at 10p. Advertisements £8 for full page, £4 for half page. More advertisers to be approached, i.e. Yester Wood, Lawson Thomson, Andersons of Gifford, Anthea Skea, Lothian Printers. There is to be a Honey Section, judged by George Smith. Childrens' Section to be publicised at Humbie, Garvald, East Saltoun and Pencaitland. Cards to be printed for trophy winners.

Treasurer's Report The outlay on bulk buying was £406.27. We have £66.90 in current account and £1046.38 on deposit account.

A.O.B. The Treasurer produced an advertisement from 'Garden News' by Wolf Tools, 'Top Tray Competition 1983'. Application made for Top Tray Glass - Peter Skea to do this. Mrs. Savage announced that the Hall Committee intend holding a ~~fair~~ on 28. May and asked us to participate. Next meeting to be on Tuesday May 10th

CLBoggon.

10th May 1983.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Todrick Room at 7³⁰ pm. The President Sandy Boggon in the chair. Apologies from Mr. Sampson, David Grindlay, Mrs. Jeffray and Mrs. Harrison.

Sandy Boggon welcomed Mrs. Davie back after her illness. The Garden Quiz in Pathhead was much enjoyed, and it was felt we should do the same here in Gifford next winter. A letter from the Dutch Bulb Information Desk was read, apologising for the films for our meeting on March 3rd not reaching us in time. Also a letter from the National Trust thanking us for £7.00, a donation in thanks for the films they lent us instead.

Accordion Night. This had to be postponed until the autumn as it proved too difficult to arrange for April.

Outing '83 All arranged with Stobo Water Gardens, cost 40p per head, bus £2.00, and cost of outing £4.50 supper at The Countryside Inn, Kirmilaw, Peebles. Start from Post Office at 6pm.

Plant Sale on Saturday 4th June in the Square, Hall if wet. Members to turn up at 9³⁰, start selling at 10³⁰. Everything to be priced beforehand. We apologise for not being able to hold ~~at~~ a Plant Stall at the Village May Fair on 28th May.

Bulk Buying Total cost of purchases £818.63, sales to the end of April £840.75. Sandy Boggon

expressed thanks to David Grindlay for all the haulage, without which we could not do the bulkbuying, and Sandy Boggon was thanked for doing all the selling. There is very little left now of the Bulk-Buying.

Flower Show. Arrangements well in hand, will be finalised at the next meeting. Lady Tweeddale has agreed to present the trophies. All the judges have accepted except for Miss Ketchum, in her place Miss Grace Germyn from North Berwick has agreed to come, including Mr. George Smith to judge the money. Sandy Boggon offered to write to the schools in East Saltoun and Pencaitland to encourage the children to enter. Fuchsias or geraniums were suggested for the competition. List for raffle prices was circulated, Wendy Milne agreed to organise the raffle. Top price as before £10.00, tickets 10p each, 5 in a book.

Treasurer's Report. We have £1501.22 in the deposit account, £213.44 in the current account and £7 in hand. Up to date we have 79 members.
A.O.B. Sandy Boggon has written a brief outline of the Society's activities for the Gifford Newsletter.
Next meeting to be Tuesday 26th July at 7³⁰ pm.

A. Boggon.

26th July 1983

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Todrick Room at 7³⁰. The President, Sandy Boggon, in the chair.

Apologies from Mrs. Jeffray.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting on May 10th.

Accordion Night. David Grindlay will try to arrange this for the autumn.

Outing '83. This took place to Stobo Water Gardens on 15th June with supper afterwards at The Countryside Inn, Peebles. The Treasurer has sent a cheque for £15 to the gardens.

Bulk-Buying. 12 bags of peat left at £3.50 per bag. Profit made to date £112.92.

AGM 1983. Wednesday 16th November fixed for this. Dutch Bulb films suggested for showing after the AGM. Dornie Thomson to be asked to show these.

Lectures. Suggestions were asked for for these, but one is to be a inter-society quiz in March. Garvald, Pathhead & Haddington to be approached.

Flower Show 1983. As this is to be on 20th and 21st August we need 3 nightwatchmen, or maybe we can arrange something between ourselves. David Grindlay will see Bob Howden for the two nights, £10 per night. Everybody available to be in the marquee on Friday 19th at 2³⁰ pm. Richard Hamilton to fit electric flier before marquee goes up. Sandy Boggon to see Mrs. Mullen about electricity.

£ 14 for the 2 nights. Soundspeakers from Jilly Jackson for Saturday only. Hazel McArthur in charge of tea room and coffee for the judges, at 10 a.m. Judging to start at 10³⁰ a.m. Lunch for judges, 13 of them, & Mr & Mrs. Holton at the Goblin at 1 p.m. David Grindlay to see about a competition, maybe Fuchias run by Miss Darbey and Margaret Holton on Saturday, Isabel Harrison & Hazel McArthur on Sunday. Dr. David Stuart asked to be allowed to sell old-fashioned plants, this was agreed to. Lawson Thomson to have his usual stall. Advertisement in the Courier on August 12th. Raffle to be drawn on Sunday at 4 p.m. Marian Savage to organise Sales Table. Sandy Boggan jun. to bake scones for the teas on Saturday. Willie Bathgate to be asked to make a banquet for Lady Tweeddale, cost £5-7. Advertising as usual. Isabel Harrison to approach Radio Forth. Posters up 2-3 weeks before show. Gordon MacColl will lend us his caravan for the treasurer. Demonstration live and poster available, Peter Radband in charge of this.

