

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Hall
on Thursday 7th January 1971 at 7.30 pm.

Apologies

from Mrs. Bathgate, Brown, Neilson, Murray, Mr. Hardie
Mr. Houston

Present

Mrs. Armstrong, Craig, Darby, Houston, McKay, Miss
McNaughton & Waddell Mr. Biggart, Darby, Hogg,
Grindlay, Jennings, Neilson & Prof. Craig.
Sir Peter Reid in the chair.

Minutes

of the Committee Meeting held on 8th December 1970
were read and moved as a correct record.

Judges.

The Secretary intimated that he had received acceptances
from Mr. Nisze and Wallace for the flower sections.
Mr. Hutchison, Saltoun wished to be relieved of judging
the childrens section. The Committee decided to ask
Mr. J. Anderson, Rosewell Public School, to undertake
the judging of this section. Miss McNaughton had
arranged for Miss M.E. Gann, Arnisbank, 8 Hopetoun
Terrace, Gullane and a friend to judge the Industrial
Section. The judges for the Fruit & Vegetables and
Floral art Sections had not yet replied.

advertisements
in Schedules.

Prof Craig had sold advertising space amounting to
6 full pages @ £3 per page and 2 half pages @ £1.25 per page
and had passed the list over to the Secretary who had
written to all for a note of their advertisement, but so
far only two had replied. The Secretary would press
them for their replies. In addition Prof. Craig had
obtained the promise of a 12/6 basket of fruit from
W. Law, Knicker, Haddington in lieu of an advertisement. It
was decided by the Committee that the fruit be given as a
special prize to the runner up in the Industrial Section.
A quotation had been received from W. Heath for a Marquee
130' x 30' and 90 tables 6' x 2'3" for £69.10/- . This charge
included erecting & dismantling tables. Secretary to accept.

Marquee

Trade Stand The Secretary had written to James McEwan, Letham Holdings, Haddington but had not received a reply. He was asked to pursue the matter and if unsuccessful was instructed to contact Mr. Collingwood of Smeaton Gardens.

Special Prizes Offers of Special Prizes had been received from the undernoted:

The Murphy Chemical Co Ltd.	- 1 parcel of Pesticides.
Pan Britannica Industries Ltd	- 1 parcel - unknown -
Stewart & Co	- 10/- Voucher
Boots Pure Drug Company Ltd	- 1 parcel - unknown -
S.A.S. Horticulture Ltd	- 10/- Voucher
J. Lumsden	- 1 load Manure.

Two further replies had been received but were not suitable:

Nutscene Ltd	- 2 bags spade nutscene for a half page advertisement
Fisons Ltd	- 1/2 lb. garden pack for £1.10/-

Lawson Donaldson Seeds Ltd, Edinburgh had been written but no reply had been received.

Schedule The Committee completed the drafting of the show schedule and allocation of the Special prizes.

Raffle Prizes The Secretary would now take a note of Prizes which members of Committee were donating to the Society. The Secretary was to arrange for additional prizes from the local shopkeepers, but was instructed not to approach Patrons this year.

Conservation Year. Professor Craig raised the subject of Conservation in relation to our Society, and thought that perhaps a pamphlet be prepared for distribution in the Marquee. It was left with Prof. Craig to make further enquiries and report back to the Committee.

Next Function Would be on Thursday 15 February 1971 at 7.30 pm when Mr. Bell of Edinburgh Parks Dept, would give a talk on House & Greenhouse Plants. The Secretary to prepare a poster for the Village, Mr. Armstrong to place advertisement in Courier. There would be a raffle of plants at the meeting.

for Pat,

A. L. Harrison

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Hall on Tuesday 2nd March 1971 at 7.30 pm.

Apologies

Present

received from Mrs. Brown, Mr. Houston and D. Hogg. Mrs. Armstrong, Bathgate, Craig, Darbey, Houston, Mr. Kay, Miss McNaughton and Miss Weddell. Mr. Darbey, Hardie, Grindley & Prof. Craig. Sir Peter Reid in the chair of Committee Meeting held on 7th January 1971 were read and moved as a correct record.

Minutes

Judges

The Secretary intimated that he had not yet heard from Mr. George Patterson, Kames Lodge, Duns, but it was believed that he would act as a judge in the Vegetable Section. Mrs. Allan, Aylmer, Eyemouth was unable to accept our invitation to judge the Floral Art Section, and Miss Weddell agreed to make contact with another lady. All other judges were arranged.

Trade Stand The Secretary informed the meeting that neither Letham Nurseries nor Smeaton Gardens could provide a floral Trade Stand at this year's show. He was instructed to contact A.D. Malcolm thereafter A.M. Irvine of Haddington to provide a stand of garden sundries.

