

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BLACK PEAR
GARDENING CLUB HELD AT CALLOW END VILLAGE HALL
ON SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 2013

APOLOGIES Irene who was unwell and Lorna

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING Were agreed

MATTERS ARISING Regarding Brian's approach to Powick Village Hall with a view to returning to that venue in 2014, as no reply had been received to the enquiry Brian phoned the Caretaker. It would appear the third Saturday in February is always booked for the local pantomime therefore it was not available. 1st Feb or 1st March were offered so it was voted we alter our date for that month and book 1st Feb. The large room will be booked for every indoor meeting, as we now have an ever growing membership. Jasmine reported we had another two new members enrol at the March meeting. Roger reported that Boughton Park Golf and Country Club has been booked for the Christmas lunch for Saturday 7th December 2013.

TREASURER'S REPORT Cathy reported a balance of £525 in the bank. The website fee had been paid and is not due again until January 2014.

GARDENER'S MARKET May 18th

Cathy had e mailed all the stallholders who came last year but two were unable to take part this year. The list of stallholders booked is as follows :

Joanne Bowles

Kerren Green

Harrells Hardy Plants

Roger and Barbara Parker

June Hill

Margaret Stone

Douglas Gregor

Geraldine Williams

Cathy Snelgar

Plus our own Black Pear Gardening Club members wishing to sell.

Catering Janet has agreed to be responsible for this with help from Jasmine and Irene and Club members who will hopefully volunteer on the day. Irene will work out a rota and Barbara will buy cakes (as last year) which will be cut into approx 10 portions.

Pam agreed to run the Tombola again, and asked if members would give appropriate items at the next meeting or they can be delivered to her home prior to the Market being held.

Brian will do the posters required and inform Malvern Gazette etc. Information will also be put on the Website and hopefully on Hereford and Worcester local radio. Posters will be displayed at local Garden Centres as well.

The County Gardener free magazine has published a feature (written by Irene) on our newly formed Black Pear Gardening Club - this was actually published twice – once in Feb issue and again in March !

Cathy is to produce a plan of the Stallholders positions in the hall.

Preparations for the Gardener's Marker will begin at 12 30 on the 18th May with the opening time on 1 30.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS! Programme planning for 2014 Audrey reported that she had been unable to make contact with Bridges Stone Mill but would be visiting the place on 26th April – so hopefully the booking would be made on that date. Roger and Barbara Parker also agreed they would be opening their garden for private visits – if requested.

Rachel Salisbury has also been difficult to make contact with. It was agreed to give this request a little more time.

Julia Scott – from Rose Hill in Worcester had been heard recently giving a talk on herbs etc – which apparently was very interesting – so to keep her in mind for the future.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS The outing to The Botanic Gardens in Wales on August 14th– The cost will be £23 including entrance fee with concessions of £1. Jasmine queried the concession fee as she had been informed it was £1 50 – it will be looked into.

Brian informed the Committee had now used up all reserves of stamps and as it was necessary to still send out at least 25 newsletters (to those members not on e mail) did the Committee agree to still fund this cost. It was agreed to carry on as before as we have sufficient funds to cover these expenses.

DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING October 19th after the Members meeting.