

## **Akeley Gardening Club AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010**

### **Chairman's Report**

Our membership for 2009 dropped slightly from 66 to 60. Please continue to encourage your neighbours to join – the discounts at local nurseries alone are worth the membership fee of £2 per year.

Our annual dinner was again held at the Bull & Butcher, which always provides a good meal for village groups. We have booked again for this year for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

The plant 'bring & buy' was held at the village hall on 16<sup>th</sup> May and provided an enjoyable afternoon, although there were fewer people attending. Could members please think ahead when planting seeds or propagating and set some aside for the plant sale? We like to make a donation to a local charity from this event so it's for a worthwhile cause. Our charity for 2009 was Willen Hospice. For 2010 we have chosen Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance

We had a very enjoyable day at RHS Gardens, Wisley on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June and finally, for one of our events, we had good weather. We had a full coach and therefore made a profit on the trip. This year we are visiting Kew Gardens.

The Bar B Que was much enjoyed at Sue & John's even though the weather let us down on this occasion. Sue & John managed to provide shelter for the tables and we could explore the garden between showers. Only 25 people were able to come and so there was a shortfall of £40. We have considered raising the cost from £2.50 to £5.00. This covers the salads, bread, sweets and punch – still good value we think.

The Annual Show was held on 5<sup>th</sup> September at the village hall. There were 151 entries which was a steady increase over the previous 2 years. The judge commented that the standard was better than before. Profits from the raffle were sent to Willen Hospice. We were very disappointed that only one child entered the children's classes as we usually have quite a few entries and we were left with quite a big gap in our display. We would like to ask that entries are notified in advance as far as possible to reduce the amount of paperwork required on the morning.

On 15<sup>th</sup> November we went to Buckingham Golf Club for a carvery lunch. This was a change of venue for us this year as Silverstone Golf Club was not offering their Sunday Carvery lunch. We would like to thank John & Christine Hockley for organising the lunch which was good value and very enjoyable.

At this point we always ask if anyone would like to join us on the committee. We are very grateful for those who give their time and gardens for our events through the year but it would be nice to see a new face or two at our Committee meetings.

Sherri Holland  
Chairman