



# KIRKBY FLEETHAM & DISTRICT FLORAL & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



## Minutes of AGM : Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Apologies:** Alison Booth, Karl Peacock,

**Present:** Dave Tarleton-Hodgson, Ally Tarleton-Hodgson, Tim wilding, Susan Chilton, Howard Knaggs, Kay Kelly, Anthony Barker, Amanda Pierson, Richard Mann, Philippa Mann, Fran Artley, Jane Ratcliffe, George Ratcliffe, Helen Gardiner, Berni Wood, David Wood, Nicky Lloyd

- **Previous AGM minutes agreed and signed**

### Chairs Report:

Thank you to everyone for all the continued support and hard work this year.

Although we didn't seem to organise as many things as in previous years, there was still a significant amount of work required and as ever it was done with good heart and energy.

- The year started again with our **carol singing** on a very cold December evening! We had a strong line-up of singers once again and a larger crowd of people at each stop came out to listen and join in with us.
- January saw the village **Panto** again – tickets sold well and it was again a great event.
- **Feast Week – August**
  - a) Football again 'kicked off' the week and had a good number of players and many thanks to Tim for stepping into the breach and overseeing this event as well as organising the trophy winner.
  - b) The Quoits also went smoothly was a fun afternoon. The length of this event is still somewhat prolonged and we need to address this for next year.
  - c) The Family Fun Run seemed even more popular even though it poured with rain. The pub kindly allowed us to use the bar area to sign people in and post all the results which helped a lot. The food went down well and people hung around for some time making it a very enjoyable and fun evening. Thank you again to Ione, Kay and all the team.
  - d) The Quiz night was fabulous again with a good crowd taking part. Some people got a little over-enthusiastic and we did have one 'near accident' which was fortunately avoided. Tickets sales went smoothly and again we had more than enough food for everyone with the exception of potatoes. The bar operated well as ever. 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. This event seems to be firmly in the Feast week calendar now
- **Feast Day**

Feast Day was not good weather-wise. I think it was the first time it has rained on Feast day since I've been in the village (14 years). However, the show went on people kitted themselves out with suitable rain-gear and we continued. Entries were around the same level again with some lower than usual like flower arrangements and some higher like the handicrafts. The new garden classes were down on last year but we did more of a promotion in 2016 – something to consider. Karl's weeds and feed quizzes were great and lots of people joined in. The lunches for judges were great and we are very

grateful to the pub for doing this despite having a big event later in the day. Thanks to Susan and her team for the organisation and Philippa for sorting out lunches.

The set-up this year was a work of precision and everything seemed to go very smoothly- many thanks to Tim and his dedicated team. More chairs were ordered and I think we had plenty. There was a good variety of stalls and things to see and do and the main marquee was very popular as ever. Thank you to Amanda, Alison and Ginny. The tombola received record donations this year thank you Debs for all your sterling work on the leaflets and collection.

The village hall was packed out every time I looked for teas and Helen and the team were non-stop the bar was awesome as ever – many thanks to Helen and her team and Dave and Ally and their team.

The evening was also a success. The band was really great and a good crowd attended. Extra promotion also helped and the band is already booked for next year I believe! Thank you to Alison for organising this.

The raffle again sold all tickets and I think we may have sold more if we'd had them. There were even people asking for tickets early in the morning. This all made a great contribution to the takings on the day – thank you Anthony, Ally and Kay and the team for this.

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

Howard's generosity on allowing the use of the field for the parking and also Bonfire Night is much appreciated as is Carol's dedication allowing us to sell tickets advertise, drop off tombola items and so many other things – a big thank you.

We also had a significant amount from Patrons and unusually, I managed to speak to several patrons this year while delivering letters and they are all very committed to the ongoing future of the Feast and happy to make this contribution.

The schedule was fabulous again and everything going on to the website early means we are not rushing this anymore – thank you Jane. Sponsorship and advertising in the schedule was superbly managed even though new people had to be sought this year thanks to Philippa and Richard.

