

Minutes of the Darrington Garden Club held at the Kyte Hotel 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Chairman - Andy Tagger

Present:-

Andy  
Hazel  
Vera  
Allen  
Wendy  
Kathleen  
Barbara  
Mr and Mrs Cook  
Ann  
Jackie

Apologies:-

Mike  
Christine

Absent:-

Mr and Mrs Maw  
Joan  
Gail

The meeting started at 18 05 with Andy reading through February minutes and raising or updating several points.

- 1 Andy mentioned that due to ill health and holidays, there had been a poor turnout for last months Parish Council meeting, 'it was quality rather than quantity', but that he had been given the go ahead to lift and replant the snowdrops on Marlpit lane - ?by whom ?when ?where to replant. Questions were raised about the snow drops being replanted in the Tithe Barn, this was rejected on the grounds that there are already plenty there, the orchard was also suggested but the timing is not right, it was finally decided that the best place would be to just replant higher up on the side of Marlpit lane infilling the spaces where there are no snowdrops. Dates and times will be discussed and either Andy or Hazel would ring round the Garden Club members to arrange volunteers to do the work.  
One member said that the 'rank' grass really needed to be cut first, but as the snowdrops need lifting in the green, there isn't time to arrange that for this year. Andy promised that for next year arrangements would be in place to have the grass cut either very late in the autumn (2016) or very early in the spring (2017) before bulbs start to show signs of life.
- 2 Andy updated members about the Darrington Village School project, Peter Batty and his men have done the heavy clearing of the ground to enable a path to be made which will be wheelchair friendly. Sophie Wilton is to oversee the project and will keep Andy informed of progress, and she may call on him for advice as to what plants to use and when and where to plant them. Along with Andy, Vera will also be involved.
- 3 Mention was made that the type of gravel used in the Tithe Barn is not walking stick / wheel chair / pram friendly.  
Originally the main idea for use of the Tithe Barn area, was for it to be a car park, and maybe with the aid of hindsight, insufficient broad enough thought had been given to the work before it was carried out - considering the area is surrounded by school, village Playing field and Church, all of which involve young children either being carried, walking or in prams, and at the other end of the life span more mature people with walking aids, as well as the car needing to be parked safely.
- 4 The subject of a 'short walk' path way through Brockadale was also mentioned, though Mike who raised the subject last month is now sunning himself in warmer climes (apart from the bitter cold he experienced in one place) and comparing the lemon trees growing there, with the ones growing in Darrington.  
Henry (the worm man) who was involved in Brockadale is also on holiday. Andy did talk about a shorter walk and described it too the members (my apologies I failed to write it all down - but if you want to know details I am sure Andy would oblige with the information - suffice it to say

that some members did a Brockadale walk a few days ago, and found it decidedly dangerous due to the wetness of the ground, and wondered at the time how the paramedics would reach them if needed - it was promised that the Aire ambulance would be able to get to them even if it meant using ropes to lift them (a sea type rescue)...

- 5 Andy asked if any of the Galanthophile members had visited any of the snowdrop gardens mentioned last month - no - though one member and her family had visited Brodsworth gardens and the snowdrops there were lovely.
- 6 The long range weather forecast mentioned last month was 'nearly right'
- 7 New ideas for the garden competition / open day were talked about - and questionnaires were handed round for members to fill in - see attached form, which, if you would like to have a say - fill in the form and give it to Andy either before, or at, the next meeting. Decisions of what to do and how to go about the new format of the Garden competition will be taken by the Parish Council in April.

Vera asked about making the displays of scarecrows more centralised in the village this year (as was Andy's idea when the first Scarecrow competition was being planned) One or two gardens were offered as host gardens - Andy and Mr and Mrs Cooke made the first offers, and Vera has one or two other people in mind to ask. The host would be able to have some input as to what type of characters and their finished size would be hosted in their garden.

Andy told the members about the research that was going on at the Hepworth Galleries 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations

[www.hepworthwakefield.org/birthday/2176/](http://www.hepworthwakefield.org/birthday/2176/)

**1 BIRTHDAY, 2 DAYS, 5 PARTIES!**                      **Sat 21 May, 10.30am - late**                      **Sun 22 May, 10am - 4pm**

*Join us during our 5th birthday weekend for five parties including a family picnic, tea dance and baby rave plus street food and craft beer pop-ups, live music etc.*

*Today The Hepworth Wakefield revealed details of the gallery's 5th anniversary celebrations*



*These include:*

- *A major new biennial £30,000 prize for sculpture*
- *Plans for a 6,000 square metre public garden to be designed by one of four of the UK's top garden designers*
- *The Tim Sayer Bequest, a significant gift of modern British and contemporary art to Wakefield*

Andy talked about the effect of the planting round the old Swiss Cottage softening the stark brick building of the house and when viewed from a distance it looks really good. Andy is hoping / thinking that once the Hepworth Galleries new gardens are created it will soften the stark brick building.

