

At a Meeting held in the Parish School Room
Gifford on the 25th January 1848 for the purpose of
Establishing a Horticultural Society, (Dr Grune
being called to take the Chair; The following Regulations
were agreed to,

- 1st That this Society be called the Gifford Horticultural
Society
- 2^d That, a President & Managing Committee with a Treasurer
and Secretary be appointed Annually.
- 3^d That the Day of Competition be fixed at the general meeting
of the Preceding Year
- 4th That any Person may be admitted a Member by paying a
Yearly Subscription of Sixpence
- 5th Any Member will be allowed to compete who does not
employ a Professional Gardener
- 6th All Articles competed with must be grown on the
Members own Garden from the time of Planting
- 7th That the Member who gains the greatest number
of first Prizes will be Presented with a Silver Medal
But in the event of one or more having an equal
number of First Prizes to the one who holds the
number of Second or third Prizes, the value of the
Medal not to exceed ten Shillings
- 8th Should the Subscriptions amount to more than
the Medal, the balance to be equally divided among
all those others who hold first Prizes

- 9th That the Committee have the power to appoint the Judges
 and those Judges to be Practical Gardeners
 10 That no Person be admitted a member after the 1st June coming
 11 The Competition to take place on the first Tuesday of Dec^r and
 all articles for competition to be on the table at five o'clock P.M.

Articles to be Competed with

Best 6 Leeks, Best 6 onions, Best 3 Carrots, Best one Green
 Best Savoy, Best Cabbage (Early variety), 6 Warrish Potatoes
 (Exclusive of Game & or Nobles)

Office Bearer^s for 1848

Dr Green President, members of Committee Mr Will^m Craise
 Mr John Craise Mr David Bisset Mr James Tosh
 Mr John Marshal Junr Mr John Tosh, Mr Alex^r Nisbet Treasurer
 Mr Alex^r Shearer Secretary

Minutes of Meetings

At a meeting of Committee called by order of the
 President on July 24th, and held in the Divis Road Arms Room
 Members Present Mr Will^m Craise, John Craise
 James McIntosh, David Bisset, John McIntosh
 Alex^r Nisbet, Alex^r Shearer

It was unanimously agreed upon to have Prize
 Lists Printed and one sent to each Member
 The Secretary being authorized to get 400 Printed

at as cheap a Rate as Possible, Mr Will^m Forrester
 Printer Edinburgh offered to Print four hundred for the
 sum of 7/6^d, which was accepted, as per acct Rendered
 & Paid

At a meeting of Committee called by order of the President
 held in the Parish School Room Dec^r 21st, 1848, In the
 absence of the Prop^r Mr Will^m Craise; was called to the Chair
 when the following Subjects were brought before the meeting
 and agreed upon

1st In the event of no competitor having two prizes,
 The first Prize to be given to the article of greatest merit, and
 so on for the other Prizes

2^d, Mr Will^m Craise & Mr Alex^r Nisbet was appointed to be along
 with the Secretary, when the Judges were in the Room

3^d The Public to be admitted free when the Committee gave
 the order

4th The Prizes to be awarded to the successful competitors
 whenever the Medal should be procured; And One Medal to
 be given, by Ballot on the Church Doors and any suitable Place

5th Mr Will^m Craise was appointed as Cooper at the Cannon

Minutes continued 1848

The first competition took place on Tuesday the 5th Dec.
There being 18 competitors, and those producing 34
Articles, when the Judges made the following awards

Best 6 Leeks, Francis McDonald Gifford, Second, Tho Hogg Redshale
Third James Anderson Gifford,

Best 6 Onions, Willm Darling Gifford, Second, Peter Henderson, Gesta
Mains,

Best 3 Carrots, John Clafferton Newlands, Second, Willm Dar-
ling, Third, Willm Ogilvie,

Best one green, Alex Nisbit Gifford, Second, George Bortham
Leehouses, Third, John Wills Gifford,

Best one Taro, Willm Ogilvie Second, ~~Willm Ogilvie~~ ^{Willm Ogilvie} Gifford, Third,
~~Francis McDonald~~, Charles Black Newhall,

Best cabbage Willm Ogilvie, Second, Tho Hogg Third
Francis McDonald

6 Hargest Potatoes, Willm Ogilvie, Second, George Beeve
Panskin Third, Charles Black

Willm Ogilvie gained the Society's Silver Medal, he having
Two First and one Third Prize

Willm Ogilvie gained Lady Jane Hays Prize, he having one first
and one second Prize,

Willm Darling gained Lord Arthur Hays Prize he having one first
and one second Prize, whose Articles were considered by the Judges to be
inferior to Willm Ogilvie's

Income and Expenditure of the Society for 1848

To Fifty Six Members Subscriptions @ 6^s each

To Prize given by Lady Jane Hays to

" " Lord Arthur Hays

Conation given by Lady Jane Hays to

" " Lady Julia Hays

	£	s	d	
To Fifty Six Members Subscriptions @ 6 ^s each	1	8	"	
To Prize given by Lady Jane Hays to	"	5	"	
" " Lord Arthur Hays	"	3	"	
Conation given by Lady Jane Hays to	"	1	"	
" " Lady Julia Hays	"	1	"	
	1	18	"	

Expenditure

To 400 Printed Prize Lists

" a Book for keeping Society Transactions &c

" Two Sheets of Paste Board for Marking Prizes on

" Payment of 3 Judges Dinner

" " of Silver Medal

	£	s	d	
To 400 Printed Prize Lists			7	6
" a Book for keeping Society Transactions &c			2	6
" Two Sheets of Paste Board for Marking Prizes on			"	6
" Payment of 3 Judges Dinner			4	6
" " of Silver Medal			10	
	1	5	1	5

Leaving a balance of 13/ on the whole Receipt

Deducting from this balance Lady Jane Hays Prize,
and Lord Arthur Hays,

Leaves a Balance of 5/ to be divided among the
other members who gained first Prizes

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Leaving a balance of 13/ on the whole Receipt	"	13	"	
Deducting from this balance Lady Jane Hays Prize, and Lord Arthur Hays,	"	8	"	
Leaves a Balance of 5/ to be divided among the other members who gained first Prizes	"	5	"	

As Given - Paid.