Karl and George did sterling work on prize money missing much of the Feast I imagine. Steve Pierson and team again produced a fun and popular Dog Show and without Darren and Phil where would we be on show day - so many thanks to all of you for what you do.

A big thanks to Margaret who does most of her work in the 'background' running the website which is always bang up to date and making sure announcements get to the newspapers on time and things go on social media.

A final thanks to our President, Fran, who presented all the trophies beautifully and is such a stalwart 'Feaster'.

Our coffers at present are very healthy but we do need to keep an eye on things and make sure we have enough fund-raising during the year to keep us going.

- **Apple Day**

This was organised by Karl and Kathleen and generously designated a Feast event. It was well-attended despite the weather. All apples got pressed and there were two very informative pruning demonstrations given to enthusiastic and hardy groups of

spectators. Our thanks go out to everyone who gave up their time to help with this. Sadly most of the games couldn't take place but apple bobbing and apples on a string looked very festive some people played. All the trees were sponsored and most people I spoke to are keen to do it again!

- **Bonfire Night**

This came hot on the heels of Apple Day but we managed to pull it off with our usual panache and a wonderful evening was enjoyed by everyone. The greatest accolade from one spectator – “it's just like Disneyland in Paris!”

- **Carol Singing**

Preparations are well underway for this. I have the licence but not the group of singers from last year sadly. We need to organise the details but I'm sure it will go off well as the last two years. The date is December 18th.

- **Thoughts for 2018**

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 although this year's events were fewer, we managed to keep the Feast going in style. We continue to keep the Feast alive and provide the chance for our community to take part in something that has been a big part of village life for many years. I believe that we offer something different for the village and should continue to provide this to the best of our ability in the future. We had some good ideas for events this year which we didn't pursue and can perhaps pick up again for 2018.

I cannot stress enough how much I value all the work that is done by everybody on the committee. The time and effort is always given with such good grace and enthusiasm and I believe that this and our ability to work closely as a team is what makes the Feast and everything else work so well. Despite occasional outside aggravations, we continue to pull together to get the job done and have a little fun on the way. I feel very privileged to have led such a team over the past few years and feel sure that this camaraderie and dedication will keep the Feast team going.

### **Treasurers Report : 2016/2017**

Through some very hard work by all the Feast Committee members, the Fleetham Panto Team together with the generosity of the Feast Patrons and Karl and Kath Peacock this year can be described as a successful year.

Our closing balance for the year is £11155.65 which is an overall on year profit of £990.11

The Fireworks Night (2016) ran at a loss of £716.29 It should be noted that initial figures for this year indicates we ran at a loss of over £960. Our other largest outgoing is our annual Insurance (£921.91).

It is pleasing to report that this year's Feast Week was a great success and made a profit of £1820.72. It should be noted however, had we not received sponsorship from TARMAC to cover the cost the marquee and associated hire equipment, Feast Week would have made small loss of £87.28

The Christmas Carol singing collection was over £100 up on last year at £249. The overall income from Bar, Raffle and Ticket sales from the Village Pantomime in February was a fabulous £809.55

We received a generous donation from Karl and Kath from their Apple Press Day of £188.50

Whilst it has been another good year for the Feast we will still need a couple of fundraising events during 2018.

Over the past 12 months we transferred a total of £300 into our Business Account which now has a little over £15000 in it.

George Ratcliffe  
Feast Vice Treasurer  
November 2017

- We will need to think about some ideas on ways to use the current funds we have to help enhance future events in the Community, as we currently have a very healthy Bank balance. Some suggestions were:
- Holding a big Community event for 2020.
- More money could be spent on events for Feast day
- As the Bar is one of our biggest money makers, we could look into improving the bar, possibly purchasing some type of mobile unit. Dave will look into this.

### **Show Secretaries Report:**

Thank you to Ione & Kay for all their help being on the 'tent team', those who volunteered as stewards, & Kath Byard for dealing with the very late entries, & handing out labels. The closing date for entries needs emphasising more, as we had a lot of late entries this year, which holds up getting class numbers & labels sorted.

The number of entries this year was slightly down on recent years, but we were still above 800, after we had some more entries on the day.

