

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the
Hall on 7th August 1957 at 7.30 pm

Mr James Fortune (Vice President) presided.
Apologies were received from Mr Bell, Mr Rowan,
Mr J. Veitch and Mrs Currie.

Minutes

The minute of Committee meeting held on 13th
Nov. was read and approved.

Show Duties

Duties for the show were decided on as follows:

Doorkeepers - Mr Buick & Mr Cockburn
Mr J. Veitch & Mr J. Houlston
Mr A. Anderson & A. Fairgrieve
Judge Attendants - Mr J. Fortune & Mr A. Anderson
Mr A. Fairgrieve & Mr J. Cockburn
Miss Weddell, Mrs Currie &
Miss Todrick.

Vase Steward - Mr D. Neilson
Sales Table - Miss Weddell, Miss Todrick &
others

Ice Cream & Lemonade - Mrs Chisholm

The Secretary was asked to arrange for a night
watchman, also to arrange with Mr G. Shields to
level up the intersecting path on the green
with gravel, both to receive payment of £1.

It was decided to ask Lady Tweeddale
to give the vote of thanks to the Committee at
the show, also to buy a box of chocolates
for presentation to Lady Anstruther-Gray who
was opening the show, this to be presented
by the winner of the Children's cup.

Frize Classes

It was agreed that all the frize classes
should be placed together and protected by

wire netting

Judges meals to be ordered at Tweeddale Arms
Hotel.

The Secretary to write Mr Mitchell, West hills,
for black material for the tables.

Arrange for two boys to help clean up the
tent after the show.

Marquee

The matter was brought up as to whether
it would be practicable to accept, for next year,
the offer of a marquee (free of charge) from Messrs
Murray, the Brewers. The rigging of the tent
would have to be arranged by the Society.

GIFFORD FLOWER SHOW

LADY ANSTRUTHER-GRAY OPENS NOTEWORTHY EXHIBITION

J. Fortune

The annual show of Gifford Horti-
cultural Society is always one of the
best in East Lothian, and Saturday's
exhibition was no exception to that
rule. Of recent years the Public
Hall has been unable to accommo-
date the Show, but the necessity of
procuring a large marquee to house
the exhibition has, if anything, added
to its attractiveness. The marquee,
a spacious one, is erected on the
Village Green, and the interior pre-
sented a breath-taking spectacle
with so many beautiful blooms on
the tables. The unfavourable weather
of recent weeks had its inevitable
effect on the number of entries,
which were less than last year, but
the quality of the exhibits was as
good as ever it was. Gladioli and
dahlias were outstanding, and the
displays of vegetables and fruit were
also noteworthy.

THE OPENING CEREMONY

Mr David Bell, the president of the
Society, presided at the formal open-
ing ceremony, which was performed
by Lady Anstruther-Gray, wife of
the M.P. for Berwickshire and East
Lothian, who was also present. Also
on the platform, which was beauti-
fully bedecked with flowers, were
the Marchioness of Tweeddale and
Brigadier J. L. Weston (patrons), Mr
David Neilson (treasurer) and Mrs
Armstrong (secretary).

The Chairman said that on behalf
of the Society he extended a cordial
welcome to the company. He read
recently that the principal attributes
of a successful gardener were
patience and toleration and it struck
him that that was very true. He
certainly thought that considering
the weather experienced recently,
the exhibitors must have exercised
these two qualities successfully.
(Applause). They were, he said,
extremely fortunate to have Lady
Anstruther-Gray with them to open
the show. She was a very busy
woman, and they welcomed her to
Gifford. (Applause).

EXHIBITORS CONGRATULATED

Lady Anstruther-Gray said she felt
honoured to have been asked to open
the Show. She agreed with the
Chairman that to grow flowers suc-
cessfully a gardener required
patience and toleration. She tried to
grow flowers but she thought there
were more weeds than flowers.
(Laughter). She congratulated the
exhibitors on the wonderful displays
she saw on the tables. It was diffi-
cult for her to understand how they
were able to overcome the weather
and produce such excellent blooms.
Every time she visited the Show she
thought the exhibits were better
than on the previous occasion. At
the moment she had nothing in her
garden fit to put into a vase, and
perhaps the exhibitors would be able
to give her some hints, as the
amateurs seemed to be as good as
the professionals. Lady Anstruther-
Gray said she had much pleasure in
declaring such a fine show open.
(Applause).

SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTED

Brigadier Weston, in proposing a
cordial vote of thanks to Lady
Anstruther-Gray for opening the
Show so charmingly, pointed out
that before she returned to her home
she would have completed about 70
miles driving on their behalf. (Ap-
plause).

Lady Anstruther-Gray was then
presented with a large box of choco-
lates by Muriel Bathgate (Broad-
woodside), the winner of the Chil-
dren's Cup.

After Lady Anstruther-Gray had
handed over the various trophies and
special prizes to the winners, Lady
Tweeddale thanked the Committee of
the Society and the officials for their
work in connection with the Show.
She said they had had to exercise
patience and toleration for the past
six months preparing for the Show.
They had an anxious time until they
knew whether or not the Show was
going to be a good one. (Applause).

The officials responsible, were as
follows:— President, Mr David Bell;
vice-president, Mr James Fortune;
secretary, Mrs. Armstrong; assistant
secretary, Mrs Bathgate; treasurer,
Mr David Neilson; Committee—Mrs
D. Bell, Mrs A. Chisholm, Mrs J.
Currie, Miss V. Todrick, Miss
Weddell, Mrs More, Messrs A.
Anderson, J. Cockburn, A. Fair-
grieve, P. B. Rowan, W. Buick, J.
Houlston and J. Veitch.

The judges, who had not an en-
viable task in deciding the awards,
were:— Messrs Archibald Brockie,
Tynningame; Oswald Clark, Alder-

ston, Haddington; George Milne, Elvingston; and J. Rattray, Colstoun; Industrial Section—Mrs Geo. Clapperton and Mrs Peacock, Dalkeith; Mrs Gardner, Stonelaws; and Mrs Carfrae, Carperstone, North Berwick.

The following is the complete prize-list for the Show:—

SPECIAL AWARDS

Centenary Rose Bowl (most points in open section)—James Cockburn; John Tait Memorial Trophy (most firsts in amateur section)—James Fortune; Charles K. Murphy Trophy (most firsts in cottagers' section)—William Buick; Lady Tweeddale Trophy (most firsts in Ladies' and industrial sections)—Miss Elsie Common; Children's Cup (most firsts in Children's section)—Muriel Bathgate; Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society Medal Card (roses)—Duncan Brown; Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society Award (potatoes)—Alexander Anderson; "Amateur Gardening" awards—Medallion—James Fortune (gladioli); Merit Certificate—Duncan Brown (roses); Merit Certificate—Wm. Buick (gladioli); "Smallholder" awards (best exhibits)—Bronze Medal—James Cockburn (onions); Certificate of Merit—Jas. Houliston (chrysanthemums); Certificate of Merit—Alexander Anderson (plums); Certificate of Merit—Peter Kerr (cut flowers). Blue Ribbon (best exhibit in show)—James Cockburn (flowers from open border); "Woman's Own" (baking)—Bronze Medal—Mrs M. Brown (gingerbread); Diploma—Mrs Ian Sharp (sultana cake); handicrafts—Bronze Medal—Miss Elsie Common (cardigan); Diploma—Miss Elsie Common (jumper).

OPEN SECTION—PLANTS

Two geraniums—James Cockburn. Two fuchsias—James Cockburn. Two early flowering chrysanthemums—James Cockburn.

FLOWERS

Garden cactus dahlias—1 James Cockburn, 2 Alexander Anderson. Three vases decorative dahlias—1 James Cockburn, 2 James Houliston. Dahlias (12 blooms)—1 James Cockburn, 2 Alexander Anderson, 3 James Houliston. Three vases pomponé dahlias—James Cockburn. Two vases gladioli—1 Ritchie Inglis, 2 James Cockburn, 3 Brigadier J. L. Weston. Three vases early flowering chrysanthemums (disbudded)—1 Alexander Anderson, 2 James Cockburn. Early flowering chrysanthemums (disbudded)—1 James Houliston, 2 Alexander Anderson, 3 James Cockburn. Three vases annuals—1 James Cockburn, 2 James Veitch, 3 Ritchie Inglis. Four vases herbaceous—1 James Cockburn, 2 Ritchie Inglis. Four vases flowers (cut from open border)—1 James Cockburn, 2 Ritchie Inglis, 3 Brigadier J. L. Weston. Three vases sweet peas—1 James Cockburn, 2 Ritchie Inglis. Roses—1 Alexander Anderson, 2 James Cockburn, 3 James Veitch. Border carnations—1 James Cockburn, 2 Ritchie Inglis. Antirrhiniums—1 Alexander Anderson, 2 James Cockburn, 3 Ritchie Inglis.

