

Church Crookham & Fleet Garden Society

Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 25th January 2025

Willis Hall, Church Crookham

2pm

In attendance: Helen Howard, Caroline Morris, Liz Kirton, Jo Wilson, Jill Thomas, Celia Brook, Sue Meek, Jan Parker, Mike Coleman, Ruth Waller, Linda Dart, Robert West, Jayne West, Robert Brook, Kevin Morris, Russell Hunt, Margaret Stenchcombe.

Apologies: Alec and Sue Grant, Jennifer Kelly

1. Minutes of 2024 minutes all agreed.

2. Chairmans Report.

Alec Grant had distributed a statement a week ago to all the members announcing his stepping down as Chairman. The Committee expressed their thanks to Alec for all his hard work and effort put into the Society, to keep it running. A thank you will be made at the Spring Show.

3. Treasurers Report

A printed copy was provided by Caroline Morris. Current account £4250. Payments of £150 insurance and £440 to Fargrow to still go out.

Income:

Membership £420, Trading shed £1845, Plant sales £130, Raffles £83

Expenses:

Hall hire £350, Speakers £165, Stock Purchase £1120, rhs membership £45

Membership numbers were slightly down from last year.

Hall fees included £157 deposit for 2025 summer show to be held at CC Community Hall.

Website administrator Chris Davison is owed £100.

With bank charges £60, other alternatives banks will be looked at.

4. Secretary Report.

Liz Kirton reported she was pleased be out and about again after a fall last year had kept her out of action for the second half of the year. In her absence at the main summer show Helen Howard detailed the show reports.

Spring Show: held on 23rd March and daffodils were nearly finishing. There were about 27 entrants (7 of which children's entries from Greening Fleet event held at The Views).

Winners -Gillian Rose- most points. Sue Grant – Best potted plant. Junior section-Pippa Kent most points.

Summer Show: held mid- August and struggled for entrants. 15 in all with about 130 entries.

Disappointing with no novices or Junior entries. Table clothes looked so much better thanks to Jo Wilson trimming and hemming them.

Prizes: Gillian Rose – Floral section

Jennifer Kelly- Vegetable cup

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Sue Grant – fruit section

Best pelargonium – Caroline Morris

Best fuchsia- Sue Grant

Floral art – Helen Howard

Banksian medal – Gillian Rose

Richard Leavey cup- Peter Stevens

Thank you to judges Helen Baker, Annette Blackwell and Elizabeth Lloyd.

And thanks to show committee: Caroline, Jo, Jill, Jan and Sue.

5. Trading Shed. The shed did well last year to keep operating without a trading shed secretary to run it. Many thanks go to Jill, Caroline and Kevin and others for keeping it open. Jill has kindly stepped up to become trading shed secretary and arrange the rostering and running of the shed for the year ahead. Cash or bank transfers will be used for payments. Robert Brook recommended Sum Up (solo) payment method that connects to your phone. You buy it outright then a small 1.1% charge made. May be worth considering for the future.

6. Election of Officers

It was unanimously agreed.

Chairperson: Helen Howard

Treasurer: Caroline Morris

Secretary: Liz Kirton

Trading Shed Secretary: Jill Thomas

Show Committee: Jo Wilson

7. Any other Business.

The Committee reported the need for a further 2 committee members or helpers to keep the society running smoothly. Another effort to get more members will be made. Reminder to everyone it is time for membership renewal which will remain £5. A Seed swap with Greening Fleet is taking place on 1st February and the Society will have a table. The Trading shed opens on 8th February and has currently had a coat of paint inside and outside once the weather warms up.

The meeting closed at 3.30pm.