



# KIRKBY FLEETHAM & DISTRICT FLORAL & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



## Minutes of AGM : Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Apologies:** Helen Gardiner, Fran Artley

**Present:** Ally Tarleton-Hodgson, Dave Tarleton-Hodgson, Neil Rough, Linda Rough, Chris Coop, Andrea Wilding, Tim Wilding, Karl Peacock, Berni Wood, David Wood, Jane Ratcliffe, George Ratcliffe, Rachel McColl, Kay Kelly, Anthony Barker, Chris Noble, Steve Peirson, Ronan Walsh, Alison Booth, Nicky Lloyd,

- **Previous AGM minutes agreed and signed** (proposed DTH, seconded KP)

### Chairs Report:

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

It's been a good year in terms of new ideas, new energy and a wonderful Feast. We said goodbye to Ione and Richard and Philippa, thank you to them for all the hard work they brought to the Feast committee. However, we also welcomed several new members this year and that has helped to move around roles and get some new ideas and lots of new enthusiasm.

1. The year started again with our carol singing on another cold December evening! I'm not sure whether it was the cold or the fact that this was the third year but we didn't have the same welcome as previously and for much of it we seemed to be singing to ourselves so it was decided to try something different for 2018.
2. Our first Feast quiz in the village hall took place in March. It had a St Patrick's Day Irish theme and was a great success.
3. Unfortunately the planned Wedding themed dinner at the pub had to be cancelled as it transpired that most committee members were unavailable on the proposed night. The pub is keen to re-arrange at some stage so something to re-visit in 2019.
4. The Mama Mia film extravaganza did go ahead on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and was a really, fun event. It was kept as simple as possible to cut down the amount of work and make sure we could make some money. Film, bar, popcorn and ice-cream. This proved to be a winning formula and one that we decided to repeat.
5. **Feast Week – August**
  - a) Football was again successful. Marie Moule organised the event and Ross Gardiner stepped in to present the trophies. It was a good event with enough people to make two teams. It would be good to have more supporters and perhaps encourage families to bring along a picnic as in the past.
  - b) The Quoits also went smoothly and was a fun afternoon. It seemed to go much faster this year perhaps because the children's competition didn't have many players but everyone enjoyed it and there were some very exciting moments.
  - c) The Family Fun Run was, as always, a great event. Thank you to Kay for taking charge of this, this year and to her team for a great job. Registration took place at the side of the pub

as did the trophy presentation and this all worked smoothly. We need to be aware of health and safety on the road as there were quite a few cars coming through this year as the children were getting ready. This is something to address for next year.

- d) Dominoes also went well with worthy senior and junior winners. Thanks to Susan for this event
- e) The Quiz night was fabulous again with another great turnout. The amount of food was spot on this year. The quiz itself was brilliant and everyone had fun – thank you again to Dave and George and Ally and the bar team as well as all those who provided and served the food.

## **6. Feast Day**

What a brilliant Feast! I hope the figures will prove this, but certainly anecdotally, I believe that every area did well. Entries were down on last year and unfortunately, as a result of trying to drum up more entries we gave ourselves quite a headache on Saturday morning with far too many late entries! This is something we will address for next year's event.

A very special thank you to Cathy and Naomi Bayard who managed all the late entries brilliantly. Also to Rachel Savage who organised the tables in the marquee on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Everything went off very smoothly during the judging with very few hiccups and mistakes (probably because I finally have my head around most things in the tent). Public information about times and events also needs to be looked at for next year.

Thank you to Susan and the stewards for managing everything during the morning

The lunches for judges were kindly organised again by the pub. These are much appreciated I think.

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. There was a good variety of stalls and things to see and do and the main marquee was very popular as ever. A big thank you to Ronan and Debs for some really, good entertainment on and around the village green and new food providers who were a great hit.

The Dog Show seemed attract record numbers this year and the prizes donated helped to raise its profile. A great job done by Steve and Helen for keeping this going smoothly and with no dog fights this year!

A really, big thank you must go to Phil Gardiner for his tireless work as MC it really is a full-time job on Feast day. A big thank you also to Darren too who does so much for us during Feast week and at other events throughout the year. The music and commentary help to pull everything together.

The tombola sold out early as usual and I believe Chris actually donated extra prizes – thank you Chris and Rachel and their team.

The village hall again packed people in for teas and Helen and the team were non-stop the bar was a great draw as usual – many thanks to Helen and her team and Dave and Ally and their team.

The evening was also a success. There was a good crowd – over 100 people at one point. The place was buzzing, a far cry from a few years ago! Thank you to Alison for organising the band and I

understand there are discussions ongoing to tweak the music choices for next year. The bar was truly a family affair and many thanks to the TH's for keeping this going to the bitter end.

The raffle again sold record numbers of tickets. There were several people seeking out tickets so it is a popular part of the Feast. Thank you Anthony and helpers.

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

We also had a significant amount from Patrons. We are really grateful for the Patrons who give great support to the Feast year after year.

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 is vital for covering the costs of the printing so thank you Philippa and Richard who agreed to do this despite stepping down from the committee earlier in the year.

Karl and George did sterling work as always on prize money and keeping us all topped up with cash for floats. This is a vital role and on Feast day it's the most important tent for competitors, especially the children!

The clear-up on Sunday seemed to go fine with a good group to help. Getting the tents down on the Saturday although a bit of a chore is well worth it and I think we have a good rhythm going with this.

A big thanks again to Margaret who works in the 'background' running the website and making sure announcements get to the newspapers on time and things are shared on social media. She is the hub for the Feast and our contact with the outside world.

A final thanks to our President, Fran, who has been a stalwart and loyal Feast committee member for many, many years. I really appreciate all the support and advice I get from her as an 'old timer' and she is our main 'fixer' on the committee.

