

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Wakefield and North of England Tulip Society 2006**

**The meeting was held at Wrenthorpe Village Hall on 7 October 2006**

1. **Chairman's welcoming remarks.** The chairman welcomed all, particularly new members and those who had travelled long distances. He welcomed our guest the distinguished photographer Derek Harris, who would be speaking after lunch,
2. **Apologies.** There were 30 to 40. The President the Duke of Devonshire had sent his regards, as had Anna Pavord and we had a good attendance.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising.** The minutes were read and proposed and seconded by Teresa Clements and Tim Lever. There were no matters arising.
4. **Secretary's report.** This covered the various events that had taken place throughout the year and is printed in full in the Newsletter. He thanked John Wainwright for his excellent running of the Website.
5. **Treasurer's report.** We had had a profitable year and the sales table had generated around £2000. The full details would be in the Newsletter. The accounts were discussed. The auditor Ivor Fox commented that the WNETS was unusual at a time when many societies were struggling, but that it doesn't just happen without the efforts of the members. (Applause from members) The Chairman thanked the treasurer and said the figures showed growth and that we could feel secure.
6. **Election of Officers.** The following were confirmed:
  - President : The Duke of Devonshire
  - Patrons : Mr Victor Roozen, Mr Keith Eyre
  - Vice Presidents : Carole Gude was invited to accept as retiring Treasurer and inspiration for the sales table. She accepted and was presented with chocolates. The secretary moved that the present officers and committee were accepted en bloc with the re-election for a further term of Barbara Pickering, John Gibson and Marguerite Murray, the full committee now also includes
  - Chairman : Malcolm Hainsworth, Secretary : James Akers, Treasurer and Editor : Anne Turner, Auditor : Ivor Fox
  - List of Vice Presidents : Peter Emmett, Trevor Mills, James Akers, Timothy Clark, John Ollerenshaw, Katherine Swift, Jane Green, Bob Bingham, Anna Pavord, Wendy Akers, Anne Smales, Sarah Wainwright and Carole Gude.The chairman explained that we are hoping to hive off some of the work that falls on the secretary and appealed for help in the form of a membership secretary to deal with subscriptions and records, also someone prepared to archive the papers of the society.
7. **Show Dates 2007**
  - The Annual Show : We had decided to alternate the weeks so next year should have been 5 \may. However venue was already booked so had to have 12 May 2007. After a discussion early/late was agreed as fairest way...
  - RHS Tulip Competition at Wisley : 24/25 April; 2007
  - Harrogate Spring Show : 26-30 April 2007
  - Constable Burton : not yet fixed
  - The Annual Show : 12 May 2007
  - AGM : 6 October 2007
  - York Show : 6 May 2007
8. **Any other business.**
  - Chairman intended to encourage visits to members' gardens in 2007.