

Hanney Gardening Club AGM 2nd September 2019

I cannot start this report without mentioning the committee. They are a wonderful team fulfilling their particular roles and working as a dedicated team for events such as the Xmas and summer parties, the plant sale and trips out. Without them, I and you, would not have a club with so many pleasurable activities. I would like to ask for a round of support for them all. We do have fun and we have thrilled to welcome Sue Garner as our new Programme co-ordinator and Pat, who is always there to help

Committee please stand. (Clap, clap)

Sadly but not unexpectedly people retire and move on. This year I will be losing, as I like to say, the best VICE I have ever had. As most of you will know Keith has been on the committee for 8 years, and he gets things done. He always follows up on the things he writes in his notebook and is always there at every activity efficiently beavering away. He will be sadly missed especially by me, but also by all the committee.

Also Brenda our super-efficient treasurer, never a penny goes un-accounted for. Brenda has also kept us on the straight and narrow as far as expenditure is concerned meaning the finances are in a very healthy place. She also is a real team player and attends every event, even the clearing up the morning after, which coming all the way from Samford in the Vale is amazing. Again she will be much missed.

The club has had another very successful year, its 44 rd. The membership stands at &£ and with new people joining the village hopefully this will grow even higher, should we aim for?

I was unable to attend all the meetings but Keith our vice chairman held the fort and reported back. I understand the meetings and plant sale went very well in my absence!

I will give a short resume of the year which started with the AGM and a talk on genetic engineering by Ray Broughton. This was enjoyed considerably especially by the more academic amongst us.

The October meeting on “clematis” by Marcel Floyd gave us lots of food for thought, I do however wonder if my pairing of Lady Di and Prince Charles, was the right decision!

The November meeting presented by David Hurrion entitled "The answer lies in the soil," sounded like sound sense but unfortunately not one I could attend

The Christmas party in December was enjoyed by all, as ever. Thanks to everyone for their delicious food contributions and to the people who set the quizzes.

The New Year brought talks on "Gardens of Villandry" by Eve Rogers, brought back many happy memories for many of us and a grand introduction for others.

I was pleased to hear the talk on "Euphorbias" by Timothy Walker a man with a passion and the very sensible advice to use them to hide the stems of alliums, well I've tried.

Rosie Rolling gave us an update from Roosybee which sadly I was unable to attend but resulted in a very success full visit later on.

Finally Harriet Rycroft gave us an inspiring talk on pots. Was I envious of all those beautiful pots apparently all acquired as seconds!

We were fortunate to have yet another successful plant sale at which we made a profit of £923 which is fantastic. I think the fact I have missed the last two years must have helped people to concentrate on spending and not chatting.

The trip to the Rosybee and Garden and Wood were both super trips, with a full coach and an excellent day was had by all at Hampton Court Gardening show.

The travelling garden party was possibly the highlight of the year, with the weather causing as usual consternation to at least one member of the committee! However it was a beautiful evening and our thanks go out to the, the Bill and Chris Watkins for opening their inspiring recently planted garden. The main and dessert was eventually served at Idian barn and I do hope people were not too upset at not having a third venue this year. Sue and graham kindly took and down and moved their garden lights to my house which was just as well as I don't as yet have garden lighting.

Many thanks

Joanna