



KIRKBY FLEETHAM & DISTRICT FLORAL & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Minutes of AGM held : Tue 29th Nov 2016

Apologies: Berni Wood, Karl Peacock, Helen Gardiner, Richard Mann, Kay Kelly, Alison Booth

Present: Ally Tarleton-Hodgson, Dave Tarleton-Hodgson, Fran Artley, George Ratcliffe, Howard Knaggs, David Wood, Philippa Mann, Anthony Barker, Ginny Dick, Ione Dowson, Susan Chilton, Jane Ratcliffe

Previous AGM minutes agreed and signed

In the absence of the Chair, the meeting was chaired by Dave Tarleton-Hodgson

Chair's Report:

Thank you to everyone for all the support this year at every event.

It has been another great year with some strong events – the Feast, of course, but also earlier in the year St George's evening at the pub and the Queen's birthday party on the village green. As ever, this could not happen without the generous gift of time and energy from all the committee members and the support of other members of the community.

1. The year started again with our new carol singing venture which for a first outing went very well and I hope we can build on this this year. We had a strong line-up of singers and once people realised what was going on they came out to support us.
2. St George's Night at the pub proved another success. We had exactly the right number of people for the event and it was a really fun evening – the decorations, games, food and atmosphere. Worth repeating another time.
3. The picnic on the village green had great support and was another fun event. The day was wonderful weather-wise which always helps but people came and supported it and we had some fun involving everyone in the festivities – singing and dressing up.
4. **Feast Week – August**
 - a) Football again 'kicked off' the week and had a good number of players although spectator support was somewhat limited. We had a fabulous new trophy for this thanks to Tim and this was really well received.
 - b) The Quoits was well attended and was a fun afternoon. All the games proceeded well and we had some worthy winners. The ladies final was especially 'nail-biting'.
 - c) The Family Fun Run seemed even more popular this year with record entries and in spite of the grey day everyone turned up to run and stayed on for food at the pub. I think we finally got the trophies sorted for this event so everyone was happy. Thank you to Ione and her team.
 - a. The Quiz night was again a very popular – we even had to put out extra tables. Tickets sales went smoothly and we had plenty of food (maybe too much) for everyone with seconds for

those who could manage it. The bar operated without a hitch as always. The quiz itself was brilliant and everyone had fun – thank you Dave and George and Ally and the bar team as well as all those who provided and served the food.

5. Feast Day

Feast Day was another great one, the weather helped a lot, but overall there was a lot to do and see. The arena events, particularly the dressage display, were great and kept everyone entertained. Parking seemed to work well even though we weren't able to use the field and as far as I know there were no complaints. Entries were around 800 again and the new garden classes worked very well (hopefully more will enter next year) as did the new farmer's quiz class – thank you to Karl and Alison for these. The lunches for judges were great and I think the pub again covered these.

Tables and chairs seemed to be ok but we still need something to place around the arena so that people can sit and watch. The large craft marquee was too far away from the main arena and the stalls in there didn't get visited much – although they are keen to come again next year. Many people I spoke to were not aware of these stalls so perhaps move it closer next year.

The teas made another great profit this year, thanks to Helen and the team and the bar was awesome as ever – thanks to Dave and Ally and team.

The evening was less well-attended than recent years. The singers we booked didn't seem quite right for the size of venue and type of event. We need to consider what happens on the Saturday evening again. Looking back it seems that whatever we do works for a year or two but then wanes. We will discuss what would be best to do going forward in the New Year so thinking caps on!

The raffle again sold all tickets I think and made a great contribution to the takings on the day – thank you Anthony and his team.

Tarmac again provided sponsorship for the marquee so we were able to cover all costs.

The brochure was great again and everything going on to the website early means we are not rushing this anymore – thank you Jane. Sponsorship and advertising in the brochure was superbly managed thanks to Philippa and Richard.

We were down on helpers this year due to holidays etc. and so it seemed that everyone had more than usual to do. There are plans for a more streamlined approach in the future which should help with this.

Our coffers at present are very healthy but we do need to keep in reserve enough to run at least one Feast without any external support and possibly two.