Winter Programme. The talk given by Mr. Bell on 15 February 1971 had been greatly appreciated by an audience of approx 28 and the evening showed a profit of £5/6. Mr. Grindley informed the meeting that Mr. Bell had offered to come to Gifford during September and talk on - The planting of Bulbs, and that a Mr. Young of Loanhead had also offered to give an illustrated talk on Vegetables. The Committee agreed that Mr. Grindley make contact with both gentlemen and endeavour to obtain both their services for a joint evening on Wednesday 29th Sept. The next function would take place on Thursday 4th March commencing with coffee and biscuits at 7.30 pm, followed by an illustrated talk of approx 40 minutes by Mr. Wallace.

entitled "Some Good Garden Plants" followed by the judging of the Spring Bulbs and Spring Floral Art arrangement by Mr. Wallace. It was agreed that if the numbers were sufficient prizes of 7/6, 5/- and 2/6 be awarded to both sections. Entry fee for the evening would be 3/- (10p). The ladies of Committee would arrange for the supply of Coffee & biscuits.

Flower Show
Dance. Sir Peter asked Mr. Hardie to report to the meeting his progress in obtaining full particulars for running a dance on the evening of the flower show, and he advised us that he had fixed everything and produced a Poster and Dance tickets. The dance would be held between 8-11.45 pm at a charge of 20p. Music provided by Wood Geo. Dance Band, and there would be a Rose Queen competition during the dance. The dance posters were going to be placed in shops at Haddington, Garwath, and Gifford as well as in the Marquee and entry would be by ticket only up to 200, and were available from Mr. Hardie & Biggart. The meeting agreed with the arrangements made.

Gardens
Competition The Committee discussed the question of holding another gardens competition this year and made the following decisions. The competition should take place, and be judged on Saturday 7th August 1971. It should follow similar lines to last year, with the following alterations. Competitors must not employ a gardener - The prize for the best single item be omitted - The Secretary was to contact Mr. Gise to act as judge for another year along with one of his friends.

Conservation
Year On being asked by the Chairman, Prof. Craig advised the meeting that he had been unable to make progress in his enquiries owing to the postal strike, and suggested that the matter should be postponed.

Other Business. As there was no further business the Chairman thanked members and declared the meeting closed.

for Peter.

Alb. Harrison

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Apologies

Present

Minutes

Judges

Trade Stand

Talks

Flower Show

Dance

Gardens
Competition

received from Mr. Brown, Houston, Mackay, Neilson, Miss McNaughton, Mr. Biggart and Mr. Neilson. Mr. Armstrong, Craig, Darbey, Murray, Miss Weddell, Mr. Darbey, Hardie, Hogg, Jennings, Grindlay, Houston and Prof. Craig. Mr. Battagale arriving later. of Committee Meeting held on 2nd March 1971 were read and moved as a correct record.

The Secretary intimated that all 9 judges had been arranged, and confirmations received.

Mr. Malcolm had been approached but was unable to provide a trade stand. R. M. Swine & Haddington would provide a stand, and were pleased to be given the opportunity.

A talk would be given by Mr. Bell of Edinburgh Corporation Parks Dept. on The Planting of Bulbs and by Mr. Young of Loanhead on Vegetables on Wednesday 29th September 1971 at 7.30 pm.

The Committee decided that a collection should be taken at the end of the talks.

Sir Peter asked Mr. Hardie if his arrangements for the Dance were complete, and was advised that they were. Mr. Hardie was asked if a Dance Committee should not be formed, but he stated that that would be unnecessary.

The winners of this year's Gardens Competition judged by Mr. Gise and Mr. R. Pearson both of Aberlady on Saturday 7th August 1971 were.

Vegetables 1st R. J. Gibran, 1 Station Road.

2nd B. Mann, 29 Park Crescent.

Flowers 1st Mr. N. Grindlay, 4 Park Road.

2nd J. Hardie, 17 Park Road.

There were 20 gardens entered for the competition and the committee wished to record their appreciation of the effort of Mr. Hardie in obtaining a large number of entries. Mr. Hardie intimated that Mr. Dunbar had photographed the winning gardens, and the photographs should be available for display on the day of the show.

Flower Show
Equipment The Secretary advised the meeting that further supplies of Staging labels for Flower & Vegetable Sections, 1st 2nd and 3rd prize stickers, and entrance tickets were required, and was instructed to procure same. He had already an order from Jock's a set of 1st 2nd 3rd prize cards for the Flower & Vegetable sections.

