



Established 1891

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 19th November 2024 at Leigh Village Hall, RH2 8NP

Committee: Mr M Dobell, Ms H Taneborne, Ms P Taneborne, Mrs C Scott, Mrs P Brockwell, Mr D Frost, Mrs K Scroggins

Mark Dobell welcomed everyone to the AGM

Chairman's address (see attached)

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from, Jean Griffin, Margaret Neal, Gordon Everest, Brenda Ingle, Brian and Vivian Boustred.

1. Agreement of Minutes from 20th November 2023

The minutes were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Reports

3. Treasurer's Report (see attached)

All accepted the report for this year Proposer Mr S Ames, Seconded Mrs Gwynn.

4. Show Secretary's Report (see attached)

All accepted the report for this year Proposer Mr Gwynn, Seconded Mr D Clarke.

5. Membership Report (see attached)

All accepted the report for this year Proposer Mrs J Bartley, Seconded Mr P Church

6. Election of Chairman, Officers and Committee Members

The election of a new President would be held over the next few months.

Ms H Hill had stood down and Mrs Cathy Scott had joined the committee over the last year.

All committee members have agreed to stand again for re-election.

Mark Dobell - **Chairman**

Helen Taneborne - **Show Secretary**

Douglas Frost - **Treasurer**

Penny Taneborne - **Events Secretary**

Paula Brockwell - **Secretary**

Kerry Scroggins- **Committee Member**
Catherine Scott- **Committee Member**

Proposer Mr S Ames
Seconded Mr D Clarke

7. AOB

- Dr Vere Hodge asked for members to consider "bringing on" a pallet of plants over the spring to enable the village Plant Sale to continue next year. He needed 5 people to volunteer. Those who had space in their garden could contact him in due course. The scouts stall, house plants and tool stall would continue next year. Mark Dobell would produce some bedding plants for the sale.
- The Garden Society and Helen Hill were running a wreath making event on Friday 29th November at the Village Hall. Those present were encouraged to spread the word and/or attend.
- Penny Taneborne mentioned some upcoming talks early next year "chocolate" and "Land girls and farming in the 1950's".
- Thanks were given to Paul and Kerry Scroggins for providing the food and drink for after the meeting.
- A draw was taken for a free meal for 2 at The Plough, Leigh. Mrs S Ames had the winning ticket – Congratulations.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and drew the meeting to a close.

8. Date of the next AGM

This would be discussed at the next committee meeting and would be posted on the website once agreed.

Signed

Dated

Chairman's welcome address 2024

Welcome and thank you everyone for coming to tonight's AGM.

Before we start the business of the evening, as you may know our president Peter Worlidge sadly passed away recently, he was a staunch supporter of both the society and the committee, he was also very passionate about his garden, our thoughts are with his wife and family.

I therefore would ask you to join me in a one minute silence in his honour.

First and foremost i do have to thank the whole Committee for all their hard work over the past year, along with two people who work very hard to help make the society a success, and they are Adria Kinloch who still runs the membership despite not being on the committee, and also Graham Brockwell for his hard work in organising the paper work that goes in to the MDC SAG and the road closure application into the highways dept, not only that but he plays an integral part in organising the car parks and traffic control, and again does all this as a non committee member.

And of course huge thanks to our members for your support and all the helpers who come and help on the show day.

All i am going to say is that this year's show was enormously successful with some great entertainment, refreshments, Stalls, Classic Cars, Dog show, and the marquee flower show too.

I will leave the financial side to our treasurer shortly.

TREASURERS REPORT L&CGS AGM-19 NOVEMBER 2024

I am very pleased to report that the Society achieved an outstanding result showing a surplus of £5677 an increase of £4595 on the previous year.

Expenditure was very similar to 2023 but income increased by £4596. The quiz was very successful but of course the main difference was the summer show which produced a surplus of £5526.

Costs remained broadly the same but income increased by £4593, This can be attributed to various factors; The weather was very favourable, attendance was well up on previous years, The quality of the stalls and attractions continue to improve thanks to the sterling efforts of various committee members over a number of years.

All the above reasons are interrelated but they worked up to an outstanding show.

We now have reserves of over £16000 which will enable the society to look forward to the future with confidence.

LEIGH & DISTRICT COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

2022/23	Income	2023/24	2022/23	Expenditure	2023/24
£1,101.00	Subscriptions & donations	£1,150.07	£231.57	Depreciation on Capex	-
			£139.08	AGM	£250.40
£260.00	Plant Sale	£260.00	£141.98	General	£36.86
			£372.89	Society talks	£271.00
£85.03	Sale of compost	-	£67.04	Postage/stationery/printing	£123.25
			£112.60	Website	£111.10
£12.65	Other income	£15.73	£275.00	RHS sub & insurance	£295.00
			£317.64	Helpers' supper	£462.51
£322.49	Quiz	£454.28	£70.00	Advertising	£70.00
			-	Signage	£109.00
£929.02	Surplus on Summer Show	£5,526.53	£1,727.80		£1,729.12
			£982.39	Surplus for the year	£5,677.49
<u>£2,710.19</u>		<u>£7,406.61</u>	<u>£2,710.19</u>		<u>£7,406.61</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

