



**BARHAM & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE 44TH AGM HELD ON 10 JAN. 2013
AT THE BARHAM VILLAGE HALL**

**Present: Brig. M Atherton, President, Dr. T Bines, Chairman, Mrs. P Austin, Treasurer
Mrs. G McGuire, Secretary, Mrs. J Clough and B Wright, Show Secretaries,
Committee Members: Mrs. J Borgioli, A Clough, V Cracknell, J Crothall, T Cummings,
Mrs. L Dallison, Mrs. M Duke, Mrs. T Fleming and 50 members**

1. Apologies: Mrs. S Taylor

2. President's Address

The President, Brig. Atherton opened the meeting and welcomed members to the AGM 2012. He gave thanks to the Committee for their hard work and mentioned in particular the successful evenings of the Neame Cup Competition organized by Vic Cracknell and his team. He also thanked Andrew Clough for coordinating the seed orders which arrived beautifully wrapped. The Spring Show and Plant Sale will be on 6th April and he explained that the Committee hopes to attract more entries this year.

Proposed and approved nem.com by Andrew Clough and Dave Davis

3. Treasurer's Report

Pat Austin said that finances are healthy; she explained in detail income and expenses and expressed her thanks to Richard Calderwood who prepared the accounts. The Chairman invited and encouraged members to comment and/or ask questions. There were none and the report was proposed and approved nem.com by Mrs. Wendi Atherton and Mrs. Inga Davis

4. Election of Committee

All committee members agreed to carry on during 2013. Mrs. Pat Austin wishes to stand down at the end of this year after having been in charge of the Finances for 10 years.

The committee was elected en bloc and proposed and approved nem.com by Canon Alan Duke and Mrs. Brenda Page.

5. Secretary's Remarks on Programme 2012

The Secretary explained various details of the 2013 programme which will all be included in the forthcoming Spring Newsletter. She said that members' suggestions from last year had been incorporated into the programme and explained that the Show Secretary had arranged to have a 'Surprise Dahlia' competition as part of the Autumn Show. The speaker on Dahlias, Mr. Ben Webster will supply 15 to 20 Seedlings and members can apply for one of these to show them later in the autumn show. Seedlings will be allocated on a first come first basis and can be collected at the evening with Mr. Webster on Thursday, 16th May.

The AGM closed at 7.15; members enjoyed refreshments and a glass of wine and had the opportunity to pay their subs and to collect a membership card, followed by an entertaining talk by Mr. Vickers, President of the Woodnesborough Garden Society and passionate Judge with the title 'A Funny Thing happened at the Show'.

Suggestions for programme 2014 made by members are as follows:

Outings to Exbury Gardens and the NT Garden Stoneacre

Subject for Speakers: Bob Lawrence on 'Tools', Chrysanthemums, esp. hardy ones.

'How to extend the flowering season of the garden into September'

'How to photograph what you may have grown' (talk/demonstration)

Any Other activities:

'Demonstration of Fruit Pruning'

Crafts, Needlework or Crochet and Knitting, Cross-stitch..... (Wrong meeting?)

Club Wine and Wisdom

Visit to East Malling Research Station or a speaker from there.

The evening finished at 9.15 pm.