Andy read out the following -

*Residents can enter gardening competitions in Altofts and Lee Brigg, Whitwood and Cutsyke, and Half acres, Hightown and Three Lanes Ends. There are a number of categories that people can enter including the spring garden competition which closes on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, or the best hanging basket or the **best vegetable plot** which entries for both close on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. Residents can enter their own garden hanging baskets or vegetable plot as well as someone else's*

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*Kerry and Mendez will present 'Gardening simplified for Changing Lifestyles'; 'plant this not that' at the Wakefield's Garden Club meeting 6-45pm March 10<sup>th</sup> at the First Parish Congregational Church, One Street Wakefield -*

Andy thought he would mention it even though it was very short notice -- The one drawback is that the meeting is being held in Wakefield in America!!

Andy said that he is an avid listener to the Radio programme 'The Archers' and 'they' are always mentioning Darrington, and he feels that if someone got a book together of all the happenings 'Darrington' Famous moments' we could have quite a little tourist industrial going. If you are interested you can learn more on --- [westsidebid.co.uk/stars/the-archers/](http://westsidebid.co.uk/stars/the-archers/)

FIXTURE LIST - 1976-7

At the A.G.M. of the Ambridge F.C., it was decided not to enter the Crocker Memorial Shield Competition this season, on financial grounds. Harry Booker was re-elected team captain and coach, and Tony Archer was appointed as vice-captain.

<u>1976</u>					
Sept.	11	Darrington	A	Won	1 - 0
	18	Loxley Barrett	H	Draw	2 - 2
	25	Felpersham	A	Lost	0 - 3
Oct.	2	Churcham	H	Won	2 - 0
	9	Rimford	H	Won	3 - 2
	16	Clayhampton	A	Draw	1 - 1
	23	Hungerton	A	Lost	0 - 4
	30	Ansley	A	Won	1 - 0
Nov	7	Banthorpe	H	Won	3 - 2
	14	Lyttleton	H	Draw	3 - 3
	21	Edgecombe	A	Lost	2 - 3
	28	Glenbrook	A	Lost	0 - 2
Dec.	5	Ilton	H	Won	5 - 0
	12	Madely	H	Draw	2 - 2
	19	Neesfield	A	Won	1 - 0
	26	Special Boxing Day Fixture against a Scratch Team from Borchester. Abandoned after an hour's play because of the condition of both teams.			

<u>1977</u>					
Jan.	1	Darrington	H	Draw	2 - 2
	8	Loxley Barrett	A	Lost	0 - 3
	15	Felpersham	H	Lost	1 - 4
	22	Churcham	A	Lost	2 - 3
Feb.	29	Rimford	A	Won	4 - 3
	5	Clayhampton	H	Won	6 - 1
	12	Hungerton	H	Lost	1 - 2
	19	Ansley	H	Lost	0 - 4
	26	Banthorpe	A	Won	1 - 0
March	5	Lyttleton	A	Draw	2 - 2
	12	Edgecombe	H	Draw	0 - 0
	19	Glenbrook	H	Lost	0 - 1
	26	Ilton	A	Won	3 - 2
April	2	Madely	A	Lost	0 - 4
	9	Neesfield	H	Won	5 - 2
	16	to be arranged			

To 'kick start' your book Andy

**Jobs for March**

- Pruning shrubs
- Propagations / layer
- Take basal cuttings
- Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials (snowdrops)
- Reseed bare patches in the lawn /
- Sow early potatoes
- Take cuttings from dahlias
- Plant bare root shrubs plants perennials
- Cut the lawn

Plant swop



Snow drops



Primroses



Grape hyacinths



Mouse plant



Sarcococca

All found good homes

First seen during February



Butterfly (Vera)  
not exactly like Veras but very colourful!



Bumblebee (Hazel)



Ladybird (Mr Cooke)



Mosquito (Hazels' son John)

The meeting finished at 19 05 £7 was given to the Kyte for Tea and Coffee