6. Fireworks

Finally, the Fireworks Night took a slightly different direction this year with everything being on the village green. Despite the horrible weather we had a good turnout and lots of people commented on how they preferred it to be totally outside and for the bar, food etc. easily accessible, even during the display. It may be worth considering this format for next year. Thank you to all who turned out in the rain to set it up and to those who cleared up on Monday. Thank you as always to Darren for the music for all our events.

7. Carol Singing

Preparations are well underway for this. I have the licence (but we are obliged to purchase badges and certificates). I've asked some of the young singers to come again and let's hope that the second outing will draw in the crowds. The village hall are providing mulled wine and mince pies so this may help to attract more people. The date is December 19th.

Thoughts for 2016

It was again an amazing year in terms of the hard work and dedication of the whole Feast team and also participation in events. We are covering our basic Feast costs and we offered some great events which were all well attended and welcomed by people in the village and beyond. The Feast committee continues to make valuable contribution to the social life of the village especially for families. I believe that our events, though not numerous are different enough to offer something valuable to the community as well as contributing towards our goal of perpetuating the Feast. We continue to keep the Feast alive and entertain and provide the chance to take part in something that has been a cornerstone of village life for a very long time.

I cannot stress enough how much I value all the work that is done by everybody on the committee and your time and effort is always given with such good grace and enthusiasm.

Treasurers Report: 2015/2016

With November 2015 firework display costs of £1548.70 having been paid out the 2014/15 year opening balance was £9807.54

Our closing balance for the year with the 2016 Fireworks (£1517.89) and Christmas collection licence (£21.00) having been paid out is £10165.54

That is an overall on year profit of £358.00

Apart from the cost to hire the marquee for Feast day, which is currently self-funding through the generous sponsorship of TARMAC our two largest annual outgoings are Insurance (£1011.99) and the Firework Display (2015) which ran at a loss of £1069.29

Figures for the 2016 event are not yet finalised but is estimated the cost to the Feast will be just under £1000.00

All other events run during the year made a profit:

- Carol Singing - £144.44 in donations
- St George's Day - £325.56
- Queen's Birthday Picnic - £336.80
- Feasts Week - £1350.56 (without the sponsorship from TARMAC this event would have made a loss in the region of £400.00)

Two points I feel should be noted:

1. Over the course of the year the bar has contributed a total of £1806 towards the annual income
2. Ensuring we obtained advertising for the Feast Programme and the subsequent chasing for payment has ensured it made a small profit and allowed it to be given away for free.

Overall, through the efforts of everyone, it has been another good year for the Feast but to continue we will again need another couple of fundraisers during 2017 which will begin with the Village Panto in February.

This coming year should see the beginning of a rolling programme of Feast Tent renewal which will have some impact on our funding resources.

I understand our Business Account was set up as a provision to cover the costs of at least two washed out / cancelled Feast Weeks.

From this year's figures the cost to run a Feast week is approximately £6500.00 – this includes Marquee Hire and insurance cover for the year. Therefore, a safety net of £13000.00 in this account should be adequate.

Last year we transferred a total of £300 into our Business Account which now has a little more than £14900 in it. Do we continue to transfer £25.00 per month? What should we do with any money in excess of £13000.00?

George Ratcliffe
Feast Vice Treasurer
November 2016

Show Secretary's Report:

The Entries this year were slightly higher. We need better advertising in the entrance to display the entry cost of going into the show tent. We could also purchase cheaper table covering to cut back on cost, use masking tape to fix table covering, rather than pins or staples. More communication is needed with regards to setting tables up. Stewards and judges happy, however, they would like recipe earlier - it is available on-line, or it could be sent to them in advance.

The Bowls trophy has not been issued yet and needs to be discussed further.

Nomination and confirmation of officers for 2017

Office	Nominated	Proposed	Seconded	
Chair	Berni	Ally	Fran	Agreed
Vice Chair	Dave T-H	George	Everybody!	Agreed
President	Fran	Ginny	Jane	Agreed
Vice President	Philippa	Ally	Ione	Agreed
Secretary	Jane & Ally	Philippa	Fran	Agreed
Treasurer	Karl	Dave	Ginny	Agreed
Vice Treasurer	George	Fran	Jane	Agreed
Show Secretary	Susan	Howard	Ione	Agreed

Date of next AGM meeting: To be confirmed