

**THACS**  
**TEWIN HORTICULTURAL ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY**

**Minutes of the fourteenth Annual General Meeting held at  
Tewin Memorial Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

The meeting was preceded by the presentation of the Tewin Society Award to Mr Michael Clark. Approximately 37 members and 10 non-members were present.

### **1 Apologies**

Tom Gladwin, Joanne Allen, Pat and Alf Fulford, Kate and Kirsten Winters, Debbie Hall, Ian Murry, Tod and Jean Canton, Linda Adams, Gay and Mike Cates and Ann Beale.

### **2 Minutes of 2014 AGM**

The minutes of the last AGM were accepted without objection. Proposed by Anna Clark and seconded by Patrick Holden. There were no matters arising.

### **3 Chairman's Report**

Ray Keppler presented the Chairman's report for 2014. A copy of the report is appended.

### **4 Treasurer's Report**

Malcolm Allen presented the Treasurer's report for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014. A copy of the report and accounts is appended.

Marie St Pier proposed that the report and accounts be accepted and this was seconded by Lynne Burgess. This proposal was accepted.

### **5 Election of Officers and Committee for 2015**

The following officers were elected without opposition.

<b>Chairman</b>	Ray Keppler (for seventh year)	Proposed by the committee Seconded by Kate Stott
<b>Treasurer</b>	Malcolm Allen (for fourth year)	Proposed by Ray Keppler Seconded by Michael Clark.

Ray Keppler announced that as Nick Whiting had now left the committee the post of hon. secretary was vacant. Jim Hall had volunteered to take on this role as well as his other tasks for the time being. The situation was not good and THACS was greatly in need of more committee members.

<b>Secretary</b>	Jim Hall	Proposed by Ray Keppler Seconded by Anna Clark.
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For the remaining members of the committee, Terry Brand and Lynne Burgess were proposed by Hilary Tipping and seconded by Audrey Walters and were duly re-elected by the members.

The motion that Graham Spring should remain as Independent Examiner of the accounts was proposed by Ray Keppler and seconded by Patrick Holden. The motion was carried.

## **6 Changes to the Constitution and Rules**

The proposed changes to the constitution and rules were specified in the AGM notices sent to all members and printed copies of these notices were available at the AGM. Ray hoped that the members had read these notes and asked if there were any objections. He then moved that the meeting should accept the changes.

Michael Clark proposed the acceptance of the changes and this was seconded by Terry Brand. The motion was carried.

## **7 Events for 2015**

Jim Hall outlined the programme of events for this year. The following events have already been agreed:-

- Photography workshop on 2/3/15
- Creative writing workshop on 16/3/15
- Spring show on 11/4/15
- Plant stall at the village fete in June
- Garden visit in July
- Autumn show on 19/9/15
- Arts and crafts fair in November

Still under consideration are a quiz evening, a calligraphy workshop, and art workshop and a visit to an art gallery or museum.

There was an appeal for any other ideas for an attractive event. There was a suggestion that we might stage a form of Gardener's Question Time perhaps using some of our show judges. Members were invited to add other suggestions to the sheets provided at the back of the hall.

## **8 AOB**

Ray Keppler made an appeal for more help with the running of the society, especially as the committee was now so small. Members were invited to sign up to help with specific tasks on the sheets provided at the back of the hall.

## **9 Date and Time of the 2016 AGM**

Notice was given that the next AGM should be on Monday 11 January 2016 beginning at 7:30.

The formal meeting was then closed.

Kate Harwood then gave a very interesting talk on the evolving landscape of Panshanger Park. She dealt with the long history of the park which began at Cole Green House with the Cowper family. She described the various landscaping works that had been undertaken over the years up until the demolition of the house in the '50s and the use of the land for gravel extraction. There was a lot of interest expressed in questions put to her especially those dealing with access to the park and its future.

## ***Appendixes:***

Chairman's report

Treasurer's report and accounts