We need to be finding more judges, & reserve judges, as our pool are getting older, & some have sadly died, or can no longer judge.

On the actual day, the temperamental weather encouraged people to come into the tent, even if it was to keep dry.

There was a good display of classes to see. The flower arranging had entries which didn't arrive on the day, but that could have been due to the poor weather before hand.

I now have a useful amount of data from previous years, which can be used to assess if any classes have died a death & need replacing, or what new classes might prove to be popular. Overall, it was another successful year.

- **When the Classes are decided, they should be sent to the Gardening club.**

### **Nomination and Confirmation of Officers 2018:**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	
Chair	Berni	Ally	Jane	Agreed
Vice Chair	Dave T-H	Philippa	Kay	Agreed
President	Fran	Jane	Berni	Agreed
Vice President	Alison	Amanda	Philippa	Agreed
Secretary	Jane & Ally	Fran	Richard	Agreed
Treasurer	Karl	George	Kay	Agreed
Vice Treasurer	George	Philippa	Amanda	Agreed
Show Secretary	Susan	Fran	Jane	Agreed

## **Minutes of Feast Committee Meeting post AGM : Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017**

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### **Matters arising:**

- Berni has expressed Ione's wishes to step back from the Committee for a while. She has given out a list of all her responsibilities, particularly with the Mini marathon, which Kay has said she will do what she can to help out. All the Committee would like to pass on their thanks for all her help and hard work over the years and wish her well over the coming months in her travels. Berni will send some flowers to say thank you from us all.
- Welcome back to Nicky on the Committee!

### **Previous minutes agreed and signed**

**Firework Night:** feed back – Fabulous! As always, a fantastic display. Some great comments have been received, in particular 'it's like Disney'!

- Next year we need to make sure that we have the bigger marquee up. A fantastic display. Great set up. No failures this year. Although the event runs at a loss, all stalls, Bar and donation buckets did well, which enables us to put the display on for the Community. It was agreed that holding it on the Village Green is a great success and enables everyone to come and enjoy the event.
- Thanks to Howard for loaning field.
- Philippa and Richard said that cooking/serving the Hot dogs in such a short window of time is hard work, for such a small profit. It was felt that outside caterers would be too expensive. In the past, we have purchased sausages and divided them amongst Committee members to cook and bring along on the night. These can be kept warm in one of our Hostess Trollies! This would mean we would not need to have a BBQ, but still be able to provide affordable food for everyone. We could also look at sourcing cheaper sausages, or, trying to find someone willing to donate them, or assist in the cost? 125 sausages is more than enough. Ally has all the food quantities on file for next year.  
Tomato soup was very popular, maybe only need 3 pans of soup.
- Cooker we purchased was great
- Could we purchase a bbq? Or similar alternative? Philippa will look into it! Although it needs to be noted we did purchase one previously, but cleaning and maintenance was an issue, especially need to be aware of storage and food hygiene
- A lot of debris was collected on Monday morning, which has been difficult to dispose of in wheelie bins. Next year we will need to distribute amongst more peoples bins!
- Need to have recycling bins!

**Carol singing** : meet at 1745 outside Village Hall.

- Berni has the Licence, but sadly this year we have not got our singers – start practicing!
- Could we ask school to come along and help?

- Need to organise the stops – Little Fencote, Great Fencote(both Greens), Village Shop, The Close, Corner of Kirkby Lane, Village Way and Village Fold, junction of Village Way onto Lumley Lane, ending at the Pub. These stops are flexible, depending on how the night is going. Philippa has spoken to the Pub and mentioned that we may come in to sing our last couple of songs.
- Dave will speak to Mark to get use of trailer.
- Berni will look at getting a backing track.
- Ally will sort and distribute fliers

**Any other business:**

- Fundraising events and ideas – think about for next year and bring along to the next meeting.
- Update contacts details at next meeting – Ally will bring this along
- In future, would it be possible to video the firework display to use to promote it for the following year?

**Date of next Meeting :**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 7.30pm, Village Hall**