

A Committee Meeting was held on **19 January 2000** in the Todrick Room, Gifford Village Hall with the President Margaret McDougall in the Chair.

Apologies:

Ann Ingram, Bill Maley, Perter Glasik, Rosemary Teacher

Looking forward to a good gardening year!

The recent death was announced of Bill Masterton, Honorary Member. Card was received from Fiona Sheldon thanking GHS for her azalea. £10 was given to John Wilson after his talk to GHS in January.

Show

Show schedule has been sent to the printers.

The Holtons have 2 tea chests for storing the vases

Sandy ~~Boswell~~ ^{Boggon} has purchased 2 rolls of black polythene.

Outings

Ron & Margaret Holton will make the coach bookings this year.

Inveresk – no news from Clare Reaney Head Gardener regarding date.

Belsay, Northumberland was considered for a day outing.

2 – 4 June dates for the garden show at Ingleston. Coach trip to be arranged for 3 June.

Sandy Boswell proposed that we should arrange our extended trip now. After some consideration of other areas it was decided to try to arrange visits to gardens in the Chester area for June 2001. Ron Holton had already done so much of the ground work last year for the programme.

Treasures^{at} Post

Ian Blundell will take over the post.

Millennium Tree

Sue Wilthew to source a double white flowering cherry. Jackie ^{Reid} to organise a brass plaque to be engraved GHS Millennium Tree.

Gifford Garden Openings

Only 2 names on the list to date. More people need to be persuaded to open their gardens.

(£200,000 raised through the Scottish Garden Scheme last year).

Quiz

6 April, Dalkeith, no further details.

Team nominated as Sue Wilthew, Davis Grindley and Margaret McDougall

Collage

The 150th anniversary collage has been moved out of direct sunlight in the Village Hall.
Thanks to Bill Maley for moving it.

Speakers for next season:

Clare Reaney of Inversek

Willie Duncan – choose his own subject

Someone involved in developing the Chinese Garden at the ERBG.

Beryl MacNaughton her experiences with the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society.

Meeting closed at 8.15p.m.

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A Committee meeting was held on Wednesday 12th April 2000 in the Todrick room, Gifford Village Hall at 7.30 pm with President Margaret McDougall in the chair.

Apologies - Sue Willhew, Peter Glazik, Elizabeth Cooper, Eileen David. Absent Anne Ingram

Outings

More names are needed for each outing.

Everyone will be charged \$1 entrance at Inveresk including S.N.T members.

Millennium planting

Despite the rain, it was a very successful occasion. Previous presidents and John McVie our honorary president as well as our current president all contributed to the planting. The fence to go round the tree has still to be erected.

Gifford Gardens Opening

Sandy Beggan informed the committee that he has ten names so far of people willing to open their gardens and hoped for further names. Last year \$238.00 was raised from the Scotland Garden Open scheme. He proposed a big notice for the village to encourage other people to join in, and also asked for help in distributing leaflets.

Volunteers were needed to man the caravan supplied by Ian Burgess. Sandy Boswell and Mary Renton offered to do this also Rosemary Teacher and Peter Stree. - try McDougall. More maps are needed. 500 this year was suggested.

Rosemary Teacher to supply the paper.

Sandy Boswell asked for a list of the names of people who would be selling plants in their gardens.

The president asked for support for John Sheldon's garden opening on 11th June.

Support was also asked for the plant sale at Oxenford on 14th + 15th Oct.

Outings

The President mentioned Kevock Gardens at Looe as a possible venue. She also asked for support for the Looe Flower Show on Saturday August 25th.

The Flower Show

Details of Flower Show entries, and accounts were handed to everyone. The number of entries was down overall, and visitor numbers also down particularly on the Saturday, due no doubt to the bad weather.

New arrangements for hanging baskets were discussed and will be pursued.

The problem of children arriving after 10 o'clock with their entries was discussed. Margaret Holton suggested that a steward could be at the tent entrance to take any late entries. This was approved.

A new method of processing the results papers was suggested by Ron Holton.

The tea income was also down and as there ~~is~~ often a lot of food left over, it was decided to have cream and jam scones only and no tray bakes.

General comments from the stewards about any problems were mentioned. The tea convenor Eileen David thanked the Maley family for all their help.

It was suggested that we buy our own Addabox for next year.

Another suggestion was that we get a judge just for the photographs which is a very popular entry.