£10,387.99	Cash at bank	£16,345.58	£10,768.19	Balance b/f on general reserve	£10,768.19
	Debtors & prepayments			add surplus for year	<u>£5,677.49</u>
	Signage	£111.10			£16,445.68
£470.20	Website	<u>£109.00</u>	£220.10	£90.00	
				Creditors & accrued charges	
				Summer Show	<u>£120.00</u>
<u>£10,858.19</u>		<u>£16,565.68</u>	<u>£10,858.19</u>		<u>£16,565.68</u>

LEIGH & DISTRICT COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY - SUMMER SHOW ACCOUNTS
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

2022/23	Expenditure	2023/24	2022/23	Income	2023/24
	Field				
£354.00	Toilets	£354.00	£757.00	Advertising/sponsorship	£360.00
£1,624.80	Tables & chairs	£1,340.88	£1,216.00	Outside stalls	£1,910.00
£1,560.00	Marquee	£1,380.00			
£450.00	PA	£450.00	£50.00	Ice creams	£175.00
£30.00	Parking	-	£160.00	Leigh Cricket Club	£320.00
£97.40	Lunches	£105.00			
£350.00	Medical Support	£350.00		LDCGS Stalls	
£50.00	Extra Insurance	£50.00	£3,985.57	Gate	£6,818.92
£115.50	Prize money (net)	£215.30		Tombola takings	£943.00
	Attractions	£4,245.18	£255.23	- costs	£329.27
£63.99	Plaques for cars	-	£449.10	Plants	£613.73
£90.00	Animals	£240.00		Teas takings	£2,449.40
£125.00	Morris Dancers	-	£594.61	- costs	£900.00
£228.20	Entertainment	£216.40	£39.00	Face painting	£1,549.40
£350.00	Jazz Band	£350.00	£5.95	Coconuts	£99.00
-	Choir	£200.00		Bouncy castle takings	-
		£1,006.40		- costs	£149.80
-	Thank yous to helpers (including parking)	£189.08			£88.00
			£410.00	Transfer from Summer Show Reserves	£61.80
£288.99	Printing & publicity	£249.48			-
£720.12	Schedules	£297.95			
£50.00	Judges	£60.00			
£110.84	Signage	£138.36			
-	Gazebos	£311.07			
-	Tap	£155.00			
-	Aprons	£117.50			
£334.60	Sundries	£219.30			
£929.02	Surplus	£5,526.53			
£7,922.46		£12,515.85	£7,922.46		£12,515.85

Show Secretary Report 2024

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen.

This year's event was stupendous. The show is divided into two sections. The Field, which includes all the stalls, both outside and Cottage Garden Society and the attractions. This is the responsibility of Mark Dobell. He worked near miracles with the number and quality with the added problem of which car park would be available so had to draw up TWO sets of plans.

Paula worked her magic and drew together a wonderful selection of entertainers plus Graham, with the carparks. The main field was baled on Friday afternoon, a close call.

As Show Secretary I am responsible for the show marquee, the entries and exhibits.

Those who know me will be aware that I will also have a say in other issues. Just to keep them on their toes.

This year the horticultural exhibits were good considering the atrocious growing weather early in the season. The staple crops for many were sadly lacking, beans and tomatoes to name just two.

The real elephant in the room were the exhibitor cards. Entries close on the Wednesday before the show and 60% of these arrive between 12 noon and 6.00pm

We have been trying to progress into the 21st century and so reduce the number of handwritten show cards and transfer to computer generated. For this we are in the early stages and this year was a disaster! Not due to our lack of knowledge but due to the www crashing! The plug was pulled in the USA by the company that had a monopoly.

Our fault was that we did not have a backup plan in place that we could initiate in time. I must thank Kerry for all her work on the original system and her sleepless night prior to the show.

A member of the Surrey Horticultural Federation offered other Societies help and advice which we have taken up. After much practice and the occasional curse, we have a working system. The one change for exhibitors is that to entries will close at 6.00pm on the Monday prior to the show. This will allow for any hic-ups beyond our control plus a back-up plan will be in place. I thank my sister Penelope, for her hours of work as she was determined not to be beaten by a computer!

The Summer Show 2025 is again quite early in the month – 19th July so we have agreed to run an Autumn Show on 6th September. For any newcomers this show is held in the Village Hall and is perfect for those who wish to try something new.

Summer	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Exhibitors	72	64			49	54	64
Junior entries	15				11	13	15
Exhibits	295	374			189	420	352
School entries	218	221				65	150
Borders	8/20	3/9					
Total Exhibits	533	604			189	485	514
Autumn	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Exhibitors	12	14		26	12		
Exhibits	113	191		204	89		

Membership update AGM 19th November 2024

I am happy to report our membership level has remained constant this year, with exactly the same number of members – 103. The number of these who are patrons is about a third, and has risen slightly since last year.

The society is lucky to have loyal and supportive members, not only in Leigh but in the surrounding areas.

Once again the committee has taken the decision not to increase the cost of membership, which remains at £8 for membership and £15 to become a patron. There are lots of membership benefits – a varied and interesting programme of talks, garden visits to private gardens only open to members, as well as the discount on entering the Summer Show.

And we continue to offer discounts at a number of outlets, including the excellent Buckland Nurseries which always offers a great range of plants, the Hope Nursery now at Church Farm in Betchworth, and Paul Scroggin's local dog walking service. Sadly Bettahomes in Woodhatch which also offered a discount closed this year.

Since 2022 we have offered more flexible ways of renewing your membership including online payment which is increasingly popular – just visit our website!

Thank you,

Adria Kinloch

11/11/2024