

MINUTES OF THE BLACK PEAR GARDENING CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

AT POWICK VILLAGE HALL ON SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2015

APOLOGIES Janet Taylor. Present Brian, Janet B, Cathy, Pam, Cheryl, Margaret, Jasmine, Roger , Barbara and Lorna.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING Were taken as read and agreed.

MATTERS ARISING Aston's coaches had been booked for the trip to Waterperry Gardens, near Oxford for the 17th August. Pick up points are Upton on Severn and Worcester. Cost will be £20 per member and we need a minimum of 20 people to qualify for a group discount to the Gardens. Application forms have been printed and are available now.

TREASURER'S REPORT Current balance is £1579

GARDENER'S MARKET Pam reported the following stallholders have been booked.

HARROLLS HARDY PLANTS	CATHY SNELGAR
JIM HILL HERBS	COUNTRY MARKETS (JAMS CHUTNEYS ETC)
JOHN HILL	DOUGLAS GREGOR (PHOTOGRAPHS)
ANGELA BLUNDELL	B P G C OWN STALL
ROGER AND BARBARA PARKER	MEMBERSHIP TABLE

Barbara Parker had been in touch with Malcolm Styles Chairman of the Worcester Bonsai Society and was waiting to hear from him. Brian is to contact John Marshall again to see if he would be interested.

Small tables would be set out for refreshments and a charge of £2 50 would be made for tea and cake. Tea alone £1 and squash will be free. Barbara agreed to purchase the cakes once again and Janet B would get the coffee, tea, squash and biscuits etc. Brian will print some new posters to be erected on the Powick Island roundabout and he would also deal with the advertising in the Malvern Gazette and Powick Parish Magazine.

Cheryl and Margaret will take on the Tombola and members have already been asked to bring along suitable items for this attraction.

PROGRAMME 2016 UPDATE

Brian has now booked Val Bourne to speak at the October meeting. Her fee will be £400, we hope she will attract more visitors/ members to make this occasion successful. Bob Hare (ex lecturer from Pershore College) has been booked for the AGM in November. His subject will be Winter and Early Spring colour in the garden.

Cheryl had heard a very good speaker at Hallow Garden Club and recommended Rosemary Winnal – who gave a talk and presentation on wild flowers and wildlife. She is an MBE and lives in the Wyre Forest area.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS The Christmas lunch venue was brought up by Brian. The Worcester Golf Club (Boughton Park) is now under new catering management and it was felt as the Club had been there for the last 3 years it would be an appropriate time for a change. Enquiries had been made of The Berkeley (Near Spetchley) This was discussed amongst the Committee and it was agreed to pay a deposit of £100 now and hopefully pay a further deposit of £200 at the end of September. (The Berkeley had requested the £200 earlier but we hope they will accept our offer. Apparently it has very good reports regarding last Christmas so we are going on recommendation. The Blue Bell at Ryall was another possibility. The cost at The Berkeley has been quoted at £12.95 for 2 courses.

Publicity – Contact had been made with James McDonald who publishes a small magazine 6 times a year called “All About” . Brian has written an article all about the Black Pear Gardening Club (which he read out) and this will be published in their May/June issue.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 7. 30 pm on Wednesday 23rd September 2015 at 47a St Andrews Road Malvern WR 14 3PT.