As we look towards 2019 our 218<sup>th</sup> Kirkby Fleetham Feast, I think we should all feel proud of the distance the Feast has come and the part we are all playing in this journey.

## **7. Bonfire Night**

What can I say? Amazing event this year. Such a huge crowd of people turned out and the bar sold all the beer and mulled wine and the food was all sold – sadly leaving nothing for our intrepid firework diggers and lighters. The pumpkin competition attracted lots of entries and we need to think of a more prominent display area for next year. Overall, it was a wonderful display and a wonderful evening. The extra promotion via the new posters really worked a treat. Also, many thanks to Howard for the use of his field, we couldn't do it without this. A big thank you also to Chris, Anthony, David and Ally's Mum, Liz, who came along to clean up on the Monday morning.

## **Tree Lighting Ceremony**

I think this will be a great alternative to other Christmas events we have done in the past and shouldn't involve quite so much running around and getting cold. It will be lovely for the village and I hope we have a good turnout.

## **8. Christmas Film Night – 'It's a wonderful Life'**

This will take place on Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup> and we hope there will be a good turnout. It should be a lovely way to mark both Christmas and the end of our year doing what we do best and providing an event where the community can come together.

### **Thoughts for 2019**

It is difficult to find new things to say. We are covering our basic Feast costs and with Tarmac continuing to support us and I believe that they will continue to do this as development starts next year on the new quarry at Killerby, we can 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 and this is our main aim. 2018 was a good year for events, many of them new and I am confident that we can continue with these and other gems into 2019.

However, nothing would happen at all without the dedication and energy of the committee and for this I am truly grateful. I believe that we have a great team and everybody's willingness to support our work ensures that it both continues and is delivered time and time again. The Feast is clearly the highlight of what we do and a great deal of time is given always with good grace and enthusiasm and this is reflected in the faces of those who attend the events and also the comments that we receive. Everybody plays their part and this makes our Feast work enjoyable and rewarding. I feel very privileged to have led this great team over the past few years and look forward to more successful events in 2019.

### **Treasurers Report 2017/2018:**

Through some very hard work by the Feast Committee and its supporters combined with the generosity of the Feast Patrons I think it is fair to say our past year has been a success.

Our overall yearly income over expenditure saw a profit of £1357.61

During the financial year the Feast undertook the following events:

- Bonfire Night 2017 ran at an overall loss of £884.14 however, this is approximately £80 less of a loss than 2016.  
It is worth noting that we appear to be attracting more people to our family orientated event as this year our overall loss was down even further to around £719 which included a one off spend of £120 for re-useable advertising boards which may have assisted in attracting people from beyond Fleetham and the Fencotes.
- The Christmas Carol Singing attracted donations of £154.93
- Early 2018 our esteemed Quiz Master tested our knowledge and the event made a profit of £338.64
- Our first venture into a Cinema Night with a Mamma Mia singalong made a profit of £300.67
- It is pleasing to report that our main event of the year, Feast Week, made a profit of £2726.95 which was up by £900 on 2017.  
This could not have been achieved without a lot of hard work by committed individuals, the financial support from TARMAC who fully fund the hiring of the marquee, the generosity of the Feast Patrons and by attracting the numbers of people who attend and support the event

Insurance continues to be one of our largest, but necessary, annual expenditures and our overall miscellaneous expenditure totalled £1279.44

I think it would be fair to say the Feast is currently in a good state of health financially and continues to provide events for the community of Fleetham and surrounding areas.

The closing balance at the end of October 2018 in the Community Account stood at £10839.25 however, this included the purchase of the 2018 fireworks, the purchase of the lights and storage boxes for the proposed village hall Christmas tree. A repayment to TARMAC who had inadvertently paid us twice for the hiring of the marquee and £32.50 cash in hand.

Over the past 12 months we have continued to transfer £25 per month from the Community Account into our Business Account. The closing balance in this account at the end of October was £15547.82

Karl Peacock & George Ratcliffe  
 Feast Treasurer and Vice Treasurer  
 November 2018

**Show Secretaries Report:**

Thank you to all who helped in the tent, both before & on the day. Overall entries this year were lower than previous years, but we still had a good visual showing inside the tent. Thanks go to Kay for collecting all the entries & putting them on the spread sheet.

On the day we had a huge amount of late entries, which made Kath Byards job of issuing entry labels really difficult, as they all needed writing by hand. A big thank you is therefore needed for Kath, & Naomi, for managing to get through them all, & still be smiling at the end. Thank you to the stewards too, who did a brilliant job sorting the winning entries, with so many unknown late entries.

We are still in need of more names for judges, especially cooking & produce, as they seem the problematic sections for finding judges for. Some of our regular judges have been judging for many years, & we may need reserves at some point for other sections too.

Overall, feed back from the public was very positive for the whole show, & it was a great success.

**Nomination and Confirmation of Officers 2019:**

Office	Nominated	Proposed	Seconded	
Chair	Berni	Dave	Karl	Agreed
Vice Chair	Dave T-H	Berni	George	Agreed
President	Fran			
Vice President	Alison	Tim	Karl	Agreed
Secretary	Jane & Ally	Alsion	Karl	Agreed
Treasurer	George	Ally	Kay	Agreed
Vice Treasurer	Karl	Jane	Dave	Agreed
Show Secretary	Kay	Dave	Berni	Agreed

President- Fran ( will discuss next time we see her)

**AOB :**

- welcome to the new faces

Could we change financial reporting year from January to December?  
 Jane said should we change AGM to Jan to coincide? David said there was no reason we could not make changes. It was agreed that we could go ahead and change the date to 30<sup>th</sup> November to cover the fireworks. From next year it will be a 13 month year.

**Next AGM : Tuesday : 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, Village Hall**