Stewards: Flowers: G. Milne & J. Rattray
Vegetables: S. Monk & ^{W. Masterton} R. Holton
Floral Art: J. Harrison & M. Hamilton
Industrial: M. Darbey & A. Davie
Handicraft: A. Jeffray & W. Milne
Childrens: M. Savage & L. Vance
Honey: S. Boggan & J. Sampson.

Judges to be reminded only 3 prizes per class except Childrens where there will ^{also} be "Highly Commended" and "Commended" tickets but no prize money.

Trophy winners to be identified by tickets. Attendants for door:

Saturday 1-2^{pm}: W. Taylor & S. Boggan
2-3pm: R. Hamilton & D. Grindlay
3-4pm W Masterton & G. Milne
4-5pm: S. Monk & J. Sampson
Sunday 2-3pm J. Rattray & R. Holton
3-4pm S. Monk & W. Taylor.

Raffle to be drawn at 4 pm on Sunday Show to be cleared at 4³⁰ pm. John Beaman has agreed to auction produce.

Treasurer's Report We have £1668.99 in deposit account and £184.44 in current account. The printing of the Schedules cost £158.98. We have 101 paid up members to date.

Inter Society Competition is this year at Preston Pans on 24th Sept.

A.O.B. None

Next meeting is on Tuesday 30th August at 7³⁰ pm. No cards to be sent.

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Wednesday 31st August

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Todrick Room. The President, Sandy Boggan, in the chair.

Apologies from Mrs. Savage and Jan Rattray. The President said that the huge success

of the Flower Show was due to a tremendous response from the whole committee and friends. Thanks to the stewards, the attendants at the door, competition, Mrs. Darbey in charge of this, and her helpers - I was run so ably by Miss McArthur, Mrs. McKay and their helpers - Raffle by Mrs. Milne and friends - Mrs. & Mr. Savage at the Sales Table - the bees of which Mr. Radband was in charge - the nightwatchmen: Committee and Richard Hamilton with dog. Derek Jennings, Gavin Jessells and Tully Jackson, also thanks to them - and the Treasurer Peter Skea assisted by Mrs. Harrison, the secretary, and the biggest thanks of all to the Show Secretary, Bill Taylor, ably assisted by Ron Holton. The President pointed out that the committee needs to remain the size it is. We must make other arrangements about nightwatchmen.

In 1981 1007 people attended the show, in 1982 around 600, this year over the two days 1404. Entries: not a lot of difference except for the children's section, which was tremendous. Vegetables and fruit down due to weather. A letter was read from Mrs. Donachie, North Berwick apologising for their ladies not showing Floral Art this year.

Financial Statement: Total income: £1097, total expenditure £1113 - details as typed sheet shows. We have 165 members to date. There is £997.05 in current account, £1573.97 in dep. acc;

and £6.45 in hand. The president thanked Peter Skea for all his work.

Notices Professional notices to be made for teas, bees, handicraft, auction, & prize-money. This must be paid out both days. It was suggested we make the marquee 170 x 30 ft (8 poles) and 140 tables instead of the present 150 x 30 ft (7 poles) and 120 tables. The plant stall needs to be better as plants couldn't be seen. Dawson Thomson & Dr. Stuart were great attractions.

Inter-Soc. Competition Sandy Boggan and Peter Skea. This competition will be at Mayfield in 1984 and Gifford in 1985.

Accordion Night This still to be arranged.

Programme We will try for the Dutch Bulb Films for A.G.M. again, the secretary to contact Mr. Downie Thomson to show these

Autumn Lecture Sidney Clark to be contacted for this

Bulk-Buying Everything is now sold, and we will do this again next winter. Total receipts were £972.80 - expenditure £817.88, so the profit was £154.92

We should now think of the new committee, need new vice-president and replacement for Mrs. Savage. Next meeting on Wednesday 16. November at 7 pm before the A.G.M.

~~Secretary~~
Secretary

Mr
President

Tuesday November 15th 1983

A short Committee meeting before the A.G.M. Nothing to report.

Tuesday November 15th 1983 A.G.M.

Minutes of the A.G.M. held in the Village Hall at 7³⁰ p.m. The President, Sandy Boggon, in the chair.

Apologies from Mr & Mrs. Holton, Jan Rattray and Mrs. Darkey (who turned up later). The President bid a very good audience welcome. The minutes of 1982 were read by the secretary and were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Details of this is attached. We made a profit of £154.92 on the bulk-buying. The loss on 1983 Show were only about £16. We have £1878.95 in both accounts in the bank. A thank you to Mr. Adamson for editing the books. Also "thank you" to Peter Skea for all his conscientious work.

