

A stocktaking of vases etc. is to be done by John Sheldon, David Grindlay and others. Competition: guess the weight of the cake. Judges:

Flowers: Mr Milne (Western Nurseries) & friend with Mr Collingwood as reserve.

Vegetables: Mr Rafterburn & friend

Floral Art: Mrs. Somerville & friend

Children's Section } to be arranged by
Industrial } Miss MacLoughlin

It was suggested that the Children's Section & the Handicraft be judged by the same judge.

Next Committee meeting on Feb. 15th '79.

Bliss M. Hamilton, Hon. Sec.

J. C. Milne.

16th Febr. 1979

A committee meeting was held in the Goblin Ha' Hotel at 7³⁰ pm.

Apologies from Mrs. Lockhart, Mrs. Bathgate & Miss Weddell. Also absent were Messrs. Grindlay and Mr. Fairgrieve.

The President Dr. John Sheldon welcomed The Rev. Alan Scott to his first committee meeting.

Christmas Tree. Mr. Simon Younger donated the tree and all went well with the erecting and dismantling, but for the first time some bulbs were stolen, and as usual some broken. The treasurer reported that the bulbs etc. cost us £30.01 - which leaves £25.66 in funds. The President suggested that the Community

Council give us some money towards the cost of the fittings and bulbs etc. Sandy Boggan said a number of bulbs always used to break when they were removed from the old type of sockets, but this should not happen in the future as we have new and better sockets. A letter from the secr. of the Community Council was read re Xmas tree.

Beididh. Sandy Boggan reported that the Beididh was a great success, all artist performed voluntarily except for Alan Hawthorn who was paid £7.00. The profits came to £120.00. Sandy Boggan thanked everyone for raffle prizes - and the helpers. It was suggested that next year we avoid Burns Night.

Spring Lecture. Next lecture will be in the Tweeddale Hotel on March 1st, by George Patterson; the chair will be taken by Sandy Boggan in the absence of John Sheldon. The collection at the last lecture on 1st Feb. was £4.10 - a loss of £5.80. The lecture on 22nd March will be, we hope, in a classroom at Yester School.

Outing '79. To Manderson on 30th May, for approx. 40 people, and we decided to go for "home, garden and tea" at a cost of £1.90 per person. Notice to be put in Post Office window.

Flower Show. Dr. Lumsden was suggested and is being approached by Mr. Scott for opening the Show, failing this The Hon. Norman Galbraith. The Marquee to be ordered 1979

from Leith of Berwick at a cost of £369.60. Mr Taylor will provide polythene for tea tables etc. Stocktaking to be left till weather improves.

Fiddlers will be in the school on March 20th.
Night Sandy Boggon will make arrangements, social committee and committee members were asked to help.

A letter from Friends of the Earth asking for assistance was turned down. Derek Jennings to be asked to join, secretary to write to him.

Vacancy on Committee next meeting in the Goblin on May 3rd.
B. M. Hamilton (Hon. Sec.)
J. C. McMillan.

A Committee meeting was held at the Goblin Ha' Hotel at 7³⁰ on May 3rd 1979. The President John Sheldon in the chair. Apologies from Mrs. Darbey and Mrs. Lockertie. The Community Council has agreed to pay for the breakages which occurred in 1978, amounting to £28.02.

Spring lecture We lost £6.00 on these.

do 1980. The suggested dates for 1980 will be 7th Feb., 6th March and 17th April. Secretary to phone the Education Dept. about booking hall for a concert.

Fiddlers' night. We made a profit of £89.66 and gave a donation to the Fiddlers of £30.00. Outing 1979 To Inanderston at the price of £2.90 per person, including bus at £1.00 per person.

Entertain. Com. The President thanked the committee for all the work they have put in.

Stocktaking Mr. Taylor has made a rough estimate of what needs replaced, but an inventory is to be taken first. The Secretary is to write to the Royal Hort. Society to ask for advice where to buy vases (glazed earthenware). John Sheldon, Sandy Boggon, David Grindley, Stan Monk and Bill Taylor will meet on the 19th May to do the stocktaking, and John Sheldon was given authority by the committee to order what we need, as our funds are good.

Vacancy No reply from Derek Jennings. A on Committee letter from Rev. Alan Scott was read, resigning from the committee because of pressure of work, and the resignation was accepted. The secretary to approach Mr. Masterton and Mr. Skea asking them to join. Sec. also to reply to Mr. Scott's letter.

Plant Sale. On 2 June. Selling not to start until 10³⁰. Mr. Dewhurst to be asked if we can have the sale in the Tweeddale Ponds if it is raining.

