

Report to the Parish Councils of Barham and Kingston on Activities in 2011

April 2012

Good Evening Everybody!

I will try and be short not to bore you too much.

We have a sound membership of about 220 members, we have no defined borders and everybody is welcome to join the Society.

2011 was again a very busy and successful year; we had interesting and thus well attended talks, always a challenge to find interesting and entertaining speakers, who, at the same time are affordable. Outings were fully booked, very much enjoyed by members and our shows were again well attended by members and villagers alike. Participation can sometimes be weather-dependant and this year's gale force winds combined with heavy rain three days before our Autumn Show clearly depleted quite a few potential exhibits. But that is the exception,

A first was the Spring Show, mainly narcissi but also spring-flowering shrubs and some very tasty cakes!

This was combined with our annual plant sale and if any of you come to the plant sale, you will know that we are always sold out within the hour.

Our Neame Cup Team did not win the cup but did very well in the competition, and we hope of course that they will lift that trophy this year; they are working on it.

I recommend that you look up the questions on our website and try to answer these! Anyone who can, would qualify to join our team.

Well, that brings me to the end of my report. Generally we are a very active and successful society and if any of you want to join, please let me or any committee member know. It is a lot of fun, I can assure you!

Thank you.

Gaby McGuire

Secretary