

CLAYTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Annual General Meeting Tuesday 8th October 2019

The Chairman Mrs Jennifer Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting

There were 14 people in attendance

Mr Neil Thornton, secretary of the Village Hall outlined the emergency procedures when the Hall is used by the Society and would send a copy to be included on the website.

- 1 **Apologies:** Eileen Edgeley
- 2 **Minutes of AGM held on 9th October 2018** were read and approved. Proposed by A Stork, seconded by R Greenwood
- 3 **Matters Arising** Rosettes had been purchased for the children. Discussion took place on whether the first-class adult winners should receive a rosette in future and it was agreed that this was not appropriate.
- 4 **Officers:** The Chairman, Mrs Jennifer Andrew, Secretary Miss Sheila Patchett and Treasurer Mrs Helen Simpson agreed to stand for a further year were proposed by J Andrew, seconded by R Greenwood
- 5 **Correspondence** An email had been received from Penny Silson the chair of Governors at Clayton Village Primary School . “We are a school that engages in the community and we are constantly looking for ways in which our community can engage with us. We are developing an edible playground and a large gardening area where children will grow fruit and vegetables, really exciting, but we need a few people to help us maintain the garden. We wondered if clayton horticultural society had any members that might want to get involved , it won't be a huge commitment if we get quite a few volunteers.” It was felt that none of the members present could assist in the maintenance of the garden, however R Greenwood, A Stork and others offered to donate plants to the school. The secretary would contact Mrs Silson with the offer.
- 6 **Treasurers Report:** The accounts were accepted. Mr Andrew was thanked for auditing the accounts
It was agreed that both the Show day door entry fee and the refreshment prices would remain at £1.00.
Due to the closure of the suppliers, the Treasurer had sourced the lunch for judges and stewards at the Deli opposite the Hall. The food was ready prepared and tasty. Mrs Simpson was thanked for baking the buns which complimented the savoury selection.
- 7 **Annual Show**
 - 45 People made 326 entries (47/369 in 2018)
 - 9 People entered 77 exhibits in the Vegetable Section (69 exhibits in 2018)
 - 15 People entered 69 exhibits in the Flowers Section (76 exhibits in 2018)
 - 28 People entered 94 exhibits in the Housecraft Section (119 exhibits in 2018)
 - 24 People entered 67 exhibits in the Miscellaneous Section (79 exhibits in 2018)
 - 5 Children entered 19 exhibits in the Children’s Section (26 exhibits in 2018)
 - a) The date for the 2020 Show Saturday 29th August 2020. This would be advertised as much as possible because of the change to the Bank Holiday Weekend
 - b) The Regulations to remain unchanged

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- c) Class 14 changed to TWO Turnips or TWO Swedes – root and top dressed to 8cm
 - d) Class 45 FOUR jam tarts to be changed to jam or lemon curd
 - e) Class 48 – "Plaited loaf" feedback. Two entries only, one loaf on the day
 - f) Class 49 – ONE Apple Pie – notes to be changed to 'a metal, enamel or foil dish is recommended for crisp, evenly cooked pastry'
 - g) Class 52/53/54 Notes to be changed to Exhibit in a glass jar with a wax disc, cellophane top and sterilised screw lid. Type and date of making should be indicated on the jar. The class label should also be attached to the jar, not the lid. No accessories e.g. saucers, fabric tops etc.
 - h) Class 55 – It was decided to discontinue the savoury dip for hygiene reasons and in its place A bottle of a non-alcoholic drink in a clear glass screw top bottle. Type, date of making should be indicated on the bottle.
 - i) Class 56 – the winners card stated "item" rather than garment and this would be changed on the computer
 - j) Class 62 – One small plate of homegrown fruit. Clarification was agreed that this should be one plateful of one variety of home-grown fruit, not in any other class.
 - k) Class 68 – Large Flower Arrangement Title 2020 "Country and Western"
 - l) Class 69 – Petite Flower Arrangement Title 2020 "A summer table centrepiece"
 - m) Class 70 – Title Photograph Title 2020 ""Well Worn"
 - n) Class 71 – Title Photograph Title 2020 "Orange"
 - o) Class 73/74 – These would be amalgamated into one class for children up to 12 years
 - p) Class 74 – A painted rock to be added in place of the miniature garden
 - q) Class 78 – Handwriting verse – HS would provide a new verse
 - r) Flower Judge new in 2019 Norma Dobney. It was agreed that her judging notes were very helpful and that her services were greatly appreciated
 - s) It was decided that only names of people receiving Trophies would be read out at the presentation. As there was only one trophy for children, a new returnable runner up trophy would be purchased by the Treasurer for 2020 show.
 - t) Recipe Fruit Cake caster sugar would be defined as white, not golden
- 8 Speakers** It was decided that David Elcock would be invited a little later in the year and plant swap to be included as this talk was well received. Suggestions were also made for other speakers and the Secretary would follow up these proposals which included "Baker Mike" and Sally Baker. A list of WI speakers was given to the Chairman for perusal.
- 9 Any Other Business** It was suggested that the Membership Card would include the details for subscriptions to be paid using online banking and this would be extended to show entries. It was recognised that some people did not use this facility and the other options would still be available. Thanks were expressed to the all the officers and especially the webmaster and secretary.

The meeting closed at 9 05 p.m.