VEGETABLES

Fifteen potatoes (three varieties)—1 Alexander Anderson, 2 Ritchie Inglis, 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Potatoes (kidney)—1 Alexander Anderson, 2 James Veitch, 3 Ritchie Inglis. Potatoes (round)—1 Alexander Anderson, 2 Ritchie Inglis, 3 G. Gillies. Tomatoes—1 Alexander Anderson, 2 James Cockburn. Cauliflower—1 Ritchie Inglis, 2 Alexander Anderson, 3 James Cockburn. Carrots (long)—1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 Alexander Anderson, 3 James Cockburn. Carrots (stump)—James Cockburn. Onions—1 James Cockburn, 2 T. D. Stewart, 3 James Veitch. Leeks—Ritchie Inglis. Shallots—1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 Mrs M. Maslowski, 3 James Cockburn. Turnips—1 James Veitch, 2 James Cockburn, 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Parsnips—1 Mrs M. A. Mackay, 2 James Cockburn. French beans—1 James Veitch, 2 Ritchie Inglis, 3 James Cockburn. Pods peas—1 Ritchie Inglis, 2 James Veitch, 3 James Cockburn. Beet (long)—Angus Fairgrieve. Beet (round)—1 Mrs M. Maslowski, 2 Alexander Anderson, 3 James Veitch. Cucumbers—Alexander Anderson. Collection of vegetables (six varieties)—1 James Cockburn, 2 T. D. Stewart.

FRUIT

Dessert apples—James Veitch; Hardy fruit—Alexander Anderson. Pears (culinary)—Alexander Anderson. Pears (dessert)—Alexander Anderson. Plums—Alexander Anderson.

ALPINE PLANTS

Two pans alpinas—1 Peter Kerr, 2 Mrs A. Y. More, 3 Mrs Bathgate. One pan silver foliage—Peter Kerr. Miniature cactus garden—1 Mrs D. Bell, 2 Mrs M. M. Armstrong, 3 Mrs Bathgate.

AMATEUR SECTION—PLANTS

Fuchsia—Angus Fairgrieve. Fern—1 T. D. Stewart, 2 James Fortune, 3 Wm. Buick. Begonia—1 T. D. Stewart, 2 James Fortune, 3 C. Dingwall. Geranium—James Fortune. Window pot plant—1 James Fortune, 2 T. D. Stewart, 3 Angus Fairgrieve.

FLOWERS

African marigolds—1 James Houliston, 2 Wm. Buick. Roses—1 D. Brown, 2 James Fortune, 3 Charles Dingwall. Three vases annuals—1 James Fortune, 2 Miss Ida Riddell. Two vases flowers (cut from open border)—P. Kerr. Three vases herbaceous—1 James Fortune, 2 Miss Ida Riddell. Phloxes—1 Charles Dingwall, 2 Angus Fairgrieve. Gladioli—1 James Fortune, 2 Charles Dingwall, 3 T. D. Stewart. Antirrhiniums—James Houliston. Asters (single)—1 James Fortune, 2 Angus Fairgrieve. Asters (double)—1 Charles Dingwall, 2 T. D. Stewart, 3 James Fortune. Pomponé dahlias—1 Charles Dingwall, 2 James Fortune, 3 Wm. Buick. Decorative dahlias—1 James Houliston, 2 T. D. Stewart, 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Cactus dahlias—1 Wm. Buick, 2 James Houliston. Pentstemons—T. D. Stewart. Early flowering chrysanthemums (disbudded)—1 James Houliston, 2 T. D. Stewart, 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Chrysanthemums (not disbudded)—D. Brown. Pansies—D. Brown. Border carnations—Wm. Buick.