Flower Show. Dr. Lumsden has declined to open the Show, and so has the Hon. Norman Galbraith. The President will approach Mr Gray of Smeatons. Mrs. Margaret Mackay will be in charge of the tea tent (with her own helpers). Raffle: special prize of £10.00 as last year.

New Competition. David Grindley reported on a meeting

he attended, of 8 local Horticultural Societies. The competition will be for a new trophy which will circulate among the different Flower Shows - 3 vegetables, 2 vases of flowers and one pot plant. David Grindley was appointed convener of this new Inter-Society trophy, this year in Gorebridge. As this show is held in September the president suggested we discuss this at committee meeting after our own show.

Next committee meeting was fixed for Thursday 26th July 1979 at the Goblin.
E.M. Hamilton (secr.)

J.C. McMillan

A committee meeting was held in the Goblin Ha' on Thursday 26th July 1979.

Dr. Sheldon, President was in the chair. Apologies from Mrs. M. Bathgate and Mrs. Taylor. Absent was Mrs. Veitch.

Lectures 1980 will be on Thursdays 7th Feb., 6th March and 17th April. Secr. to try again for a provisional date for March concert.

Outing '79 The President said everyone enjoyed the outing to Manderston and suggested we try to see the garden in 1980.

Plant Sale brought in £51.63, there was a lack of baking etc.

Schedules. The Treasurer suggests we do not ask Mrs. Dewhurst to advertise next year.

Christmas tree fund There is £53.67 in this and will be

left there in case no help comes from the fairs in the coming years, but as stated already the Community Council has promised to refund breakages.

Stocktaking Sandy Boggan reported on the vases and got approval from the Committee to go ahead and order new ones for £65.00 this year. Sandy Boggan also has spent £32.39 on new polythene. The president to order new signs for the sections, on hardboard - this will cost £36.45.

AGM 1979 will be on 25th Oct. at school, secr. to book classroom, at 8 pm., committee to meet at 7³⁰ pm. Dr. Davie Thomson to be asked to show slides after AGM.

Flower Show 1979. Secr. to ask Mr. Hain for loan of shop on Thursday 16th Aug. - committee to meet in marquee at 3 pm on Friday the 17th. Sandy Boggan to approach Derek Jennings. Mrs. Muller to be asked about electricity, to cost £5.00. Angus Fairgrieve in charge of water supply. Nightwatchman to be paid £6.00. Gift token to Mr Gray £3.00. Mag. Ken in charge of button-hole for Mr Gray. Chairs to be hired from Village Hall committee, cost £10.00. Lunches are booked in the Goblin for 12 people; secr. & Mr. Grindley to attend. Two committee members to collect trophies from platform in case of absentee winners: Mrs. Darbey & Stan Monk. President to buy new committee badges as old ones

are shabby. The president wants Section Stewards as exhibitors temp to move exhibits already in position.

Flowers: Miss Stea & Boggan (Steward Mrs Masterton)

Vegetables: Miss Grindlay & Monte (" Mrs. Knowat)

Floral Art: Mrs. Harrison (" Mrs. Lockerbie)

Industrial: Mrs. Veitch (" Miss Weddell)

Children: Mrs. Bathgate (" Miss McLaughton)

Prize Table: Mrs. Harrison & Mrs. Knowat

Competition: Mrs. Darkey & Mrs. Kerr

Teas: Mrs. McKay & Helpers.

" door: Mrs. Lockerbie

Teas go up to 10p. for adults & 15p. children

Sales Table & Raffle: all available later

Coffee for judges to be made on the spot.

The prize from Pan-Britannica to be the

spray sent for the Quir game.

Publicity: Radio Forth, East Lothian

news, advert in the Courier and

the Scotsman. Posters: about 20 in

various places.

It was agreed to lend the xmas tree

lights to ARC for their Barn Dance,

they will be responsible for any

damage.

The Raffle money should be handed

in to the Treasurer on Aug 16th.

Next meeting in Goblin Ha' on Thursday

Aug 30th at 7.30 pm. No Cards.

R. W. Hamilton (secy)

J. C. McMillan

A Committee meeting was held at the Goblin Ha' Hotel on 30th August 1979. The President Dr. John Sheldon was in the Chair.

Apologies from Mrs. McKay. ^{Mrs. Veitch.} Absent were Mrs. Lockerbie, Mrs. Masterton & Mr. Taylor.

New Vases. Sandy Boggan said the order for the new vases was slightly altered, not so popular as the old clay ones but much more durable and easier to pack. It is hoped the rosettes ordered from Knight's in Bristol will arrive in time for the AGM.

Polythene is in the care of Messrs. Sheldon & Boggan. Other stock with David Grindlay & at Yester mains.