Electricity
Water To be organised and erected by Mr. Jennings
Mr. Hardie would arrange for a drum of water outside the tent
Polythene Mr. Hogg advised that our Black Polythene had been given out on loan to Mr. Mather and had not been returned.

Mr. Jennings wished permission to arrange for its replacement.
Bouquet for
the opener Mrs. Armstrong was asked if she would order a presentation bouquet for lady Mary Gilman.

Raffle Draw Mr. Jennings would endeavour to have one in time for the show, or alternatively provide something suitable.

Amplifier It was decided not to hire any equipment this year.

Notice Board Mr. Jennings would provide the Hard Board and Mr. Darbey would paint it with Blackboard paint.

Allocation of
Duties Mrs. Craig & Mrs. Houston agreed to organise the sale of Teas, Biscuits and homemade in the Hall during the afternoon, charge Adults 10 pence Children 5 pence.

Judges
Attendants The following committee members would be in attendance with the judges.

Flowers - Mr. Darbey, Mr. Houston
Vegetables - Mr. Biggart, Mr. Neilson
Industrial - Miss M. Naughton, Mrs. Mackay
Floral Art - Mrs. Darbey
Children - Miss Weddell

Coffee

It was arranged that the Secretary order from the Tweeddale Hotel coffee for 20 to be served in the tent at 10.30 A.M.

Doorkeepers

The following would be on duty at the tent door

1-2 pm. Mr. Hardie
2-3 pm. Mr. Grindlay & Mr. Houston
3-4 pm. Mr. Hogg & Mr. Jennings
4-5 pm. Mr. Biggart & Mr. Neilson
5-6 pm. Mr. Darbey

Dahlia
competition

The question on availability was discussed as Mr. Jennings this year had no Dahlias. It was left to Mr. Jennings & Mr. Grindlay to make enquiries and if available a competition would be held. Mrs. Harrison had agreed to run the competition, and Mr. Hogg would provide the entry slips.

Audience

for the disposal of gifted exhibits at end of show, and it was suggested that Mr. Neilson should be asked to undertake this duty.

Night
Watchman

Mr. Hardie stated that Mr. Bobt. Howden would again undertake this duty on same terms as last year.

Lunch at
Tweeddale

It was agreed that Mr. Harrison & Mrs. Darbey should accompany the judges to lunch in the Tweeddale Hotel.

Marquee

The meeting was advised that the Marquee would be erected by 2 pm on the Friday and all available hands would be required to set up the show. Similarly it was requested that all members of committee remain at the end of the show to clear the tent, and store the show material for next year. It was agreed that Mr. Jennings be in overall charge of the working parties, and so coordinate our resources. Mr. Grindlay agreed to decorate the front of the platform with assistance from Mr. Hogg & Jennings.

Next Meeting

Was arranged for Wednesday 22nd September 1971 and all members present were asked to note the date.

for 22nd

A. B. Harrison

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Hall on
Wednesday 12th September 1971 at 7.30 pm.

Apologies
Present

received from Mr. Gathigale Miss Weddell and Mr. & Mrs. Jarvey
Mr. Armstrong, Brown, Howden, McKay, Murray, Neilson,
and Miss McNaughton, Mr. Biggart, Hardie, Hogg, Howden,
Grindlay, Jennings and Neilson. Sir Peter Reid in the chair
of the meeting held on 11th August 1971 were read and moved
as a correct record

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Talk

On Wednesday 29th Sept-ber 1971 by Mr. Bell & Mr. Young.
Notice of the item had already been posted in the Village.
It was agreed that a raffle be held for items surplus to the
lecturers requirements. Gulbs would also be on sale.

Flower Show

Sir Peter stated that the purpose of this meeting was to
discuss the results of our show, and in his opinion it had
been a good show, and he thanked all members for their
effort.

Treasurers Report

Mr. Armstrong was asked if she could give the meeting a
rough idea of this years proceedings, which are as follows.

gate	this show	£ 42	last year	£ 52
Auction		7		9
Raffle		56		33
Sales Table		11		14
Dahlia Competition		7		5
Treas in Hall		12		6
Donations		50		56
Memberships		12		10
Entry Money		12		13
Prize Money		69		67
Dance Profit		9		-

The item which surprised most members was the takings at
the Marquee being down approx £10 despite an increase
in admission charges. Sir Peter thanked Mr. Armstrong
and the Committee were well satisfied with the result.

Marquee

Mr. Jennings stated that the erection of Marquee and the
staging for exhibits etc, and the dismantling after the show
had gone very smoothly. The dismantling and clearing up
had been done in a record time of 1 hr 20 min. Thanks to
good help and more assistance from the Committee.