VEGETABLES

Pods peas—1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 Charles Dingwall. Pods beans—1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 Miss M. K. Weddell. Pods French beans—1 James Fortune, 2 Miss M. K. Weddell, 3 Mrs Y. A. Mackay. Tomatoes—1 Charles Dingwall, 2 T. D. Stewart, 3 James Fortune. Turnips (yellow)—1 D. Brown, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 James Houliston. Turnips (white)—1 James Fortune, 2 James Houliston, 3 Wm. Buick. Parsnips—1 T. D. Stewart, 2 Mrs Y. A. Mackay. Cabbages—1 James Fortune, 2 Charles Dingwall. Leeks—T. D. Stewart. Carrots (long)—Angus Fairgrieve. Carrots (stump)—1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 Wm. Buick, 3 James Houliston. Beet (long)—1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 T. D. Stewart. Beet (round)—1 James Houliston, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 James Fortune. Shallots (red)—1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 Wm. Buick. Shallots (yellow)—1 T. D. Stewart, 2 Mrs M. Maslowski, 3 James Houliston. Onions—1 T. D. Stewart, 2 Mrs Y. A. Mackay, 3 Wm. Buick. Potatoes (round)—1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 Mrs Y. A. Mackay, 3 G. Gillies. Potatoes (kidney)—1 Charles Dingwall, 2 Mrs Y. A. Mackay, 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Three varieties potatoes—1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 Mrs Y. A. Mackay. Peas (shelled)—Angus Fairgrieve. Rhubarb (quality)—1 Mrs Y. A. Mackay, 2 Charles Dingwall, 3 James Fortune.

FRUIT

Plums—Charles Dingwall. Culinary apples—1 Charles Dingwall, 2 Robert McNaughtan, 3 David Neilson. Dessert apples—1 Charles Dingwall, 2 Wm. Buick, 3 James Fortune. Pears—1 James Fortune, 2 Wm. Buick, 3 Charles Dingwall. Hardy fruit (three kinds)—James Fortune.

COTTAGERS' SECTION—PLANTS

Window grown pot plant—Mrs G. Gillies. Foliage plant—Mrs Bathgate.

FLOWERS

Mixed annuals—Mrs A. Chisholm. Cut flowers—1 Peter Kerr, 2 Mrs A. Chisholm, 3 D. Brown. Asters (double)—1 Wm. Buick, 2 Alexander Gillies. Asters (single)—Angus Fairgrieve. Chrysanthemums—James Houliston. Dahlias—1 Wm. Buick, 2 James Houliston, 3 Charles Dingwall. Dahlias (pomponé decorative)—1 Charles Dingwall, 2 Wm. Buick, 3 Alexander Gillies. Antirrhiniums—1 Mrs A. Chisholm, 2 Alexander Gillies. Gladioli—1 Wm. Buick, 2 James Houliston, 3 Charles Dingwall. Phloxes—1 Mrs A. Chisholm, 2 Alexander Gillies. Pansies—1 D. Brown, 2 Mrs A. Chisholm. Calendula—1 Wm. Buick, 2 James Houliston. Border carnations—Wm. Buick.

VEGETABLES

Potatoes (round)—1 Peter Kerr, 2 G. Gillies, 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Potatoes (kidney)—Charles Dingwall. Shallots—1 Mrs M. Maslowski, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 Thomas Brotherston. Onions—Wm. Buick. Cabbage—1 Wm. Buick, 2 James Houliston, 3 David Neilson. Turnips—1 D. Brown, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 Wm. Buick. Cauliflower—1 Peter Kerr, 2 Thos. Brotherston. Carrots (stump)—1 Mrs A. Chisholm, 2 Wm. Buick. Beet (round)—1 James Houliston, 2 D.

Brown, 3 Angus Fairgrieve. Lettuce—1 Peter Kerr, 2 David Neilson. Collection of vegetables—Wm. Buick. Carrots (long)—Angus Fairgrieve.

LADIES' SECTION

Flowers arranged for effect—1 Miss Elsie Common, 2 Mrs Maslowski, 3 Mrs J. Inglis. Corsage of flowers—1 Mrs D. Bell, 2 Mrs J. Inglis, 3 Mrs Maslowski. Bowl of flowers suitable for table centre-piece—1 Miss Jean Fortune, 2 Miss I. Riddell, 3 Miss Elsie Common.

