

🌸 Woodborough Horticultural Society

Notes in lieu of the Annual General Meeting which should have taken place November 9th 2020. (Cancelled due to Government restrictions because of Covid 19)

Following the AGM last year where the Treasurer and the Chairman notified us that they would be only continuing in their role for the year of 2020, both have now agreed to carry on for the next year due to the disruptions we have had to our programme throughout 2020.

If you are interested in helping out in any capacity on the Committee for the next year please get in touch. We are hoping to develop the Society further and would welcome fresh input.

Brief Financial Report (2019-2020)

The last year (2019-2020) has seen a reduced activity in the financial account of the Society. There was an expense for speakers and hall hire at the beginning of the year. We have continued to subscribe to the RHS as it provides our insurance but have stopped payment to National Veg Soc and Daff Soc as their use to the Society is limited. Our support of the Woodborough in Bloom project has continued. The sale of seeds from Dobies continues to provide a significant income to the account. Many thanks to those that support it and to Malcolm Lewis for organising all the scheme. A summary of the account is:

Balance in hand	62.27
Bank account	<u>1121.33</u>
Total	£1183.60

The full account has been audited and is available from me on request.

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The Dobies' Seed Scheme

As usual we will be participating in the Dobies seed scheme, but for those of you that cannot wait, we would encourage you to go online at www.dobies.co.uk where you can see the vast amount of seeds, plants etc. on offer. To obtain your discounts it is essential to always quote the Society's **unique code GD1106G** when ordering. Orders by post and telephone are optional but do remember our unique order code as it cannot in any circumstances be added retrospectively.

Full details and an order form will be included in the information to follow, however if you have any queries, please contact Malcolm Lewis.

Members Raffle

The Committee decided with the absence of a Christmas Social, we would put together three raffle prizes of small gardening items and a hamper. Each member was allocated a secret number and three were selected at random by our Chairman. The delighted recipients were Emma Bradley, Mary Rann and Kathryn Hallam.



Well done ladies.

Hopes for next year.

Subscriptions have all been carried over to next year. We did manage to have three meetings at the beginning of the year.

January – Pruning with Jeff Bates.

This talk was very well received and a change from our normal format as Jeff brought several different pieces of equipment with him and lots of branches to chop up! He was so good we arranged for him to return with another talk this year which has subsequently been cancelled, but more of that later.

February- Sally Smith with Vegetable Inspirations

This showed us different ways of growing vegetables which quite frankly amazed me as they all stood in rows with military precision and were extraordinarily neat! How come they never look like that in my garden?

March- Patsy Rayner with Plants in Literature.

I had a lot of positive feedback from this talk and the folk law surrounding plants was very interesting and informative.

I have booked and cancelled and rebooked speakers several times over the last nine months and we are meeting in the New Year to see if it will be possible to present a Spring Show in some format. We will try to keep you up to date with everything as soon as we can. It was very disappointing to cancel the last show as we had got the village school and the Pre School on board to join us with pictures and stalls but we must try to be optimistic for the future.

The following bookings have been taken for next year, please see below for details.

May 10th 'The Rose Family of Trees' by Dr Graham Pearce

October 11th The Woodland Trust by Ian Retson

November 8th Derbyshire's Historic Gardens by Jeff Bates

Obviously we will try to reorganize our trip to Harlow Carr and our other outings/socials when we have more confidence to do so.

It just leaves me to say how we all wish you a Very Happy Christmas and pray that we have a good New Year with much hope for the future and lots to look forward to together

With much appreciation for your continued support and with kindest regards,

Mrs. J. Fox (Secretary)