

MINUTES OF THE SULLY AND DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON THE 28TH MARCH 2017

Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed those present and explained that the AGM had to be held as a formality to abide by the constitution.

I am very pleased to report that our Society has grown over the years. We have always endeavoured to include a varied programme of speakers and we have tried to incorporate a wide variety of topics in our yearly programme. We have also kept our annual membership fees to £10 for an individual and £15 for a couple.

Over the last few years we have organised an annual outing to various places including Wells Bishops' Palace and Gardens, Westonbirt Arboretum, Hestercombe Gardens. All of which have proved to be successful. This year we have arranged a trip to Picton Castle near Haverfordwest on 16th June 2018.

We have also instigated a monthly newsletter, so if a member is unable to attend a meeting then they can catch up with the newsletter. A members' monthly draw whereby a membership number corresponds to a raffle ticket, and if successfully drawn, will give the member a £10 voucher to spend at Style Gardens in Wenvoe remains a popular feature. We will continue with both for 2018.

We will also continue with the quarterly magazine that was introduced last year. We have had various gardening books donated which we will loan to any member who wishes to borrow them. We had hoped to have DVDs for loan as well but this is a work in progress. The seed/plant swap will continue again this year. Barbara Blackburn, a new member of the committee, has kindly volunteered to take over this initiative.

The Sully Show in September is another event that the Gardening Society is fully involved with as a joint venture with the WI and U3A and The Old School.

The social evening/quiz held in November is another annual event that has been enjoyed by members.

Gardening Society Committee

I would like to thank the committee for their support. In particular:-

- Lino Scaglioni for so willingly offering his printing facilities for cards, posters and any other printed materials that are needed.
- Wendy Franklin for the work she undertakes towards making the Sully Show a success and also her help, with other volunteers, for the care they take of the Old School gardens.
- Carol Smith for arranging the programme of events for the year. It is a very difficult task to find speakers and arrange dates etc. Also for the wonderful cakes she makes and kindly donates as raffle prizes, which helps to raise a significant amount of money for the Gardening Society.
- Alan Roberts for keeping a record of our finances and being our quizmaster.

The whole committee was re-elected. Proposed and seconded as appropriate. I would like to welcome three new members of the committee who have already stepped up to the mark to help with the running of the Society. They are Barbara Blackburn, Beverley Lloyd and Elaine Walsh. The AGM was brought to a close.

Teas and coffees were served followed by a DVD entitled 'Brilliant Gardens'.