INDUSTRIAL SECTION

Bottle small fruit—1 Mrs Inglis, 2 Lady B. Weston, 3 Mrs Turnell. Bottle large fruit—1 Mrs Inglis, 2 Mrs Turnell. Blackcurrant jelly—1 Mrs Armstrong, 2 Mrs M. Brown, 3 Mrs A. Chisholm. Green gooseberry jam—Mrs Inglis. Strawberry jam—1 Mrs Cockburn, 2 Miss J. Fortune, 3 Mrs Stirling. Lemon curd—1 Mrs A. Campbell, 2 Mrs A. Chisholm, 3 Miss Elsie Common. Marmalade (Scotch)—1 Miss Elsie Common, 2 Mrs J. Inglis, 3 Mrs M. Brown. Wheaten loaf—1 Miss Elsie Common, 2 Mrs A. Campbell, 3 Mrs M. Brown. Oven scones—1 Mrs Ian Sharp, 2 Mrs A. Chisholm, 3 Mrs A. Campbell. Dropped scones—1 Miss Weddell, 2 Mrs Inglis, 3 Mrs M. Brown. Apple tartlets—1 Mrs Maslowski, 2 Mrs M. Brown, 3 Mrs A. Campbell. Sultana cake—1 Mrs Ian Sharp, 2 Miss Elsie Common, 3 Miss J. Fortune. Gingerbread (plain)—1 Mrs M. Brown, 2 Mrs A. Campbell, 3 Mrs C. Mitchell. Iced walnut cake—1 Mrs Ian Sharp, 2 Mrs Maslowski, 3 Mrs A. Campbell. Swiss roll—1 Miss Jean Fortune, 2 Mrs A. Campbell, 3 Mrs Ian Sharp. Meringues (filled)—1 Mrs M. Brown, 2 Mrs Ian Sharp, 3 Mrs A. Tait. Shortbread—1 Miss Weddell, 2 Mrs A. Campbell, 3 Mrs J. Inglis. Chutney—1 Miss M. K. Weddell, 2 Mrs Currie, 3 Miss Elsie Common. Supper dish—1 Mrs M. Brown, 2 Mrs A. Campbell, 3 Mrs J. Craig. Six hen eggs—1 Mrs M. Brown, 2 Miss Elsie Common, 3 Miss M. K. Weddell. Mixed salad—1 Miss M. K. Weddell, 2 Mrs J. Craig, 3 Mrs A. Campbell. Three varieties table—1 Miss Elsie Common, 2 Mrs Douglas, 3 Mrs M. Brown. Fancy jumper—Miss Elsie Common. Lady's cardigan—1 Miss Elsie Common, 2 Mrs Turnell. Gent's socks—1 Miss Jean Fortune, 2 Miss Elsie Common, 3 Mrs Currie. Matinee jacket—1 Miss Elsie Common, 2 Mrs Turnell, 3 Mrs Mitchell. Embroidered breakfast set—Miss Elsie Common. Members of S.W.R.I. Gifford—1 Mrs J. Craig, 2 Mrs Currie, 3 Mrs Turnell. Members of Yester Girls' Club (tea apron)—1 Anne Combe, 2 Margaret Sinclair, 3 Mary Kerr.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Embroidered tray cloth—1 Margaret Main, 2 Muriel Bathgate, 3 Anne Combe. Dressed doll (knitted garments)—1 Muriel Bathgate, 2 Linda Dunbar. Crayon drawing (under 10 years)—1 Alastair Neilson, 2 Christine Combe, 3 Anne Thomson. Painting (10-15 years)—1 Ross Neilson, 2 Linda Dunbar, 3 Robert Maslowski. Handwriting—Script (5-7 years)—1 Betty Combe, 2 Louise Kerr, 3 Hazel Main. Cursive (8-12 years)—1 Norman Douglas, 2 Linda Dunbar, 3 Margaret Veitch. Cursive (13-15 years)—1 Ian Douglas, 2 Muriel Bathgate, 3 Anne Combe. Wild flowers arranged for effect—1 Muriel Bathgate, 2 Caroline Blake, 3 Helen Cockburn. Flowers in an egg cup—1 Muriel Bathgate, 2 Louise Kerr, 3 Sheena Douglas. Wild fruits and seeds (named)—Muriel Bathgate. Miniature garden—1 Muriel Bathgate, 2 Caroline Blake, 3 Helen Cockburn. Dropped scones—1 Margaret Veitch, 2 Muriel Bathgate. Coffee buns—1 Muriel Bathgate, 2 Alice Kerr, 3 Margaret Veitch. Treacle toffee—1 Louise Kerr, 2 Muriel Bathgate, 3 Margaret Veitch.

