

SALTFORD & KEYNSHAM FLOWER CLUB

Minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting
24th January 2023 14:00 at Saltford Golf Club

Committee

Janet Gough President
Val Purkis Chair
Julie Latham Treasurer
Sue Hollamby Social Secretary
Christine Pidcock Raffle
Ann Jewell

1. **Apologies** received from Liz Morris, Bunty Collett, Brenda Jones, Shelia Reed.
2. **Minutes of AGM 2022** were published on our website & emailed to members who accepted them as a true record. *That last year's Minutes be accepted was proposed by Val Purkis & seconded by Sue Hollamby.*
3. No Matters were arising.
4. **President's Address** by Janet Gough
Good afternoon to you all and welcome to our AGM.
Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your continued help and support for the club throughout the past year. It does make such a difference to the committee knowing that help is there when needed.

Of course, without the committee we wouldn't have a Flower club so on your behalf I'd like to thank Val, club chairman, Julie, treasurer, Christine, Sue and Celia for all their work in providing an interesting and varied programme during the year.

This leads me on to saying a big thank you to Celia. Celia has been a committee member for over 13 years with many of those as secretary. Unfortunately for us Celia has decided it's time to resign from the committee and just enjoy coming to the club meetings! On behalf of everyone I'd like to say a big thank you Celia for everything you have done over the years. We have small gift for with our thanks.

Thanks to everyone and I look forward to a good year ahead.

5. **Chair's Report** – Thank you Janet. We are lucky to have you as our President.
Summary for 2022: –
 - In February Cathryn Brown wowed us with '50 things that make you happy'.
 - The March practice was run inhouse entitled, 'it's all about the vase', where we explored the use of different vases & containers, the mechanics needed for the type of flowers we were arranging and where they were going to sit.
 - A new demonstrator, Leslie Hunt did 'Beside the Seaside' where she used a nautical theme to describe her love of WSM.
 - In May, Christine & Sue Heath did a practice creating flowers from paper & ribbons and & Val decorated jam-jar vases for the Jubilee celebrations.
 - In June, Caroline Cooper explained 'The Language of Flowers'
 - In July, Sue Hollamby organised an outing to the American Museum, our guide was very knowledgeable, the gardens were stunning and it was a sunny day.

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- In August we held Members' Day tea at Christine's, who with Julie's help, fed us with wonderful sandwiches, meringues and enough cake to sink a ship! Maggie Yates mentioned she collected a 'take away' tea and thoroughly enjoyed it.
- September introduced a new demonstrator Jenny York with 'Barking Mad'.
- October, Ann Jewell & Val did a Wreath making workshop which proved rather profitable with 13 visitors paying £15 each. Ann provided the wreath rings, mossed by Bunty & Val and we brought lots of foliage. Visitors & members seemed to enjoy the afternoon.
- November's demonstrator was Sharon Dower who proved to be a big draw with local flower clubs who were keen to go to a Christmas Demo in an afternoon.
- Decorating Saltford Hall was done by members and it was much appreciated by the Hall management.

Throughout the year, the committee has been meeting once a month to discuss forthcoming events etc. I would like to thank my fellow Committee Members for their continued support, without them the club will fold. Also, I would like to thank you all for attending each month.

6. Treasurer's Report – Julie Latham

Good afternoon everyone, scattered around you will see the figures for the last 3 years of the Flower club – and apologies for the tiny print, I was trying to get everything on one page. The reason for 3 years is partially because I'm new to the post and the last 3 years have hardly been 'average'.

The end of year figures show an overall income of £2631.30 and expenditure of £2732.56, making a loss of £101.26

To give some indication of how the money is spent, one Flower Club demonstration afternoon: to hire Saltford Hall for 2 hours costs £52.68. A recent charge of £20 has been added for the use of stage lighting and sound, taking the cost up to £72.68. On average the demonstrators cost £256.14. (Least expensive was £209 to most expensive £368) and Val is very careful to choose the demonstrators who live relatively locally and have reasonable fees.

There are annual affiliation fees, based on membership numbers, to NAFAS of £163.40 and £10.00 to SCA.

The probable cause of the £101.26 loss is due to the unforeseen and quite a large increase in hall hire charges, which came after the club subscriptions were set last January and before the increase to the cost of living.

Two points to note:

The Webbuilder cost of £67.97 paid in 2022 covers a 4 year period.

The Insurance next year will be greatly reduced from the £81.00 of 2022. The current costings of NAFAS cover is 0.41p per head and will be collected at the time of affiliation fees, as it ties in with club member numbers.

In order for us to remain a viable club it is proposed to make an increase to the membership subscriptions of £3 taking annual subscription to £43. Practice classes to be £5 and

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Demonstrations £7 (Making it cheaper to be a member than a visitor). Janet proposed the motion & Christine seconded it, all members voted to accepted it.

7. Re-Election of Officers –

7.1. Fortunately, our committee have agreed to continue for another year unless anyone wants to challenge this? No-one did. Maddie Drury proposed to accept the motion & Val Kenway seconded it.

7.2. Committee members: Celia has resigned and will be greatly missed. Ann Jewel has offered to join the Committee which we accept.

8. Forthcoming Events

8.1. Programme of Events

Demonstrations

- February 28th - Demonstration with Kathryn Delve entitled 'A touch of Spry'
- April 25th - Demonstration with Cathryn Brown 'A Flower Prescription'
- June 27th – Sally Taylor 'Sallying Forth Again'
- September 26th - Demonstration with Rosemary Kerr 'Oriental Takeaway'
- November 28th - Christmas Demonstration with Alison Finch entitled 'Traditions of Christmas'

Practice Classes

- 28th March – Practice Class 'Easter Eggs' (Poundland do eggs on sticks)
- 23rd May - Workshop – 'Spring into Summer' maybe do a meadow box
- 24th October - Workshop – 'Gone to Seed' an Autumnal Arrangement incorporating seed heads, maybe an Autumnal Wreath.

Other Events:

- Keynsham Spring Show 25th March 2023 at The Scout Hut, Val Purkis has sent the details via email. We will have a workshop area for people to do some arrangements. Ruth suggested small posies. Some flower arrangements needed and some volunteers required.
- 25th July outing Ideas: Yeo Valley Farm Booking starts at the end of January. 34 minutes' drive from Saltford. *Sue has found out that, as Ruth mentioned, Yeo Valley are not open on Tuesdays so we would like to book for Thursday 27th July starting time to be confirmed later. Val will write to members for their opinion on the Thursday option. Hanham Court – Janet to find out about this.*
- August 22nd - Members' Day – Venue ideas; it was agreed that everyone was happy to go to Saltford Golf Club either for lunch or tea. Val Purkis will find out the details.
- December 8th 9th 10th Christmas Tree Festival in Keynsham. *Ideas for decorations to be made at home and brought to our October and November meetings.*

8.2. Sales Table It would be greatly appreciated if some members could help either on the refreshment or sales tables sometimes. Maybe we could have a different volunteer each month to assist either Sue or Janet. *Liz Morris, Maddie Drury, Val Kenway and Ruth Hutchings volunteered to help on an ad hoc basis.*

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Regarding the sales table, does anyone have any ideas of what to sell, maybe do a different theme each meeting. What do you have at home you would like to part with?

9. **Any Other Business** None

The meeting closed at 15:03