

KINGSWOOD, WALTON & TADWORTH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 120th Annual General meeting on Wednesday 13th August 2025.

Apologies: Helen Gilbert-Harris, Mike Rowlands, Jan Skates, Christine Garrett, Liz Evenden, Deanne Singh, Dot Carter, Shirley Bassett, Josie Boast, Keith & Elizabeth Lewis, Veronica & Ian Perkins.

Minutes Read.

Matters Arising: NONE

Chairmans Report.

Welcome to the 120th AGM. I commiserate with all the gardeners as this has been a difficult year, with an early spring, little rain and no hard frosts. The weather hasn't been kind to us, but we must press on.

We are disappointed that our President, David Fitch, has decided to step down. After thinking long and hard for a replacement we have unanimously decided to invite Keith Lewis to become President. Proposed by GB and seconded by Jasmine Heath.

Sad news for the Society, our great exhibitor John Barlow passed away earlier this year.

New faces, Lesley Milne has taken on the role of master of the tea department. She and her team have been very busy at the shows. Jean Bye is doing sterling work running the raffle.

We are very grateful to Cathy & David who organize interesting talks and outings. Thank you both.

Jayne Guy has taken on the role of Show Captain and settled in well to the job.

Sarah Ashashemi did a fantastic job organizing A Gardeners Delight, which produces our life saving income.

I am sorry if I have left anyone out. Thank you to all our members for supporting our growing Society.

Sec Report: NONE

Treasurers Report. The shows made losses, but less than last year. The coach trip was much enjoyed by all but made a loss. The Society agrees to cover these losses.

We have replenished stationary for the Shows, which should last several years.

Charity donations from A Gardeners Delight ticket sales were £379.90.

The society has a cash balance of £20,078.17

Ian Garrett thanked Sarah Ashashemi for her hard work organizing A Gardeners Delight. He also thanked Cathy & David for collecting and banking the money taken for outings and talks, this was a great help to him.

Ian asked if there were any questions.

NONE

Adoption of accounts: proposed by Graeme Boast. Seconded by Jayne Guy.

Members present voted in favour of adopting accounts.

Graeme then presented David Fitch with a card and gift and thanked him for the many years that he has supported the Society. David Fitch will now stand down as President. David then said a few words and thanked the society for his gift. He has been involved with the Society since 1950 and his father before him.

Keith Lewis was elected in as President. Proposed by Graeme Boast. Seconded by Ian Garrett.

Election of Chairman. Graeme Boast. Proposed by David Fitch. Seconded by Ian Garrett.

Election of the officers.

Hon. Secretary. Keith Lewis

Hon. Treasurer. Ian Garrett

Show Captain Jayne Guy

Show Secretary Gillian Ross

Membership Secretary. Cathy Varney & David Dunning.

(All officers were voted in on block. Proposed by Ian Garrett. Seconded by Jasmine Heath)

Election of General committee. Lesley Milne. Jasmine Heath. Elected on block. Proposed by Ian Garrett. Seconded by Graeme Boast

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- Rowena Cox asked if in future the members of the committee could be named in full.
- Caroline Pepper suggested that for the Society to move forward we should consider using Facebook/ Instagram. Caroline would be happy to set this up but would not have the time to manage it. She said that for the Society to go forward we need younger people. Jayne Guy thought that Instagram was probably better than Facebook and Caroline agreed with this. The committee agreed to consider this and thanked Caroline for her suggestion.
- Jayne Guy said that we needed new gardens for A Gardeners Delight.

The meeting ended at 7.25 pm and was followed by a talk by Simon Horrill.