SPECIAL PRIZES

The winners of special prizes at the Flower Show were:—Mr R. Hamilton, Ormiston (bottle of whisky), N. Stout, Leith (turkey), Miss Brown, Goblin Ha' Hotel (miniature garden), Harry Anderson, Pencaitland (bottle of whisky), Mrs Clark, Upper Bolton (crepe nylons), Susan Weston, Portobello (50 cigarettes), James Renton, Gifford (gardening token), Alan Douglas, Gifford (box of chocolates), Alastair Neilson, Gifford (gent's socks), C. Kilcoyne, Gullane (tin of tea), Alex. Duncan, Haddington (50 cigarettes), M. M. Stuart, West Latch (jar of honey), George Sked, Brownhill (butter dishes), A. Balfour, Edinburgh (50 cigarettes), M. Reid, Ford (jar of honey), A. Duncan, Haddington (vacuum flask), Mrs Fairgrieve, Dalkeith.

Messrs Douglas of Dalkeith's competition in connection with their trade exhibit—winner of guessing peas in a bottle—Mr McCulloch, 28 Trevelyan Place, Pencaitland.

Minutes of Committee meeting held in
the Hall on Wednesday 4th Dec at 7 pm.

Present Mr James Fortune in the chair.
Messrs. Cockburn, Veitch, Neilson, R. Inglis
Mrs Budgegate, Mrs Currie, Mrs Armstrong
Apologies from Miss Loderick & Miss Weddell

Resignations received from Mr Bell, Mr Rowan & Mrs A. Chisholm

Minutes The minutes of committee meeting held on August 2nd
was read after which Mr Neilson gave his financial
report for the past year. There was a satisfactory
balance of £46 against £64.7.2 at the
commencement of the season. The a/c's were
approved for presentation to the Annual General
meeting.

Mr Fortune read out Mr Bell's letter of
resignation and suggested that a letter should
be sent to him expressing our appreciation
of his services as President during the years
he had been with the Society, also that he
should be made an Honorary President, which
proposal met with general approval.

J. Fortune.

Gifford Horticultural Society

Notes on accounts covering the period from 10th November
1956 to 30th November 1957.

The accounts close with a balance in hand of £76 compared with
£64.7.2 at the beginning of the year an increase of £11.12.10

Show Expenditure £111 8 8

Show Income 78 4 10

Loss on Show £33 3 10

Other Income

Prize Draw, less expenses £28 9 9

Whisk Bowls do 19 5 2

John Smith Memorial Fund 10 0 0

£57 14 11

Other Expenditure

Vases purchased 12 18 3 44 16 8

Increase balance in hand as above £11 12 10

The Show Income is down by £5 16 5 from 1956 and there is an increase
of Show Expenditure of £4 16 7.

The loss on the Show is therefore £10 13/- higher than in 1956 and it does
not seem possible to run the Show without a substantial sum being got
from Whisk Bowls or other sources.

I give comparative figures for 1956 and 1957

Income	1956	1957
Subscriptions	£8 10 0	£7 17 6
Donations	31 17 6	25 0 6
Gate, Auction, Sale &c.	31 1 0	34 16 0
Entry Fees, Vases &c.	10 9 8	5 15 0
Interest	2 3 1	1 15 10
	£84 1 3	£78 4 10

Expenditure	1956	1957
Prize money	£51 7 6	£44 18 0
Printing, Advertising &c.	14 8 10	21 17 2
Lunches	4 5 10	3 5 0
Marquee, Watchman, Boys and chips	29 10 0	32 0 6
Sundry Expenditure	6 19 11	9 8 0
	£106 12 1	£111 8 8

Gifford, 2nd December 1957.