Dahlia Competition

Had been well supported, and Mr. Harrison had sold all the
entry forms, with a resulting increase of £2 on the competition.
It was suggested that in future if suitable extra prizes should be
awarded. The only complaint that there was, was in respect of
the staging board, on loan from Mr. Young of loan head was
not so readily seen, as in previous years when the dahlias were
in Vases on staging.

Sales Table

Had been the Cinderella of the show, and some thought
should be given to this item before next year.

Judges.

The new procedure of having 2 judges for Flowers and 2
judges for Fruit & Vegetables had speeded up that side of
the judging considerably and should be continued.
Miss McNaughton stated that as there was great difficulty in
getting the judges together to judge the Special prize in the
Childrens Section, she would suggest that an additional
childrens judge be appointed. A lady along with a gentleman
and she could do the childrens Industrial Section. It was
agreed to do this for next year.

The Vegetable judges had suggested that our future schedules
should not have a class for Red or Yellow Shallots, but if
desired they should be two separate classes. This was
agreed.

It was also agreed that in future exhibitors should not
require to name their Rose exhibits

John Tait

Memorial Trophy

The Secretary raised the question of the correct title for this
Trophy as he had been informed that the correct name
of the Gentleman now deceased was John Tait
Markeith. He was informed however that John Tait was
how the Gentleman had been referred to, and that all was
quite in order

Treas.

Mrs. Houston advised the meeting that the sale of Kess in the Hall had gone very well, and she was grateful for the excellent assistance rendered by some of the guides. The only snag was the large urn which was difficult to keep continually at the ready for such periods, and that the second urn which Mr. Hogg had got on loan was essential. The members present connected with the Hall Committee were asked if they could keep this in mind for their next meeting.

Vale Trophy

Mrs. Crawford the donor of this trophy had complained to several members of committee, also the winner of the trophy that it was not being awarded to the type of exhibit which she desired. This had at the time of its original presentation all been gone into, and had been allocated to "The most beautiful flower arrangement in Section 4 (floral art)" with Mr. Crawford's concurrence. Mrs. Crawford had been to write to the committee but had not yet done so, so the matter was left meantime.

Show Dance

Had been unfortunately disrupted by the lights going out in the Village. Fortunately the judging of the Rose Queen was completed, and the dance went on. It was anticipated that owing to the confusion, a number of entry fees were lost. The local Policeman who was in attendance and the members of committee who were present had coped very well with a difficult situation.

Raffle.

Mrs. Brown brought up the subject of the timing of the Raffle Draw, and it was agreed that it should not take place until 5.30 pm and so hold the crowd until 6 pm. when the exhibits were cleared from the tent, and the Auction commence.

Secretary

The President intimated that he had received a letter of resignation from Mr. Hanison as Secretary, and asked members to consider a successor for the A.G.M.

A.G.M.

Would be held on Thursday 18th November at 7.30 pm. in the Hall. The meeting then closed.

Al Hanison
2/12/71

Minute of Annual General Meeting held in the Hall on Thursday 18th November 1971 at 7.30pm.

Present

A fair number of members were in attendance with Sir Peter Reid in the chair

Apologies

Minutes

Financial

received from Mrs. Murray and J. R. Brown of last A.G.M. were read and moved as a correct record report was given by Mrs. Armstrong, Treasurer and brought out an increase of £37.64 over the years workings to give a balance of £166.87. The President thanked Mrs. Armstrong for her services during another successful year for the Association.

President's Remarks

Sir Peter in addition to thanking the Treasurer for a very healthy financial position, thanked all members of the Committee for their excellent and hard work during the year resulting in a very good Flower Show, which was not marred by adverse weather. He stated that our present arrangement of the larger Marquee etc suited our activity. The Winter programme had gone off very successfully and gave continuity over the year.

Resignations

Had been received from Mrs. Gowan and Mrs. Galkgate also Mr. Giggart who unfortunately was leaving the Village, and the Secretary was requested to write expressing the Society's appreciation for their services during their years of service. In addition the President intimated that Mr. Hanison, Secretary wished to relinquish this position, but if desired would undertake the office of Show Secretary over the show period. The President asked the meeting to accord to the retiring Secretary their appreciation for his excellent service during his three years of office.

Declaration of

Office Bearers

President	-	Admiral Sir Peter Reid
Vice President	-	Dennis Hogg
Secretary	-	Mrs. D. Mackay
Treasurer	-	Mrs. Armstrong
Auditor	-	Mr. J.A.C. Macdonald

Committee

The retiring members of Committee agreed to be re-elected in bulk and to fill the vacancies made by members resigning. MRS. Stewart and Mr. D. Mackay agreed to serve on Committee. The full Committee reads MRS. W.S. Craig - MRS. Darby - MRS. E.W. Houston MRS. G. Murray - MRS. J. Neilson - Miss McNaughton, Miss M.K. Weddell and MRS. Stewart.

