

**CHARLTON & BLACKHEATH AMATEUR
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**Summary of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on
Monday 18th February 2019 at Charlton House SE7, commencing at 7.30 pm.**

Ms Vija Vilcins in the Chair.

1. **President's Welcome:** The President welcomed members to the AGM and urged members to respond and make suggestions at the meeting.
2. **Chair's Welcome:** Vija welcomed everybody and had a slide show to accompany her review.
3. **Chair's Review of 2018:** The Chair said the society wanted to increase our membership and to consolidate our finances and we have succeeded in doing both. We had a variety of speakers and we value feedback from members on how these talks are received. Our Spring show was successful and we decided to introduce an arrangement of spring flowers in a teacup. We raised £262 at the Horn Fair and sold all our plants at the Greenwich Parksfest. We are very grateful to members for donations of plants to sell at these events.

There were outings to Sissinghurst and Hyde Hall and photos are on the website. Anna organised a 'secret garden' visit. Our website and Facebook page are becoming more popular. We have made significant donations to the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice this year.

We introduced a members' coffee morning to meet at Charlton House which has proved very successful. We are keen to give members the benefit of our success. One way of doing this was to give away a bag of Pipit bulbs with every bag of bulbs which was bought in the autumn. Towards the end of the year a number of members also became involved in Charlton House's Moon Garden venture. We dealt with the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation effectively.

To sum up:

- We will continue to build on our successes and review what makes the most significant difference to the work we do.
- We will continue with our two main public events and use a high profile speaker at least once a year.
- The Society will be 70 years old in 2020 and this calls for celebration.
- We have had a very successful year, thanks to the hard work of our committee and the members who consistently support our efforts.

The President thanked the Chair for her review and said he wanted to record our thanks for the contribution she has made to the society.

4. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported a profit for the year of £1145 and total funds amounting to £5934. He reviewed the significant details that contributed to the result.

5. Election of Officers and Committee: The Chair and existing members of the Committee were re-elected en-bloc. The President conducted the election of Officers and members for the ensuing year. In addition Kay Pemberton was elected to stand on the committee.

The Chair thanked the President for overseeing the election of Officers and the Committee and gave special thanks to Jane Dyer for running the raffle at our meetings. He announced the winners of the Show Table.

6. The Show Table Cup: The Chair presented the cup to Kathy Aitken, Annie Hart came second and Joyce Snipp came third.

7. Minutes of the 2018 AGM: The minutes of the 2018 AGM were approved as a true record.

- 8. AOB:**
- a. The Chair announced we would be going to Wisley in May.
 - b. She asked members to send their photos to Kathy and she will put them on the website.
 - c. We have a suggestion box and ideas have been gratefully received, including a summer picnic in the grounds of Charlton House (if permissible).

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.