Robert Wroughton

J. Fortune

Minute of Annual General Meeting held in Hall
on Wednesday 4th Dec at 7.30pm 1954

Mr James Fortune, Vice-President in the Chair.

Minute

The minute of the A.G.M. held on 13th November 1956 was read and approved.

Financial Report

Mr Neilson read the Auditor's notes on our financial position which showed a credit balance of £76 as against £64.7.2 at the beginning of the year, the report being appended to this minute.

Arising from the minute, Mr Neilson stated that he had written to the Income Tax people ^{some time ago} explaining the position but so far had received no reply.

Election of Office Bearers

Mr Fortune read out a letter of resignation from Mr Bell and expressed the Society's regret. It was agreed to minute the Society's warm appreciation of the loyal and excellent service Mr Bell had given to the Society and the Secretary was instructed to write to him and express the feeling of the meeting.

A new President had to be elected and Mr James Fortune was proposed by Mr James Cockburn, seconded by Mr J. Veitch. Mr Fortune said he would be prepared to undertake the duties of President for one year if the new Vice-Presidents would take over the presidency at the end of that time.

Two nominations were made for Vice-President -

Dr A. Dumbart, Gifford

Mr McPhail, Eaglescarnie

but as neither was present the matter was left in abeyance.

Other office bearers elected -

Secretary - Mrs Armstrong

Ass. Secretary - Mrs Battgate

Treasurer - Mr David Neilson

Auditor - Mr McNaughtan

Committee: Mrs Lurie, Mrs Moore, Mrs Murray

Miss Laidlaw, Miss Weddell

Messrs Buick, Cockburn, Anderson,

Angus Fairgrieve, J. Houlston, R. Inglis

Other nominations: Mrs Dunbar, Miss McNaughtan

Mr G. Murray, Mr J. King

Date of Show

The date of next year's show was fixed for 23rd August and a proposal was made that it should be held in the Hall. Mr Fortune proposed that a sub-committee be formed consisting of Messrs Anderson, Cockburn & Neilson & the Secretary, for the purpose of finding out the cost of having three tier staging made by the local joiner, Mr Chisholm, also 3ft tables

Judges

Four of the following judges were to be asked to the show:

Mr J. G. Wallace, Mr Brockie, Mr Rattray

Mr O. Clark, Mr G. Milne

Miss Weddell would be asked to arrange judges for the Industrial section.

Funds

As a means of raising money for the funds, it was decided to have a Whist Drive on 31st January and a Prize Draw similar to last year's.

J. Fortune

Minute of Committee meeting held in Hall
on Monday 16th Dec 1954 at 7pm

Mr James Fortune, President, in the chair.

Apologies were received from Mrs Lurie, Miss Weddell and Mr Neilson.

The minutes of committee meeting held on 4th Dec were read and approved.

Business

Arising from the minutes of the previous committee meeting, the three-tier staging proposed for the show was discussed and it was decided that three-tier staging for the platform only was necessary and this would be used for the Open Section with the Ladies Section in front of the platform.

Forms placed on the tables in the Hall would give sufficient space for the other sections; the forms and extra tables to be borrowed from the Rifle Club and Yester estate.

Date of Show

As the date of the show proposed at the general meeting was found to be unsuitable to some members of Committee it was agreed to alter this to the previous week, 16th August.

Industrial Section

It was also agreed that the Industrial Section which has hitherto been open should be confined to the show area only.

A letter had been received from Mr McNaughtan, Secretary of Hall Committee, in which he suggested £4.10/- as a reasonable figure for the two days the Hall would be required for the Flower Show.

Of this figure £2 was in respect of loss to the Hall Committee for being unable to let the Hall for a Saturday night dance. The Secretary was asked to write and assure the Hall Committee that the Hall would be cleaned by 8 pm.

Childrens Section

A suggestion was made that a special prize should be awarded in the Childrens Section, to bring it into line with the others and Mr Fortune offered to arrange this.

The committee then decided to revise the schedule for the forthcoming show.

