

Wakefield & North of England Tulip Society
Minutes of the AGM held 5 October 2002 at Wrenthorpe Village Hall

1. **Chairman's welcoming remarks.** The Chairman Malcolm Hainsworth welcomed the more than 50 members in attendance many of who had made the long journey to be present. A minutes silence was held in remembrance of Stan Knowles, Barbara Snape and Jack Burton.
2. **Apologies for absence.** The secretary read a list of 75 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 and made available to all present and were taken as read.
4. **Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising that were not covered by the agenda.
5. **Secretary's Report.** The secretary James Akers said that it had been a good year for the Society. The Committee had met on two occasions.

Firstly 2 May 2002 to confirm details of Show dates, venues and make arrangements for the Garden Visit
A letter had previously been circulated to all members giving these details.
After the show a letter had been sent with show results and details of Garden Visit.

Secondly 15 August 2002 to review the shows and events that were held during the year.
Harrogate – A tremendous show with eleven entries in the Championship of Great Britain Class won by Wendy Akers. The two judges Keith Eyre and Jane Green had done an excellent job.
Constable Burton - A lot of interest had been expressed in the bulbs planted in the old style.
Malvern - MTS
Main Show – Once again a very good show despite earliest season ever.
Garden Visit - Very good. Is there anything we can do to encourage more members to go?
Newsletter - Congratulate and thank Ann Turner Editor.
New Book – Nearly there.
Bulb distribution – The breeders collected from the Hortus Bulborum had all been sold making a profit for the Society of over £200.
We have a good quantity of bulbs to distribute, but will need help. Lots of requests for individual varieties. Dug up very well again.

Membership. 236 UK active members and 14 overseas members. 25 (28 in 2001) new members this year. Have removed about ten members who have died or resigned.

The Chairman asked whether bulbs would be available next year from the Hortus Bulborum. The Secretary replied that we had obtained bulbs of six of the ten varieties grown there, and it was hoped to obtain bulbs of the remainder next year.

6. **Treasurer's Report.** The Report, the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet had been published in the Newsletter and the Secretary expanded on the published detail, noting that it was intended to bring the engraving of the cups up to date.
7. **Election of Officers.** The Chairman thanked the Committee, Secretary and Treasurer for the support he had received in his first year in office. 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.

At the recommendation of the Committee, Mrs Anne Smales and Mrs Sarah Wainwright were appointed Vice Presidents.

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, Sylvia Madden, Terry Mitchell and Peter Turner were re-elected.

8. Show dates etc 2003

Harrogate 24-27 April. Barbara Pickering asked for more volunteers for manning the stand for two hours.

RHS Tulip Day 30 April. The Secretary gave details and explained the Society's possible involvement.

Malvern Organised by the Midland Tulip Society 9-11 May

Annual The Secretary proposed 10 May 2003. This was passed with a large majority.

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Constable Burton The secretary explained that the Tulip Festival would be held earlier, and therefore flowers from the show would not be taken. However the Society would plant the Florists' bed and attend when possible.

9. Any Other Business

A new cup the "Royles Jubilee Cup" had been presented for a stand of nine breeders. The class for six breeders would be amended to read "named varieties only". The secretary proposed that in order to balance the breeder and rectified classes in the Open Section, two classes be added for three flames, and three feathers (one each from the three recognised colour sections). These amendments to the show schedule were agreed.