

## HPSWAG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will take place at 2.00 pm. Saturday 15th October at the Community Hall, Marshfield.

Lady Rosemary Fitzgerald will be giving a talk on 'Meeting of Wild and Garden Plants.'

The agenda for the meeting will be:-

- a) Apologies
- b) Minutes of the last AGM
- c) Chairman's report
- d) Treasurer's report and accounts
- e) Election of officers
- f) Any other business

As usual I will try and move through these items as quickly as possible. Should anyone want to see the minutes of last year's meeting, these will be available on the day, and will be displayed on the notice board at the AGM.

Roger Bendall

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER 2010 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE MARSHFIELD

INTRODUCTION

1. Roger Bendall opened the meeting by welcoming new members and guests. He introduced Hazel Kaye the guest speaker, who would be giving a talk entitled "Ranunculus, Campanulas, Digitalis and Euphorbias".

APOLOGIES

2. Apologies had been received from Pam and Mike Harris, Moira and Cedric Harries and Jane Lucas.

MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

3. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting, and were signed by Roger.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

4. It had generally been a good year for the Group. We were financially sound, despite the loss of income due to the lower interest rate on our savings.

5. Roger wished to pay tribute to Lyn Miles who had recently retired as Chairman of the Mini Group. She had been the leading figure since the Mini Group's inception in 2004. She had put in hours of time and effort, and the fact that the group was anything but "mini" is a lasting tribute to Lyn's vision and leadership. Jenny Pape was welcomed as the new Chairman.

6. There were three highlights to mention; first the spring plant sale at St. Margarets Hall, Bradford On Avon. The move from St. Laurence School had proved successful with more people through the door, the hall being well set out and our overall takings up on some previous years. He thanked everyone who had contributed plants or had given up time to help out. One slight worry was the decreasing number of nurseries who were available to sell plants. This might be due to the current difficult times, together with the number of competing plant sales, but everything would be done to attract as many nurseries as possible next year.

7. The summer lunch at Allington Grange, hosted by Rhyddian Roper and her family, had been a resounding success. The good news is that Rhyddian has kindly agreed to repeat the lunch in June 2011.

8. In July the Group visited two popular local nurseries, The Mead and Special Plants. Both gardens had looked magnificent, with the added bonus of guided tours and excellent plants for sale. Members were asked to contact the Chairman or Secretary with suggestions for gardens to visit next year.

9. Last year we had asked for volunteers to help with tasks such as setting up and serving refreshments. The response had been very pleasing, and Roger thanked those who had come forward. He was also pleased to welcome Ann Narraway, who had agreed to serve on the committee. He also thanked members who had so generously given a donation to the Group.

TREASURERS REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

10. Don Smith introduced the Income Expenditure Account. There was a small surplus of £59 for the year, giving a carry forward of £5,080. Speaker's fees had been kept in check by engaging local speakers where possible.

11. The account had been audited by Geoff Slegg.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

12. The following officers were proposed by Jenny Pape and seconded by Gerald Rossiter.

Chairman Roger Bendall

Vice Chairman Rhyddian Roper

Secretary Marlene Mackay

Treasurer Don Smith

Members Janet Bendall, Julia Dickinson, Alison Mayall, Tracey Mosley, Ann Narraway, David Pike and Beryl Willis.

13. Auditor. Geoff Slegg was proposed by James Mackay and seconded by Rhyddian Willis.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14. David Pike thanked the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for their contribution over the past twelve months. Roger then declared the meeting closed.