

HANNEY GARDEN CLUB 2018

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hanney Gardening Club AGM 3 rd September 2018

I cannot start this report without mentioning Dee our chairman for many years, and a huge encouragement to me and many others. I'm sure all of us are thinking of her and David at this difficult time and keeping them in our thoughts.

The club has had another very successful year, its 43 rd. The membership stands at 69 and with new people joining the village we hope to return to the 70 mark this year.

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 vegetables by Robert Longstaff. I don't know if this inspired the ladies of Winter lane but I gather their shared allotment has done very well this year.

The October meeting on "climbing plants" by Marcus Dancer gave us lots of food for thought, as did the November meeting presented by Ray Broughton on "winter colour," something we all strive for. I was pleased to hear winter plants are usually pest and disease free!

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 "antique garden tools" and "x-rated invertebrates". The title was unusual but sadly one I missed. I was pleased to hear the talk on "early spring flowers" by Rosie Hardy of Nursery and Chelsea fame and finally "garden lighting" by Julian Alder.

We were fortunate to have yet another successful plant sale at which we made a profit of £876.

The trip to the Old rectory at Faringdon and Mottisfont were both super trips, with a full coach and excellent guided walks at Mottisfont.

The travelling garden party was possibly the highlight of the year, with the weather causing consternation to at least one member of the committee! However it was a beautiful evening and our thanks go out to the Manvell's, the Lancaster's and the Wilsons for sharing their lovely gardens.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for all they do. They work behind the scenes, planning and preparing for meetings, setting up the parties, running raffles and representing us at the village hall meetings. We do have fun and we will be sad to see Liz and Adrian leaving this year. We are thrilled to welcome Sue Garner as our new Programme co-ordinator.

Thank you all

Joanna Brettell