

**Wakefield & North of England Tulip Society**  
**Minutes of the AGM held 6 October 2001 at Wrenthorpe Village Hall**

- 1. Chairman's welcoming remarks.** The Chairman Keith Eyre was unfortunately delayed by a breakdown on the M62 motorway and James Akers acted as chairman until Keith's arrival. There were more than 50 members in attendance many of who had made the long journey to be present.
- 2. Apologies for absence.** The secretary read a list of 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.

On **15 April 2001** the details of show dates, venues and Garden Visit arrangements had been discussed. Subsequently a letter was circulated to all members giving details. After the Annual Show a second letter had been sent detailing the results and giving further details of the Garden Visit.

On **13 September 2001** the second meeting had been held to review the shows and events that had been held during the year. Although the entries at Harrogate flower show had been low because of the season it nevertheless was a good show. Constable Burton had proved a very good selling venue but because of the late season tulips were few in number. Malvern show had been organised by the Midland Tulip Society and once more had been successful. The English Florists' show had been very good with the cups shared out, indicating a fair distribution of bulbs being well grown. Tom Baker the Show Secretary assisted by James Akers had run the show using a computer for the first time, which had been very successful. The show had been filmed by Channel 4 news and broadcast the same evening; they had done a very good job. The YTV programme would probably be shown in the spring. The Garden Visit had also been good though it was disappointing that once again there were very few new faces.

The Secretary congratulated and thanked the **editor** for the production of the newsletter.

The **Society booklet** had been delayed because new photographs were required.

**Bulb distribution.** Last year over 1500 bulbs were sent out to members although many were offsets. There had been 46 new members who had received three flowering size bulbs each. Thanks were given to members who had supplied these including Judy Baker, Sarah Wainwright, Timothy Clark, Jane Green and the secretary.

**Artists** The Society has in the past supplied flowers on request for painting or photography. A sub-committee of Wendy Akers and Margaret Murray had been formed to examine the possibility of arranging an exhibition of works on the Florist Tulip at a future date.

**Correspondence.** The Society continued to receive letters from Britain and around the world, which were too many to cover however two examples were read as an example. These were from Jonathan Cooke and The Welsh museum.

**Membership.** There were 225 active members within the UK and 11 overseas. A letter had been sent to inactive members and a number of subscriptions had been renewed, but there were a significant number who had been removed from the database.

The expected and long awaited article in the **Sunday Telegraph had now appeared.**

- 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.
- 7. Election of Officers.** The following were confirmed

President     The Marquess of Hartington

Patron       Mr V Roozen, Keith Eyre

The Secretary explained the decision taken by the Committee, in Keith's absence, to appoint Keith as a patron in recognition of his work for the Society over many years when it had been at a very low ebb. This included the sending of breeder bulbs to the Hortus Bulborum, which has resulted in the preservation of varieties which would have been lost.

Vice Presidents     Miss B D Snape, P Emmett, S Knowles, 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.

Chairman     Mr M Hainsworth

Secretary     Mr J L Akers

Treasurer     Mrs C Gude

Editor        Mrs A Turner

Auditor       Mr D Tarver

Committee     The two retiring members, Wendy Akers and John Wainwright were re-elected and Keith Eyre agreed to replace Malcolm Hainsworth as an elected rather than an official member.

- 8. Show dates etc 2002**

Harrogate     25-28 April

Malvern       Organised by the Midland Tulip Society 11-12 May

Annual        18 May

AGM           5 October

- 9. Any Other Business** It was agreed that the flowers would be taken from the Main Show for display at Constable Burton on the Sunday.