Treasurer's Report. Takings at the 1979 Show: Door: £126.20 - Sales Table: £28.50 - Teas: £34.00 - Competition: £13.36 - Raffle: £126.95 - Auction: £9.43.

There was a discussion about the schedules, whether to charge for them or not, but nothing was settled and the matter will be discussed again later.

Flower Show 1979 Mrs. Bathgate provided the cake for guessing the weight, Mrs. Bathgate the buttonhole for Mr. Gray. ~~The polythene is in the care of Sandy Boggan & John Sheldon, other stock with David Grindlay and at Yester mains. Takings: Door £126.20, Sales £28.50, Teas £34.00, Competition £13.36, Raffle £126.95, Auction £9.43.~~

Funds There was some doubt about money-raising in the future, but it was decided to carry on ^{with} the Beilish at least.

Flower Show. We must boost the Sales Table as it is popular with everyone. The Japanese type Floral Arrangement must be more clearly defined as the judges found it difficult to judge. The miniature arrangement must not be more than 6" overall. Mrs. Knowat suggested more judges for Industrial Section as it takes so long to judge. Also the wine entries must be the first to be judged. We need double tables for this section, so need more from Leith's. Open Flower section was very empty and should be rearranged. Sandy Boggan suggested we put a notice through to all houses in Gifford asking for more entries from everybody. Mrs. Armstrong suggested we bring the Cottagers Section back. This to be put to the AGM. A reporter from the Courier to be asked to come and report the Show.

It was decided that the tent in future must be cleared by 5.30, the raffle drawn at 5 and people allowed in again at 5⁴⁵. The Auction is to be better publicised and an additional speaker nearer the end of the marquee is needed.

Spring Lectures. Secr. to approach new owner of Edrum nurseries to give us a talk with slides on April 17th, in Feb. it will be a Garden Quiz with maybe coffee & slides. For March ask Mr Wallace for suggestions, or the National Trust.

Christmas tree lights. On being lent to ARC it was found that

25 bulbs were missing and 25 dud. Derek Jennings is to buy more and the bill for these to go to the Community Council. There should also be spare bulbs.

Mrs. Henderson^{Dunbar} offered to present a trophy for the Flower Show, it was suggested we pick out a section in the Industrial or the Children. The secr. to write to her.

Accounts. The Treasurer would like to change the bookkeeping system as it is awkward, and would also like a chequebook, this with two signatures on each cheque issued. Mr. Adamson to be asked to look into the matter.

Resignation of President. The President resigned after 3 years in office.

Next meeting will be the AGM at Yester School on Thursday October 25th - the Committee to be there at 7³⁰, the Public at 8, meeting followed by a slide show by Dr. Downie Thomson and Dr. Dunbar.

R. Mr. Hamilton, secr.
J. C. Mullen.

25th October 1979

A short committee meeting was held in the school before the AGM.

Apologies Mrs. Veitch, Mr Monk, Mr Boggan, Miss Weddell.
Resignations Mr MacDiarmid resigns as auditor, but Mr. Adamson is willing to take his place. Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Veitch resigns from the committee.

Village Hall. Letter from the Gifford Community Association was read, secr. to send reply. Mrs. Kerr asked whether we will 'do' something towards Hall funds.

xmas tree. The Community Council now accept responsibility for the expense, but we will continue setting it up etc., and then the xmas tree funds closes, with £31.83, to be transferred to main fund.

Cottages Sec. To be left until properly discussed later.

Next Committee meeting on 15th Nov. in the Gobb. Mr Hamilton, secr. J. L. Miller.

Annual General Meeting 15-10-1979.

The AGM was held in the school with Dr. Sheldon presiding over a fair turn-out of members and friends.

Apologies from Mrs. Veitch, Mr Monk, Mr. Boggon and Mr. & Mrs. Brown.

Treasurer's Report Mrs. Harrison said in her report that we had £879.00 in funds at the beginning of the year and that they now stand at £909.19. The loss on the show this year was £104.00 - staging the show takes about £100 every year, and as we cannot rely on income from other sources we must work hard to make money.

xmas tree There are £31.83 in the fund, this to be transferred to main fund as the Community Council foots the bill in future, but we will still erect it etc.

President's Report.

Dr. Sheldon thanked everybody for all the work put in during the past year. Mr. MacDiarmid has resigned as auditor, but Mr. Adamson is willing to take his place. In 78/79 we sadly lost Miss Hill-Stewart and the Marquess of Tweeddale. The Rev. Alan Scott resigned from the committee, and we co-opted Mr. Masterton and Mr. Stead. In spite of the bad winter we had three fairly well attended lectures, a successful ceilidh and a fiddle concert. The plant sale brought in £51. The Flower Show was well attended in spite of poor weather - Dr. Sheldon thanked the show secretary especially for making the show a success.