→ The next committee meeting after the A.G.M. will be on Wednesday November 22nd.

{ Elisabeth Cooper Show Secty had previously said she was giving up at the A.G.M. but has decided to stay on with help. Bill Maley & Val Jones both volunteered their services to her.

Maureen Gall

The President read out a letter of thanks from Margaret Holton for the plants that were given to her after her operation.

Speakers for next season

Professor Fred East to take the place of Willie Duncan

Quiz

An enjoyable evening was held at Dalmeith. Pathhead won the ^{first} ~~cup~~ Sandy Boggan took the place of David Sprindley and Margaret Holton took Sue Withers place.

Collage

It is being lent for an embroidery exhibition on the 26-27th May. It is insured for £400 to cover such occasions.

The President mentioned that the garage roof needed looking at. The felt was buckling and there were some holes in it. Peter Street said he would inspect it.

Bulk Buying

Sandy Boggan said that so far he had got £2,643. The initial cost was £2,300, and there are still some bags left to sell.

Plant Sale

Members are asked to come at 9 am on Saturday 20th May to help set up. Members may collect their own plants on Friday 19th from Sandy Boggan.

The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday 19th July. Meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Margaret Holton Acting Sec

A Committee meeting was held on Wednesday 19th July 2000 in the Todrick room Gifford Village Hall at 7.30 pm with President Margaret McDougall in the chair

Apologies

Paddy Lamb, Eileen David.

Margaret Halton acted as Secretary in the absence of Sue Willtham. Also absent Ann Ingram

Outings

Ingliston - a new show this year organised at short notice as the exhibitions were not very good. There were many plant stalls, next year it should be better.

Inveresk - mixed reports again, and National Trust members couldn't use their membership cards. We had a good meal at the County Hotel Dalmeith afterwards

Beloecey - enjoyed by all, the weather was good and the quarry garden outstanding. Unfortunately it rained when we got to the Teviot Water Gardens.

Again we had a good meal on the way home at the Cross Keys Hotel Kelso.

Millennium Tree

The tree was planted on March 25th in the rain. The President discovered when the tree was in leaf that it wasn't a double white cherry, but a bird cherry. The supplier will give us another tree in November

Garden Open Scheme

Sandy Boggan read out a letter from the convenor thanking us for our support and looking forward to us opening our gardens again in 2002. The total collected was £1,500 which included the proceeds from Lady Mary's garden. Not as many people came round the gardens this year possibly because of the weather

Garage roof

This was inspected and found to be sound, and was painted by Peter Shea. He also suggested that we

ask the council to clear up the litter in that area.

Plant Sale

We made £381 profit which was up on last years total.

Quiz

Next years quiz will be at Palkhead in the Sports Pavilion on April 10th 2001.

Exhibition

There will be a photo exhibition about Gifford in the hall next week in the village hall.

Tree Planting

Ian Blundell is to examine all the trees and sturm round them as Peter Shea said some were dead or dying and some were missing. It was suggested that we buy some more, perhaps larger in size this time and make sure they are properly protected.

Flower Show

All the duties for the show were organised. All children who enter are to be given a free pen. Ron Halton suggested that they were inscribed with Gifford Flower Show.

Sandy Boggan and Ron Halton to be responsible for looking after the tartan cloth for the stage.

Elizabeth Cooper to check with David Grundley about the pots to decorate the stage, otherwise Ron Halton will supply them.

The next Committee meeting will be on Aug 23rd at 7.30.

A Committee meeting was held on Wednesday 23rd August 2000 in the Todrick room Gifford Village Hall at 7.30 pm, with President Margaret McDougall in the chair.

Apologies

Sandy Boswell, Eileen David, Rosemary Teacher, Ian Burgess, Jacqueline Reid and Secretary Sue Witham, Margaret Holton acting as Secretary.

Millennium Trees

Ian Blundell had made a thorough inspection of the trees by the roadside, and had trimmed round them. His report showed that some trees had died, others had not grown very much, and it was decided to replace these. The trees on the far side of the hedge ~~the~~ will be examined after the harvest.

Social Evening

On Wednesday 18th October George King and two friends will entertain us with a musical concert. A bottle raffle will be also be held. Stories and tea and biscuits will be served - Mary Renton and Jean Cunningham? volunteered to make the stories. Expenses to the performers to be the same as last time £20. £10. £10.

