

Knowstone and Rose Ash garden Club  
Committee Meeting 09.01.23  
Held at Caro's House 10.30am

Attending:

Frances King, Chair  
Caro Hammick  
Barbara Pritchard, Treasurer  
Tim Todd  
Mandy Harper, Secretary

**Committee**

Tim welcomed to the committee.

**Funds**

Barbara has sent the invoice, by email and post, for Mary's funeral flowers (£150), but no reply. Caro phone the Funeral Directors during the meeting. Apparently the invoice was not received, so contact details confirmed. **Barbara will resend the invoice.**

On line banking: **Frances, as Chair, will email Barbara to authorise this** on behalf of the Club.

Mary Dalton & Jill McGill will be removed as signatories to the Club account.

Frances & Mandy to be new signatories, but this will be confirmed at the AGM following election of committee members.

**Tim will ask Mary's daughter Chris for a copy of her death certificate**, which Barbara will forward to the bank when changing signatories.

Membership fee: agreed next year to be £20 per member, £30 per couple.

**Membership**

Most members have agreed that their contact details can be shared with other members, but 2 have raised concerns.

Signatures and emailed responses have been saved.

Plan to discuss this further at the AGM

New members/ publicity:

Suggestion from Caro that members introduce themselves at the beginning of each meeting, committee agreed.

**Caro will ask Sam Low** re Facebook, events and publicity.

Caro has enquired re notice boards in Knowstone and Roachill, neither are locked.

**Wreath making**

Successful meeting in December. Suggestions made during the meeting:

Consider an earlier date in 2023, to include decorations for St Peters Church Rose Ash.

Consider making some to sell for charity.

Possible opportunities to sell wreaths: Bray Valley Wine tasting event & Rose Ash music event (? 3rd Dec) **Caro will enquire whether these are possible.**

Discuss after AGM.

**January 18th Meal at Masons Arms**

Club will pay for house wine on tables, with the meal. 14 members and partners attending.

**Frances will confirm with restaurant.**

**Plant sale at Pannier Market Sth Molton**

Caro has confirmed partnership with PCC. Workload, goods (plants, preserves etc) and profits to be shared between Church and Garden Club.

**Caro will book at pitch during May**, preferably a Saturday.

**Meetings and Programme**

*Snowdrop visit* to Sue Allan's garden. **Frances will coordinate this** as Mandy will be away.

*February 2023.* **Mandy to email Harriet Mullings** and confirm booking & cost, and remind members.

**Caro will open up Knowstone Hall** on 15th Feb, 7.30, as Mandy will be away.

*March 2023 AGM.* Caro has confirmed a talk on vegetable gardening by Alison & Martin Rix; talk at 8pm for 45 mins, to be followed by AGM. **Mandy to contact hall booking secretary and request use of projector and screen.**

No cost for talk, but £50 garden voucher agreed as thank you.

Agreed seed/plant/tools/pots & gardening book share, with pot for donations.

*April 2023* Caradoc Doy booked to talk by Mary. **Mandy to email and request topic of 'Shady Garden'**

*May 2023* Caro has confirmed with Jane Lucas to talk about South Molton In Bloom. No cost, donation of £50 agreed.

*June and July 2023.* Club outing. Cathay Manor has been sold, no longer open. Agreed Tapeley Park and house, Instow (will need to book for house), and Furston House, Exe valley.

Plan for June & July, **Tim will contact both for more information.**

Beavers guided walk has been organised by Sharon Brown for 11.7.23, members to book directly. Possible outing for next year Moor & Meadow, Kate Harris, local flower farm.

*August 2023.* BBQ at Caro's. Will need a working party to set up and clear up. Club pays for meat & bread.

*Sept 2023.* Caro will demonstrate flower arranging, probably hand tied bouquets. Club will cover cost of flowers and equipment and thank you gift/voucher.

Amy has offered to lead another Fungal Forage. TBA nearer the time. Club to provide thank you gift/voucher.

Bulb competition: club chooses and orders in bulk species daffodils, members taking part buy packs of 10 bulbs and grow them to be judged at 2024 AGM. Committee agreed to launch & choose variety at AGM, order and distribute packs Sept/Oct.

*October 2023.* Melinda Hilliard has agreed to talk on soil & compost. Thank you voucher to be given.

*November 2023.* Stephen Powels to be invited to talk on Owls. ? cost £60 donation **Mandy to email.**

If unavailable find speaker for planting and maintaining a wild flower meadow/garden.

*December 2023.* Considering altering date and making wreaths to sell for charity.

**Mandy to book Knowstone & Rose Ash Halls** for next years programme. Julie Aye is new Rose Ash Hall booking secretary 01769 550356.

Next Committee meeting Monday 6th March 2023, 10.30 at Caro's.

Items for next meeting:

Matters arising

AGM

Planting at Masons Arms