President's Report. The Society now has 165 members and is going from strength to strength. The Show '83 was a terrific success, thanks to committee and helpers. The trophies were presented by the Marchioness of Tweeddale. Everyone was pleased with the 2-day show, 1404 people attended over the two days. The childrens entries were up a great deal and very good. Financially we nearly broke even. Thanks to Peter Radband for setting up and looking after the Honey Section. A special thanks ~~to~~ were accorded

Bill Taylor, Show Secretary for many years, who retired at this A.G.M.

Last winter we had lectures from Mr. Duncan on Pot Plants, a quiz in Febr. and films from the National Trust in March. Sandy Boggon suggested we have an Inter-Society Quiz instead of the PBI quiz in 1984. The outing to Stobo was fair. The Bulk-Buying was a success - we must try other wholesalers now as David Grindlay has no lorry. The President ended by thanking the committee for the great support it has been to him ^{over} ~~for~~ his three years in office, especially the treasurer and secretary.

Winter Lecture We hope to have Mr. Archie Hume on Nov. 30th to talk on carnations. Inter-Society Quiz in Febr. and suggestions asked for for March.

Flower Show 1984 This will be for the new committee to arrange. Dates will be August 18th and 19th. A bigger marquee will be needed, 180 ft. Admission to show to be discussed. It would be a good idea to name exhibits, also a good idea to have a Novice Cup, for somebody who has never won a cup in Gifford.

Election of President: George Milne prop. S. Boggon
Office Bearers Treasurer: Peter Skea, prop. Masterton
Show Secretary: Ron Holton, sec. M. McKay
Secretary: Jan Rattray prop. G. Milne
Committee: Wendy Milne, Bill Taylor, sec. Mrs. Brown

Mrs F. Darbey, David Grindlay, Mrs J. Harrison, Mrs Ann Jeffray, Mr W F Masterston, Mr Stan Monk, Miss H. MacArthur, Mrs R. Vance, Mrs M. Holton, Mrs. B. M. Hamilton. New members: Mrs. Allan, proposed Mrs. Mowat, sec. George Milne. Dr. John Sheldon, prop. Mrs McKay, sec. Mrs. Harrison Robbie Weddell, prop. Mrs. Hamilton, sec. 2 Mrs. B. Cooper, prop. David Grindlay, sec. Peter Skea.

Christmas Tree Secretary to write Dr. Lumsden asking for this, failing this write to Simon Young. List of Patrons to be scratched, secretary to write to them all thanking them for their support over the years. We should also spend more money on new notices for the Show, more staging and new vases, and maybe "up" to prize money.

A.O.B. None.

The A.G.M. ended with the showing of two films from Holland, from the Dutch Bulb Growers. These were kindly shown by the Rev. Downie Thomson. George Milne concluded the meeting with a vote of thanks to Sandy Boggs. B. M. Hamilton (secr.)

23/11/83:

Minutes of Committee meeting held in The Todrick Room, at 7.30 pm - The President George Milne in the chair.

The minutes of the previous Committee meeting held on 31st August were read and approved.

Apologies from Mrs R. Weddell, Mrs A. Jeffray, Mrs W. Milne, Mrs H. Vance, Mrs Holton Mrs E. M. Hamilton

Vice-President

David Grindlay proposed the election of Mrs M. Mackay as Vice-President and this was seconded by Dr. Sheldon.

Winter meetings

Arrangements have been made for Mr. Archie Home to give a talk on Border Carnations on 30th November.

The Inter-Society Quiz was arranged for 2nd February 1984 at 7.30 pm. The Secretary should contact the Horticultural Societies in Garvald, Pencaitland, Rathhead, Ruff and the Haddington Gardening Club asking them to compete. David Grindlay will find a suitable Quizmaster.

The Secretary should contact Iain Ewenston of Haddington to ask if he would be prepared to give a photographic presentation on Wild Flowers on 1st March 1984. Failing him the Secretary should try and get Sidney Clark.

Social Activities

Possibilities will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Christmas Tree

The Secretary should write to

Simon younger to ask if he would provide a tree. Arrangements are to be made to have this erected on Saturday 17th December.

Flower
Sale.

This will be held on 2nd June. The Secretary should provisionally book the Village Hall in case of bad weather.

Flower
Show.

This will again be a two-day show and will be held on 18th & 19th

August. It was agreed that the staging required to be changed significantly and a Sub-Committee comprising of the more members of the Committee plus Sandy Baggan will be established to handle this.

Bulk
Buying

The President has been in touch with two companies regarding this and it seems likely that the Bulk Buying will go ahead on terms not too dissimilar from in previous years.

Summer
outing

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Other
Business

David Givollay suggested that the secretary contact Sinclair McCall and E.C.H. Ltd to see if they would be prepared to donate a prize for the Flower show or perhaps place an advert in our catalogue.

The next meeting will be held in the Todrick Room at 7.30 pm on Thursday 19th January 1984

David Givollay Secretary.

Group 1 Mr.

President