There will be rosettes next year for the trophy-winners. Finally - we came second in the new Inter-Society Competition held in Gorebridge this year.

Resignation. Mr. MacDiarmid, Mr. Adamson ^{instead} ~~was~~ proposed by Mrs. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Kerr. Mrs. Veitch resigned, Derek Jennings to take her place, proposed by Mrs. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Kerr. Mrs. Kerr resigned, Mr. Harrison was proposed by Miss MacNaughton, seconded by Mrs. Lockerbie. The president agreed to stay on another year, proposed by Mrs. Armstrong, seconded by Mrs. Harrison.

Finance. As only 37 people exhibited it was suggested we try to get more support from the village.

Also suggested: Annual memberships to be 50p. + free schedule and admission. Admission to show: 25p. and 5p for children. Entry: 5p per entry, 20 or more £1.00. Schedules: 10 p. each. If you enter for the show and pay 50p you get 10p back. This brought a lot of discussion but it was decided to try selling the schedules for one year.

Committee It now reads as follows:

President	Dr. John Sheldon
Vice President	Mr. Sandy Boggan
Show Secretary	Mr. W. Taylor
Treasurer	Mrs. A. Harrison
Secretary	Mrs. B. M. Hamilton

Mrs. J. Armstrong, Mrs. M. Bathgate,
Mrs. F. Darbey, Mrs. M. Mackay,
Mrs. W. J. Mowat, Mrs. J. Lockerbie,
Mrs. S. Monk, Miss B. McLaughlin,
Miss M. Weddell, Mr. A. Fairgrieve, Mr. D. Grindlay, Mr. A. Skea, Mr. W. F. Masterton,
Mr. John Harrison, Mr. J. Jennings.

The AGM closed with a talk and slide show, given by The Rev. Dowling Thomson, of the Cheldea Flower Show, much appreciated by everyone.

1980 Show This will be on 23rd August. £

B. M. Hamilton, Sec.

J. C. M. M.

15th November 1979.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in Goblin Ha' Hotel at 7³⁰ pm. The President Dr. Sheldon in the chair.

Apologies from Mrs. Lockerbie, Mr. Skea & Mr. Jennings.
Spring Lectures Mr. Wood will give us a lecture in March, but date must be changed to a week before or after 6th March. The Garden Quiz will be 7th Feb., and Mr. Jermy's slide show on 17th April.

'Bottagers' Section This to be thrashed out thoroughly at a later meeting.
Social consists of Mr. Monk, Mr. John Harrison, Committee Sandy Boggan, Mrs. Mackay & the secretary.

Village Hall It was decided not to do any fund-raising for Hall Fund.

1980 Plant Sale to be on 24th May in the Square.

1980 Outing To Sir George Taylor, Bellhaven House, who is to be asked when the best time for the visit might be, a Wednesday in early June.
Christmas Tree will be erected on 21st Dec. and taken down on Jan. 5th. Sandy Boggan will arrange for the tractor. We will carry on with the £2 tip to the driver.

Flower Show will be August 23rd. We need same size marquee and 10 more tables.

1980

Lady Haddington was suggested as opener of show. Secretary to write and invite her. Patrons: there will be no more names added to the list, and we cut out Mrs. Crawford. The schedules on sale in the village to cost 10p, but the ones that

get sent by post will be free. Sandy Boggan suggested we deliver the schedules to the members with a note attached encouraging them to exhibit.

Trade Stand Dawson Thomson is willing to come again.

Judges: Flowers: Mrs J. Lockburn & friend

Vegetables: Mrs R B Wood "

Children's: Mrs. Y. Henderson and

Mrs. Anderson.

Industrial: to be arr. by Miss Mac^{haugh}

It was decided not to loan out our vase to Pentcaitland Flower Show.

Next Committee Meeting will be 14th Feb. 1980

J in Hamilton (secr)

J. C. McMillan.

14th February 1980

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Goblin Ha' Hotel at 7³⁰ pm. Dr. John Sheldon in the chair.

Apologies from Miss Wetbell, Mrs. Bathgate and Stan Monk.

1980 Show. Lady Haddington has agreed to open the Show. Miss Mac^{haugh} has not yet contacted the judges for the Industrial section.

Christmas tree About 40 bulbs were broken and stolen, and there was an accident at the tree when 2 people & were hurt when a small boy touched an empty socket. As the Highways Department is having a serious look into all the Christmas trees in the region.