

Wakefield & North of England Tulip Society
Minutes of the AGM held 4 October 2003 at Silcoates School

1. **Chairman's welcoming remarks.** The Chairman Malcolm Hainsworth welcomed the more than 50 members in attendance many of who had made a long journey to be present. A minutes silence was held in remembrance of Bill Meakin whose death had been notified to the secretary that morning.
2. **Apologies for absence.** The secretary had a list of approximately 40 members who were unable to attend and further apologies were received from members present in the hall.
3. **Minutes of the previous AGM.** These had been printed in the newsletter, made available to all present and on a proposal by Terry Mitchell, seconded by Teresa Clements, were taken as read.
4. **Matters Arising.** The only matter arising not covered by the agenda was the bulbs obtained from the Hortus Bulborum. The secretary explained that Peter Neijssen, a Dutch Bulb Supplier had bought most of the surplus breeder bulbs though it was not known whether or not he would list them in his catalogue. The quantity obtained by the society was therefore much less than last year.
5. **Secretary's Report.** This had been printed in the newsletter. It had once again been a good year for the Society. The Committee had met on two occasions.

Firstly 10 April 2003 to confirm details of Show dates, venues and other events.
A letter had previously been circulated to all members giving these details.

Secondly 19 June 2003 to review the shows and events that were held during the year.

Harrogate – A tremendous show with a record thirteen entries in the Championship of Great Britain Class won by Mrs Pat King. The two judges Keith Eyre and Jane Green had done an excellent job.

RHS Tulip Day – The Society display 'Genus Tulipa' had been awarded a coveted Gold Medal.

Constable Burton - A lot of interest had been expressed in the bulbs planting which was improved from last year.

Main Show – Moved at the last minute to Normanton Community Centre. Once again a very good show but the stop/go season meant that the show was a little early for many exhibitors.

Garden Visit - Very good, having been arranged by Joanna Spencer for the first time. Once again the numbers were disappointing.

Newsletter – Superb with colour photographs for the first time. Congratulations and thanks to Ann Turner Editor.

Bulb distribution – We have a good quantity of bulbs to distribute.

Membership. 241 (236) UK active members and 14 (14) overseas members. Few new members and removals this year.

6. **Treasurer's Report.** Copies of the Report, the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet were given to the meeting.
7. **Election of Officers.** The Chairman thanked the Committee, Secretary and Treasurer for the support he had received. The following were confirmed or elected.
President The Marquess of Hartington
Patron Mr V Roozen, Keith Eyre
Vice Presidents P Emmett, T Mills, J L Akers, T Clark, J Ollerenshaw, Dr A K Swift, D Hopkins, Mrs J Green, R Bingham, Mrs Anna Pavord and Mrs Wendy Akers, Mrs Anne Smales and Mrs Sarah Wainwright .
Chairman Mr M Hainsworth
Secretary Mr J L Akers
Treasurer Mrs C Gude
Editor Mrs A Turner
Auditor Mr D Tarver
Committee The three retiring members were re-elected.

The secretary reaffirmed his wish to step down as secretary at the earliest possible time.

A proposal by Trevor Mills to create a new category of Life Member was discussed and agreed. The sum of £50 was agreed.

8. **Show dates etc 2003**
Harrogate 22-25 April. The society would display 'Genus Tulipa' in the Societies marquee. An additional class would be included for multi-headed cultivars.
RHS Tulip Competition 30 April.
Constable Burton 3 May
Malvern Organised by the Midland Tulip Society 7-9 May
Annual The Secretary proposed 15 May 2004. This was passed with a large majority.
AGM 2 October.
9. **Any Other Business** - Nothing of note.