

# MINUTES OF THE BLACK PEAR GARDENING CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 47A ST ANDREWS RD.

APOLOGIES June, Lorna and Janet B.

MINUTES FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> November 2016 were taken as read. MATTERS ARISING  
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Coach Trip Brian reported that he felt a trip to Tatton Park Show would be too expensive, so the other alternatives were The Dorothy Clive Garden and Bridgemere Garden Centre. It was decided to visit the Garden Centre first arriving at coffee time, with time to look round and have lunch there as the restaurant facilities are very good. It was then proposed to drive back to the Dorothy Clive Garden to arrive 2 ish., Apparently this garden receives 25,000 visitors a year and has recently been updated with a new Visitors Centre and easier wheelchair access. The date suggested is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017, and this will be announced at the next BPGC meeting.

Entry fees for October Meeting After much discussion it was agreed to keep the same formula as in 2016 for the Val Bourne lecture. As the Club could afford it, Jasmine suggested it could be free for members of the BPGC with a charged entrance for non members, but it was felt it could cause confusion at entry and it was simpler to have a £5 charge for everyone. It is still very good value to hear a Professional Speaker for a fee of £5. It was also decided to hold a larger raffle with the proceeds going to a Hospice Charity which the Garden Writer Matthew Wilson is involved with.

Vice Chairman It had been suggested at the last Committee Meeting that we should elect a Vice Chairman. Lorna had made this suggestion and was asked if she was prepared to take on this position, to which she said she would think about it. Since then she has agreed to take on the job of Vice Chairman so this was carried as unanimous by the Committee.

Christmas Social 2017 It was agreed that the Christmas Social on the 10th December held at Powick Village Hall was very enjoyable, especially with the entertainment given by the group of ladies called "The Gilded Lilies" singing and acting to topical Christmas Music etc. The Bring and Share lunch worked out very well too with Brian acting as "Barman". Upon discussion it was decided to revert back to having a Christmas meal out again for 2017. (Perhaps alternating between a Social one year and a meal out the other year) Les Chivers agreed to

start making enquiries of various eating establishments with regard to prices and menus, and if they can cater for a number between 30 and 40. The date will either be 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Faye Turner Memorial Garden David Eastwood has agreed to come to the next garden meeting on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January , to update members on the progress/ maintenance of this garden, which is cared for by volunteers (including Brian our Chairman ) at the Worcester Royal Hospital. He would be bringing up to date photos of the garden taken at different times of the year.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT** The Treasurer reported a balance of £3.038.95 in the bank, but with some expenses still to be paid out.

**PROGRAMME 2018** Brian outlined ideas for the forthcoming year. Amongst the fixtures already booked are : May Gardener's Market, June possible a visit to Pershore College, August annual coach trip, October John Massey from Ashwood Nursery,, November AGM, Gardens of Madeira by Brian Skeys, December Christmas lunch.

Suggestions were also, Terry ? who talks on Radio 2 about "On the Allotment" Julie Richie from Hoo House Nursery, Duncan Coombes, Padrick Hudson on Propagation and Stella Exley talking about Camassias.

**GARDENER'S MARKET** Margaret Guy kindly agreed to make contact with the Stallholders once again who are :

Harrolds Hardy Plants,  
Julie Richie Hoo House Nursery. Angela Blundell,  
John Hill  
Jim Hill Herbs

There would also be a Club Table, Roger and Barbara Parker, Cathy, Douglas Gregor with his photographs, and Harold Poyner. Pam will organise the Tombola and

the teas would be organised by Janet T and Janet B.

The time, as last year will be 11 am until 1 pm, setting up from 10. 30. Brian will ask Barbara Parker if she would organise the purchase of the cakes.

A O B Brian gave the Committee a copy of future Bookings for Powick Village Hall. He also informed us of the caretaker's details which are Mr Roger Gurney, 56 Malvern Road, Powick Telephone number 01905 830756.

The renewal for the RHS Affiliated membership is now due which will be for a figure of £105. Following the AGM an updated copy of the Constitution will be handed out.

D O N M 22nd March 2017 at 19 Winnington Gardens, Hanley Swan at 7.45