At the close of the meeting Mr Fortune welcomed the new committee members and also Dr Dumbart our new Vice-President.

Dr Dumbart moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman

Gas Fortune.

Minutes of Committee meeting held in Hall
on Monday 28th July at 7.30 pm.

Mr James Fortune presided.

Present

Dr Dumbart, Messrs Fairgrieve, Buick, Inglis, King
Mrs Moore, Mrs Dumbart, Mrs Bathgate, Mrs Murray,
Miss Todrick, Miss Weddell & Mrs Armstrong.

Minute

The minute of committee meeting held on 16th December was read and approved.

Gifford Horticultural Society
 Notes on accounts covering the period from
 30th November 1957 to 18th November 1958.

The balance in hand is £103.16.5 at the close of the accounts
 compared with £76 at the beginning of year, an increase of £27.16.5
 thus-

Shoe Income £78 7 3
 Shoe Expenditure 78 6 6
 Profit on Shoe £0 0 9

Other Income

Wants Lane, less Expenses £4 0 3
 Prize Draw, less Expenses 23 15 5 ~~23~~ 15 8 27 16 5

The shoe income for 1958 shows a small increase of 2/5
 over that of 1957 and there is a reduction in expenditure of
 £33.2.2 mainly accounted for by the shoe having been held in
 the Hall.

Comparative figures for 1957 and 1958 are -

	Income - 1957	1958
Subscriptions	£7 17 6	£10 0 0
Donations	25 0 6	25 1 0
Gate, Auction, Sale &c	34 16 0	28 9 9
Entry Fees, Vases &c	8 15 0	12 1 2
Interest	1 15 10	2 15 4
	£78 4 10	£78 7 3

	Expenditure 1957	1958
Prize Money	£44 18 0	£46 0 6
Printing, Advertising &c	21 17 2	16 14 1
Lunches	3 5 0	4 16 0
Marquee, Prize &c	32 0 6	Hall &c 3 10 0
Sundry Expenditure	9 8 0	7 5 11
	£111 8 8	£78 6 6

No payment was received during the year from the John Paul
 Montagu Bequest. The James's account for staging &c has not been
 settled.

Robert Wroughton
 19th November 1958.

Gifford Horticultural Society

Notes on accounts covering the period from 8th Nov 1955 to 10th Nov 1956.

The accounts at 10th November 1956 show a balance in hand of £64.7.2 or
 reduction of £18.0.5 on the balance of £82.7.7 at 8th November 1955

Shoe Expenditure £106 12 1
 Shoe Income 84 1 3
 Loss on Shoe £22 10 10

Other Income

Prize Draw, less Expenses £22 17 0
 Holker Manor Garden, less advertisement 2 9 6
 Wants Lane, less Expenses 5 8 0
 Lecture, less Expenses 0 12 6
 £31 7 0

Other Expenditure

Vases purchased 26 16 7 4 10 5
 Decrease of balance in hand, as above - £18 0 5

The Shoe Income is £12.8 less than in 1955 and there is a reduction in the
 expenditure of £6.13.10, the loss on the shoe being £5.11.2 less than in 1955.

The Prize Draw realised £22.17/- a reduction of £16.6.4 on the 1955 figure

Comparative figures of a few of the Income items for 1955 and 1956.

	1955	1956
Subscriptions	£9 12 6	8 10 0
Donations	26 2 6	31 17 6
Shoe Gate, Auction, Sale &c	39 1 7	31 1 0
Entry Fees and Vases	9 6 11	10 9 8
	£84 3 6	81 18 2

The Gate and proceeds of auction &c were down by £8.0.7
 No income was received from the John Montagu Bequest in 1956.

A few of the Expenditure items

	1955	1956
Prize Money	£49 8 0	51 7 6
Printing Advertising &c	23 1 5	14 8 10
Lunches	2 10 0	4 5 10
Marquee	28 15 0	28 10 0
	£103 14 5	98 12 2

James Blushie's account for staging has not been paid and there
 may possibly be a charge due to Haddington Horticultural Society for
 the use of Vases.

Income Tax does not appear to have been paid on Bank Interest
 in past years and there may be a liability for six years. Interest
 amounting to £8.19.9 has been received in those years.

Gifford 17th Nov 1956