

**29 October 2018 at 7.30 pm (doors open at 7.15 pm)**

**CHICHESTER ORGANIC GARDENING SOCIETY AGM  
AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of minutes of last AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Adoption of Accounts
5. Election of Officers
6. Election of Committee
7. AOB

**The AGM will be followed by:**  
The Harvest Supper

**Election of Officers  
The Society has the following posts**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Committee Mbr in 2017-2018</b>	<b>Held by in 2017 – 2018</b>	<b>Standing for re-election in 2018 – 2019</b>
Chair		<b>Vacant</b>	
Secretary	Yes	<b>Vacant</b>	
Treasurer	Yes	David Scott	Yes
Membership Secretary	Yes	Stephanie Carn	Yes
Future Events		Vacancy	
Publicity	Yes	Vacancy	
Newsletter	(jointly)		
Committee Member	Yes	Pat Alderton	Yes
Committee Member	Yes	Anne Bennett	Yes
Committee Member	Yes	Penelope Johnstone	Yes
Committee Member	Yes	Diana Morgan	Yes

**We would like more committee, and need a new Secretary;** please do consider standing. There are usually three committee meetings a year.

## Chichester Organic Gardening Society

### Annual General Meeting 2017

Held at the Bassil Shippam Centre on Monday October 30th 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

**1. Present:** David Scott (Treasurer), Stephanie Carn (Membership), Pat Alderton, Penelope Johnstone, Diana Morgan. 35 members and friends in all.

**Apologies:** Anne & John Bennett

**2. Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on October 31st 2016 were accepted: proposed Gina Scott, seconded Liz Campling, carried unanimously.

**3.** There were no matters arising,

#### **4. Adoption of Accounts**

The accounts had been distributed and showed the results for the year ending 31st

August. (Infinity sums are separate) We have covered costs and made a small surplus. Actual income, £686 was down £149 compared with £835 last year, due largely to reduced subscriptions and donations, however door receipts were up, as events have been well attended and Raffle receipts were up – thanks to Liz Campling.

Expenses were consistent, subscriptions to HDRA (Garden Organic) and RHS, and hall hire were the same as last year. Spending on speakers fees was down, the discussion evening in January showed that we can have a worthwhile and enjoyable event without additional expenditure. Total expenses £626 giving a core surplus of £60.

Funds value total £746 made up of balance at bank, cash floats and credit from Infinity. This year there will be a small increase in hall hire charges but we can carry on as we are, being careful in managing what we have.

The accounts were adopted, proposed Stephanie Carn, seconded Greg Siay, carried unanimously.

**5. Election of Officers:** as there are currently only two, David as Treasurer and Stephanie as Membership, these were voted for together: proposed Liz Campling, seconded Pat Evans, carried unanimously.

**6. Election of Committee:** Pat Alderton, Anne Bennett, Penelope Johnstone, Diana Morgan: proposed Nina Guilfoyle, seconded Pat Evans, carried unanimously.

**7. Any Other Business:** Pat Evans thanked the Committee for their work during the year; Terry expressed our thanks to Susan, the original founder, and Vee our thanks to Pat Evans for doing the Infinity food order for so many years.

The AGM ended at 8.0 and was followed by the celebratory (25th year) Harvest Supper, with a short speech from Susan Maguire, and a reading (H E Bates on Chichester) by Terry Timblich. We were joined by special guests: Sarah Sharp of City Council, Carlotta Holt and a colleague Lyn from the Weald and Downland, Michele and Elena from Fishbourne Roman Palace gardens.

## Committee's Report for 2017-2018

In **September** we began our autumn programme with a talk by Sarah Beard, a medical herbalist from Storrington, who gave us an 'interactive' introduction to many herbs.

**October** was our usual AGM and we celebrated our 25 years since the foundation of COGS. At the Harvest supper there was a contribution from Susan Maguire, founder and first member, and a literary input from Terry Timblich. We invited guests from Fishbourne Roman Palace gardens and The Weald & Dowland, and Sarah Sharp, our local Green councillor.

In **November** there was a welcome return visit from Dr Steve Millam, who spoke about 'Soil Matters' - an important and useful subject, the foundation of all our growing.

**January 2018** was a Members' evening as the previous year, this time with 'tastings' of preserves and jams, which were enjoyed and tested.

The **February** meeting was a talk from Jan Atkinson on 'Working with Wildlife'. Jan has experience of working with the RSPB and gave us some interesting insights.

**March** followed up last year's visit with a talk by John Williams on 'Establishing the Cookscroft Garden', an amazingly beautiful and diverse garden with exotic plants, a waterfall and a Japanese garden, created over a period of 20 years.

In **April** Colin Clark told us about the 'Feeding Futures' scheme for training farmers in rural Kenya. We particularly enjoyed the video of making a compost heap, African style.

**May** was the traditional Plant Swop, with a large number of interesting plants, and a good turnout of members to enjoy the Spring Fling meal, with a Quiz devised by Ben Harding.

**Visits:** on June 18 a group of us went to see Veg Out, where Debbie and Howard showed us around their Organic smallholding which grows vegetables for their local box scheme.

Our July visit to Tuppenny Barn unfortunately had to be cancelled, since TB had omitted to put it in their diary. A few of us did pay a return visit to Cookscroft, on one of the regular NGS open days.

**October 7-8th**, we again had a stall at the Weald and Downland Autumn Countryside Fair. Several members entered the competitions, with some success. As usual, we sold plants and produce, talked to visitors, and distributed leaflets.

We have just enough personnel to take part again **6-7th October 2018** and hope for fine weather. We are most grateful to all our helpers.

As always, we appreciate the support of all our members; we would like at least one more on the committee.