

Minutes. Wednesday November 18th 2015 at St John's Church following the AGM

2. Minutes of last meeting Wednesday October 14th 2015 proposer Alison, seconded Lynne.
3. Matters arising. Alison still looking at Welsh Slate for an achievements board.
4. Financial Report as AGM
£290 is to be paid in for Calendar
5. Report Calendar 2016. The launch at Preschool Table Top Sale sold 11 calendars and thanks are due to Richard Haigh for launching the calendar. He took 20 calendars to sell in the farm shop. The stand at the Coffee morning on Nov 14 sold 25. The rota for the Co-op on December 5th has been circulated.
6. Date for Garden Trail 2016 is July 9th Format for next year will be discussed in the New Year. Alison will need lots of help and will allocate responsibility to run the event.
7. Planting autumn 2015 and Spring 2016. All done except for red polyanthus for the war graves which have been difficult to source.
Sue has some new ideas for filling in the spirals for next summer and will bring them to next meeting.
8. Planting Shrubs and walls at Cricket Club. Several rowans, hebes, viburnums and Leycestria Formosa have been given to the groundsman at the Cricket Club and they are deciding where to plant them
9. New wooden custom made planters for Croft House
Roger and John will do this probably later in the year.

Margaret and others has moved the sorbus tree which the judges said was too crowded from behind the trellis to the corner of the Rose Garden and a Buddleia back from there to the area behind fence
10. Round the Team. Sharing information and queries.
Ash and birch saplings have self-seeded in Rec and advice and assistance to move them.
Telephone box: a calendar for the different displays has been started. The next display will be the Advent Calendar which John has made and is going in empty for a week. Sandra will do something after Epiphany. Spring and Easter displays are sorted. For summer, John has in mind Hopton in Bloom Magic Compost box. It is nice to have live plants in there so twice as many plants are to be sourced and rotated every two week.
The Orchard has had a lot of TLC with a circle of clear soil around each tree.
11. Preschool Planned Activities. See attached letter at foot of page. We are asked to join the Preschool at 10 am on Tuesday December 8th at St John's for a short nativity service.
12. Entrance to Recreation Ground and Archway. The sets are being laid methodically and carefully. No response as yet from Kirklees about the Archway.
13. Christmas tree offer. The secretary wrote to Allan to thank him for his kind offer. Richard H will supply one. Ash has started to put the lights up on the fence. Marque is too big so we might need a 3X3 gazebo with sides on

Thanks to Tony who will do the signs.
14. Christmas Fuddle at the Club and New Year

List of food has been produced. Each bloomer has been asked to give £2 each for disposables. Hostess trolley will be used for the hot food.
15. Future Meeting times and dates. A vote was taken and majority agreed to still have meetings on a Wednesday morning.

No working meetings after Dec 9 th and restart Jan 6th.

Website, The new website is up and running thanks to John. There is a facility to sign in and circulate information to interested parties.

16. AOB Ensuring security of the Container

Container has been left open a couple of a Wednesdays. We are to ensure it is locked before we leave.

Date of next meeting Wednesday January 20th at 11.15 in St John's Church.

Hopton in Bloom,
Croft House.

Dear All,

I am writing to thank you very much for working with us this past year and teaching the children about the world around us, how to care for it and to value it. Activities undertaken with yourselves are most popular with the children, and those who have gone to school, still recollect happy times working with you and particularly making the Bug Hotel!

The Pre-school was inspected by Ofsted on 8.10.15 and we were assessed as 'Good'. The inspector was most impressed by your work with us and the immense benefit upon the children of being a part of the community.

As a way of celebrating our working together, we would like to invite you to join us, and our families, at St John's Parish Church, Upper Hopton on Tuesday 8th December 2015 at 10am where the vicar will be sharing the Christmas story.

We do hope you are able to join us.

Kind regards,