

Carried unanimously

d) Treasurer David Davies Proposed - Jennifer Kelley
Seconded – Hilary Hawkins
Carried unanimously

11. Election of Committee Members:

The remaining Committee members, who had not been elected as Officers were prepared to stay on the Committee.

Sue Beckett, David Davies, Peter Furneaux, Bobbie Stubbs
Proposed –Nick Russell
Seconded –Monica Todd
Carried – unanimously

Nomination and election of new committee members:

Eddie Clanzy-Hodge to the position of book keeper
Proposed – Monica Todd
Seconded – Peter Furneaux
Carried – unanimously

Christine Berry and John Berry as committee members have already been proposed and seconded by Nick Russell and Monica Todd.

Carried unanimously

12. Appointment of Auditor:

Helen Webb has agreed to audit the account again next year.

13. Any other business: None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2016

It hardly seems possible that I am sitting here at the end of another year. From my view this has been a most successful year with an excellent show, a new website, some enjoyable outings and some wonderful, inspirational speakers together with an increasing membership.

Whilst it would take too long to mention all of the speakers, those who were there will remember Jack Willgoss on Violas, who hopefully will be back in 2018 but we are visiting him and his glasshouse in May next year and whilst Geoff Morris's talk on "Fruit Tipples and Other Things" may be harder to remember, but that is simply because of the number of the alcoholic tipples sampled that night, Geoff is coming back to talk about cider in 2017 as we have added this as a class in the 2017 show! All in all an excellent programme of speakers and next year is looking even better.

The outings were equally enjoyable and the visit to Croft Castle was fascinating both to see the garden and hear of the history of this magnificent house, even the poor weather failed to dampen our enthusiasm. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Titley Lunch but from the feedback afterwards this was better than ever.

Sadly, from my point of view and that of the club, we have lost three committee members this year, Jennifer Kelley, Sue Mills and Pauline Wareham. Sue has moved away to be with her family and Jennifer is moving back to Hagley and I wish them well on your behalf and thank them for all their hard work. Fortunately, Pauline is not leaving the area and has agreed to carry on doing the plant stall for which we have greater plans for 2017.

Due to the increasing success of the plant stall the committee has decided to have a "plant stall meeting" at which members can both donate and buy plants. In the past the money from the plant stall went to the village hall but the aim is for it to help with club funds. I would ask all of you to plant a little extra and bring it along in May.

All of this is good and positive; however, the committee remains very short of committee members and without a committee there will be no club. I ask again if anyone is thinking they would like to help but feel that they do not have enough experience please do come forward. You will receive as much help and support as you need and none of it is very difficult. Trust me I am the chairman and somehow the club is still running!!!!

On that note I would like to thank the committee for their continued support and efforts throughout the year. Whilst I feel it wrong to single out particular individuals I must mention the work and effort Monica puts in, without her there would be no club, she even had to remind me to write this report.

Having thanked the committee, I must mention two people who have given an enormous amount of time and effort to your club who are not even on the committee. Eddie Clanzy- Hodge has been tireless, working to ensure the smooth running and success of the show, our accounts and most recently working with Sue Brown to ensure our website continued after we were informed that unless significant works were undertaken on a very short time scale we would lose it. As you can probably tell I still don't really know what they did but that is because my computer knowledge is only slightly behind my gardening know how, however it worked, and our new website is up and running. Please make use of it.

Lastly a club is only as strong as its members and I thank you for coming to the AGM.

Treasurer's report for year ending 1st December 2016

We have made a small loss of £77.22 this year. This is quite an achievement, since we did hold our subscriptions to previous year's levels.

We have had increased costs this year for both the village hall and our speakers amounting to £430.

We also had reduced subscription income of about £30.

However, these have been offset by increased income from the plant stall, and Monica's sales - £460.

The Annual Show was a financial success. It did cost us about £22 to stage but this is the best outcome for many years.

In summary, we have had a very good year financially and we must express our thanks to the committee and you, our members, for making the show, the plant stall and sales a success.

Given ever-increasing costs, the committee has decided to increase subscriptions this year to £12.50p. This will enable us to continue to provide good quality speakers for 2017.