**Birdcage Walk Meeting 24/4/2022**

Present: Paula, Trevor, Rosalind,

Apologies: James, Bob, Kath, Norman and Caroline

1. Constitution: to be adopted at an AGM in June which will be held in Clifton library. At the AGM the committee will be co-opted and formalised. This AGM will be held on any weekday Monday to Thursday. Please can the committee contact Rosalind with any days of the week which need to be avoided and any weeks in June to avoid. **Action: ALL (please send me ‘no go’ dates)**
2. Website: No further information from Rosalind. Norman has investigated St Georges website and continues to follow the trail. **Action: Norman and Rosalind**
3. Secret Garden weekend is 11/12th June. Thank you to James who is talking in the graveyard on both days at 2.45. James will begin by talking about five graves by the tree near the site of the ‘Guppy memorial’: Theodosia, Tapscott, Thomas, Jenkins and Waters. He will then move over to the Vidal grave. We are going to serve prosecco and homemade cake during Saturday. Paula to organise the TENs license. The tree trail has been organised by RoseMary Musgrave.  **Action: Paula (TENs)**
4. Birdcage boards: Email exchange between Paula and RoseMary still leaves questions about the boards. Paula to chase. **Action: Paula**
5. Planting: Teija is happy for us to replant the bed opposite St Andrews Church. So we need to decide what should be planted there. Trevor has researched espaliered fruit trees for the wall at £40 each but they will need significant care until well established. Lesley Woodward is very keen to be a planting team. I have included the websites again for those who missed them last time for information about planting in churchyards. No decisions could be made with just three of the committee present!!

<https://www.countryfile.com/go-outdoors/wildlife-of-the-churchyard/>

<http://www.funeralmagazine.co.uk/nature-reserve-graveyards/>

<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/>

1. Clifton Garden Society donation. I have copied and pasted Norman’s email re Clifton Garden Society donation here for clarity as this will be our formal acceptance of the monies received.

*“ There are a couple of conditions which they would like to attach:

1) There used to be a well-loved witch hazel in the churchyard (up in
the north west area by the footpath, I gather), which used to produce a
wonderful display at this time of year. This died some time ago, but the
Garden Society is keen to have it replaced. They would like two
contrasting plants to replace the witch hazel, bought from a well
respected nursery such as Chew Valley Trees, and planted by someone with
good knowledge of planting such shrubs, i.e. a trained gardener. Done
properly they will provide pleasure for many years.

£1000 will be given for that.

2) A bench should be placed in the churchyard, with a plaque saying it
is a gift from Clifton Garden Society. They did install a bench some
years ago, but that may well have gone too! The previous one was placed
under trees, probably not good for it, so the new one should be sited in
sun.

A further £1000 will be given for that.

Any money left can be used for general purposes.*

Talking on Sunday we did wonder whether we could use some money for trees in the bed /wall opposite St Andrew’s Church.

1. Lamppost news: Huge thanks to Paula for organising this in four weeks! Fantastic.
2. Diseased Trees: contact to be made – update at next meeting **Action: Paula.**
3. AOB: Still no news on the lime walk hoops. Paula to chase. **Action: Paula.** 200th Anniversary of consecration of St Andrew’s Church to be held at 11am on Sunday 14th August. Rosalind will contact diocese to find out which appropriate person should be invited and will also complete/start ‘event’ paperwork. Rosalind will start the search for a choir, book the Lord Mayor and contact Anne Nisbet. **Action: Rosalind**

**Date of next meeting Sunday 15th May at 10am. Volunteer session at 11.**