Prof. W.S. Craig - Mr. Darby - Mr. J. Grindlay - Mr. J. Hardie Mr. A.C. Harrison - Mr. E.W. Houston - Mr. J. Jennings, Mr. J. Neilson and Mr. D. Mackay.

Next Years Flower Show.

The date for next years Flower Show was fixed for Saturday 19th August 1971

Admiral Sir Peter Reid retired from the meeting to return to his wife who was unfortunately ill. Mr. Hogg took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Entrance Fees

It was agreed that the entrance fee for children at next years show be increased to 3 new pence, it was agreed that all other charges remain as before.

Schedules

It was suggested that a charge might be made for our Schedules, but after discussion it was agreed that there should be no charge.

Winter Activities

The meeting discussed the activities desired for the winter and decided to arrange for the following.

Feb 3rd or 18th Dahlias and Vegetables by the Pattersons.
March 2nd or 16 Spring bulb and floral arrangement in cooperation a coffee evening by Mr. Zell

April / May left for further decision, suggestions made were lectures by Mr. Rutherford of Dahlias, Mr. Collingwood of Suncatons, or a representative from Suntrap of Gogarburn. It was also suggested that a visit to Royal Botanicals, Corporation Greenhouses, or The Bush may be arranged.

Gardens Competition

It was agreed to hold a competition on same lines as last year.

Next Meeting

Was arranged for Thursday 2nd December 1971 at 7.30 pm. and members were requested to note the date.

M. Hogg
2/12/71

for Reid.

minutes of committee meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 2nd December 1971 at 4-30 pm.

APOLOGIES

Received from Admiral Sir Peter Reid, Prof. & Mrs. Craig, Mr & Mrs Neilson and Miss Weddell.

PRESENT.

Mrs. Armstrong, Darby, Houston, Mackay, Murray & Miss McNaughton, Mr. Hardie, Harrison, Houston, Grindlay, Jennings, Mackay. Mr. Hogg in the chair.

MINUTES

of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th November 1971 were read and approved.

SECRETARY

The chairman announced that the secretary Mrs D. Mackay did not now wish to continue as such due to the volume of work involved. Nominations were requested from members of Committee present without success. Mr. Hogg stated that, in view of the circumstances, he felt he had no alternative but to take on the post although he was doubtful if he could devote sufficient time to carry out the task adequately.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. Frank Darby was nominated and seconded.

SHOW JUDGES

It was agreed that the following Judges be invited:-

FLOWERS: MR. WALLACE & FRIEND.

VEGETABLES: MR. HUNTER & MR. PEARSON.

RESERVE: MR. J. COCKBURN.

FLORAL ART: MISS MAIN & FRIEND

CHILDRENS SECTION: MR. J. ANDERSON - (Miss McNaughton agreed to find a lady to assist Mr. Anderson and Industrial Section Judges.)

GARDEN COMPETITION: MR. PEARSON to be invited and asked to bring a friend.

FLORAL ART

proposal made by Mr. F. M. Jennings to have the floral art section of the 1972 Show Open.

After discussion it was decided that as there maybe an increased entry due to the interest shown in the evening class at present being held in the school and, because of the problem of space it was agreed to leave further discussion until the next A.G.M.

CHARLES K.

MURPHY TROPHY

The recent addition of a plinth to this trophy by of Haddington was extremely unsatisfactory and the Secretary agreed to take the matter up with the firm.

WINTER

PROGRAMME

Mr. Jennings volunteered to contact Mr. Rutherford of Dobbies and ascertain if he would give a talk on Shrubs on Thurs. 20th April 1972.

Mrs Stewart proposed that an evening visit to the gardens at Whitchester, Duns be arranged for the end of May. Secretary requested to include this in the arrangements for winter activities.

FLOWER SHOW

DANCE.

Mr. Hardie requested that a decision be made on the holding of the dance so that he could proceed with the necessary arrangements. It was then proposed that a sub committee be formed to deal with the organisation but no nominations were received and it was decided not to hold a dance on the night of the show.

TRADE STAND

The decision on this was left to the next meeting. Mr. Jennings suggested that he could supply sufficient roses to provide a bank of colour at one end or a ^{corner} ~~corner~~ of the marquee and this was left for future discussion.

NEXT MEETING

was left for the Secretary to arrange.

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Helen D. Gray