A.G.M.

with Speaker Mrs Morrison

The A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday November 8th with a committee meeting beforehand at 7pm in the kitchen.

Gardening Scotland 2000

Margaret McDougall read out a letter from them thanking all the societies for their support, and setting out their plans and improvements for next years show on June 1st 2nd, 3rd.

Speakers

It was suggested that speakers at meetings be given £25 for expenses, and this was approved.

A suggestion that we should join the Royal Caledonian Society was postponed until next year. It was decided that we should arrange our insurance in future with the R.H.S.

Outings

The President mentioned Kevoch Gardens at Lasswade as a possible venue, she also asked for support for the Garvald Show on Sat 26th August.

Flower Show

Details of show entries and accounts were discussed. Entries were down, also number of visitors.

New arrangements for hanging baskets suggested.

Margaret Halton suggested that childrens entries arriving after 10am should be taken by a steward at the tent entrance resolving the problem of placing late entries.

No tray bakes next year. All members to supply large scones which would be spread with jam and cream.

Tea convenor Eileen David thanked the Maley family for all their help.

Next committee meeting (before the A.G.M) at 7pm on November 8th.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in Village Hall on Wednesday 8th November 2000 at 7.30pm with President Mrs. Margaret M'Dougall in the chair

Mrs. M'Dougall opened the meeting and welcomed a good turn-out of members.

Apologies - Ian Burgess, Peter Llanik

Minutes of A.G.M. held on 10th November 1999 were read and approved.

150th ANNIVERSARY - A report was given on the progress (or otherwise) of the trees planted on the Haddington Road.

PROGRAMME 2000-2001 - Since the newsletter has been distributed there have been some changes to the speakers we will have during the season - these will be advertised at the appropriate times in 'Dougies' windows.

BULK BUYING - Once again Sandy Boggan will be organising our Bulk Buying Scheme. The good news is that prices will remain the same. The President thanked Sandy for all the work he does in this connection.

OUTINGS - Suggestions were invited for proposed outings in 2001. Eileen David gave the latest update on the proposed outing to Lchester and surrounding area.

Mrs. M'Dougall gave a resume of the past year's activities.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Paddy Lamb reported that the Society was in a healthy state at the moment having £5789- in the coffers. (See Accounts attached). The membership will remain at £2.00.

OFFICE BEARERS - Paddy Lamb is resigning as treasurer. Ian Blundell, asst. treasurer was elected to succeed her. The President thanked Paddy for all her work as treasurer over the past year and was delighted that she would continue to be a committee member. All other office bearers were re-elected - John Sheldon was welcomed back by Mrs. M'Dougall after a year's absence.

FLOWER SHOW - Dates for the show announced as 18th & 19th

A vote of thanks was given to the President. Mrs. Margaret M'Dougall August 2001

Mrs. M'Dougall ^{then} introduced Elaine Leaney from the National Trust gardens at Inveresk, who gave an illustrated talk on 'Hot Plants for a cold climate'. The President thanked Elaine for her interesting talk and slides.

The meeting closed with tea.

Committee Meeting to be held in the Lodrick Room on Wednesday, 22nd November 2000 at 7.30.

M.A. M'Dougall Pres.

Gifford Horticultural Society
Accounts 1999 to 2000

1999	Income	2000	1999	Expenditure	2000
484.00	Membership	468.00	84.35	Printing & Stationary	139.23
40.00	Life Members	40.00	90.98	Advertising	78.96
	Total 28		133.00	Hire of hall	159.00
188.84	Raffles	184.71	94.32	Meetings Expenses	195.33
177.29	Bank Interest	197.78	31.15	Officers Expenses	56.30
2987.05	Bulk Buy	2987.65	2384.26	Bulk Buy	2321.05
777.34	Plant Sale	817.25	427.30	Plant Sale	424.44
608.00	Outings	408.00	630.00	Outings	400.00
1791.40	Flower Show	1690.43	3317.65	Flower Show	3692.34
247.00	Donations	218.90	17.50	Nat. Veg. Memb.	17.50
358.00	Sched. Adverts	358.00	17.50	Lottery Licence	17.54
315.00	Floats	590.00	44.00	R.H.S. Memb+Ins.	44.00
		-----	105.00	Cups Insurance	105.00
		7960.72	1036.78	Sundries	117.27
			285.00	Floats	590.00

Total Expenditure	£8357.96				8357.96
Less uncashed chq.	10.00				

	£8347.96				
Total Income	7960.72				

Loss	387.24				
Bank Balance B.F. 1998-1999	--£6176.89				
Loss	387.24				

£5789.65 = Bank Balance 1st Nov. 2000

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Mgt. Maslowski

22 November 2000

A Meeting was held in the Todrick Room, Gifford village Hall.
The President Margaret McDougall was in the Chair.

Apologies were received from:

RosemarymTeacher, Sandy Boswell, John Sheldon, Bill Maley and Eileen David.

A letter from Alistair Barnard was read. He thanked the Society for the warm welcome he had received on his first visit to Gifford.

Millennium Tree

The replacement tree is available from R& B Nursery

Sue Wilthew is to check whether the metal railing is still available through the Council. Ian Blundell to get an additional quote for a commercial one. Plaque to be commissioned once design of guard known.

Scotland's Garden Open Scheme

Lady Marioth Hay has indicated that she would like to nominate Gifford Horticultural Society as the charity to receive the 40% share of the takings from her open day. Several possible options for what the income could be put towards – graveyard upkeep, extra number of special prizes at the Flower Show. Yester Primary to be asked to suggest a project of up to £500. All options to be put to the AGM in November.

New Trophy

Amy Harley has donated a new trophy to be competed for in the Children's handwriting section of the show. The Harley trophy will be for presented to the child entering the best hand-written copy of a set poem.

Plant Sale

The date of the Plant Sale has been fixed for Saturday 19th May 2001.

1st meeting of 2001/2002 session 10 October 2001

After the slightly disappointing turnout for the George King concert last session, Margaret McDougall proposed a Pan Britannica quiz as a new event with cheese and wine. Sandy Boswell is to be asked to provide the wine. b l r

AGM 2001 November 14th

Jim Williams to be invited to speak on Greenhouse management and Show Tips.

Flower Show 2001

Show Opener

When she became President, Margaret McDougall wanted 3 people to open the show during her first term, Fiona Sheldon is to be asked to complete her wish list this year.

Judges

Flowers

Veg

Floral Art

Wines and Preserves

Baking

Handicrafts

Honey

Childrens

Stick dressers

Gordon Mitchell of Dunbar and friend ✓

Alec Birse + friend

Isla Hall (accepted 15 Jan) ✓

Sandra Duncan x

Yvonne Henderson ✓

Liz MacCall ✓

George Hood

Carthy Scott and friend;

to provide their own judge as usual

Marquee Hire

The quote for 2001 show is £1207.92, a bit up on last year. Agreed to accept the quote.

Schedule

The schedule needs to be designed to ensure that advertisers insert are left intact in the schedule when entry forms are removed.

The children's colouring picture needs to be on a page to itself.

Hanging baskets

David Grindley proposed that the Society should purchase new exhibition stands for the hanging baskets. Sue Wilthew to contact Mr Morrison at Carberry Candles to get a quote for 3 sets of stands, each accommodating 4 baskets.

Raffle

Mary Renton, after 6- 8 years service would like a wee rest! Margaret Holton and Jackie Reed to share the duties.

Monthly Meetings Refreshments

Bill Maley to be asked to continue to provide tea, coffee and biscuits.

Tea Rota

January	Cunningham, Cooper, David
February	Falkner, Ingram, Jones
March	Teacher, Renton, Lamb
October	Cunningham, Cooper, David
November	Falkner, Ingram, Jones

Outings 2001

Held over until January meeting

Chester Trip update

Some members have expressed an interest in visiting Powys Castle Gardens during the trip. In order to accommodate this excursion the visit would have to be extended to 3 nights (4 days). This would cost an additional £300 in coach hire fees and extra B&B charges.

Other local Society's to be contacted advertising the trip to try and ensure good numbers.

Committee Members

Prior warning was given that Rosemary Teacher wants to resign from the Committee next year. Val Jones will also be leaving. The Society will need a new Show Secretary. Ideally someone should shadow Val and Elizabeth this year.

AOB

Sandy Boggon has the bulk buying lists available.

Sandy B on behalf of David Gindley suggested that the Society should place bulk seed orders with D.T. BROWN SEEDS. Orders of 100 - 250 packets would receive a 30% discount. The order would need to be placed by 15 December. Too late for this year, but should be investigated for next season.

Addabox

After some discussion it was decided that hiring one on as needed basis rather than buying one is the better option.

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Next Meeting 19 January.

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