

**The Gardening Societies of
The Kimbies and Ellesborough**

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1860 to 1996

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Honorary Life Vice President

£ 1.00

Introduction.

When I was asked by Pat Southgate to write a brief history on the Kimble & Ellesborough Horticultural Societies, little did I know that the Societies dated back to the middle of the nineteenth century! During my research, I was able to piece together a brief knowledge of the first Association which went by the name of "Kimble & Ellesborough Velvet Lawn Cottage Gardens Association". There is a brief mention of this Association in the book of "Chequers" by Mrs. Norma Major when the then incumbent, namely Lady Frankland Russell supported local institutions such as the Velvet Lawn Cottage Garden Association. However the good Lady Frankland Russell died in 1871. We know that there was a Society, which ceased to function in the mid-sixties. Why? We don't know for certain. I have therefore listed some of the interesting facts of the two earlier Associations from the "Balance sheet, show schedules, & minute book" available. We hope later on this year to put on an exhibition in the Stewart Hall during a monthly meeting showing items that have come into our possession for the members to see.

M. P. Rees.
March 1997.

The Velvet Lawn Cottage Garden Association was formed sometime in the mid-nineteenth century, and was for all Cottagers in the Parishes of Ellesborough, Great & Little Kimbles. A Cottager was a person who paid £10 rent or under per year for his or her cottage. We have on record the Balance Sheet for 1892, when the Lady Patroness was Mrs. F. R. Astley and the President Mr. B. F. Astley (who both lived at Chequers and were related to Lady Frankland Russell, mentioned in the introduction). The acting Secretary/Treasurer was Mr. H. V. Gibson-Craig, who lived in Ladymead (now a private school) and there was a committee of 11 persons. The Balance sheet shows that the cost of putting on the show in 1892 was covered by the donations and subscriptions of the membership. We also have the show schedule for the 1897 show, held on Velvet Lawn on Thursday 19th August 1897, from which it is interesting to note that the vegetable, fruit and flower classes have not changed much in format from that of today, 100 years later. I wonder how many children of today would be able to enter the children's classes for the best coloured cotton shirt, best made shirt or nightdress, or even the best made nightdress by girls under 12 years of age. After the show in the evening a dance was held on Velvet Lawn, music being provided by a local string orchestra (local pop group). The gentlemen were required to put on their best suits and to wear "white gloves". The Velvet Lawn Association changed its name in 1926 to that of Kimble Horticultural Association.

Kimble Horticultural Association under the chairmanship of Dr. L. F. Burra (who lived in Glebe House, Little Kimble) received the balance of the funds from Velvet Lawn of £20 9s 4d. We have in our possession the first minute book, dated 1st March 1926, which showed that a Mr. Staley Rose, a farmer from Kimblewick, was the Vice Chairman and that the committee consisted of 14 ladies & gentleman. The first show was held on Thursday 12th August 1926 in the village hall. We are very fortunate to have been given recently the schedule for this show. As well as the usual classes for fruit, flowers and vegetables, there were classes for the best kept allotments & cottage gardens. There was a class for the lace makers of the villages, both for adults & children under 15 years of age. The Cottagers who paid less than £30 annually as rent for their cottages could only show in the Cottagers section, those who paid over £30 could only show in the Open classes. The annual subscription was 2/6d. The Honorary Members were those who paid not less than 5/- and was eligible for election of Vice president, who paid 10/- or more. The society put on the annual show in August each year arranged by the committee (no show secretary!) together with side shows and a dance in the evening to finish off the day. From the minute book the Association closed down in 1931 due to business being discussed out of the committee room and also to outside interference. The trophies were put in the trust of Mr. Ken Y. Green & Mr. M. Birlyn.

The Association was re-opened in March 1934 under the chairmanship of Mr. L. E. A. Jaques. Nothing is known about this Society until 1952, when they had their 20th show on the meadow adjoining the Stewart Hall, which was Kimble Cricket Club ground. We have on record the show schedule and details of the sports for the children. There was even an event for the adults, a veterans 100 yard dash & a three-legged race over 50 yards. The show consisted of 100 classes for Cottagers, Members and the open event. At the time of the show there were 63 Vice Presidents, 12 Honorary Members, and a committee of 13, including the Chairman. Unfortunately the Association closed down in the mid-sixties and there are no minute books available.

Kimble Horticultural Society was formed in 1975, by three gentlemen who felt that the villages of Great & Little Kimble with Marsh warranted a new Society especially for the gardening fraternity. The three wise men were Jeffrey Cheetham, Henry Peplow & Jim Stacey. The first committee meeting was held in the office at Mr. Cheetham's Saab garage on Monday 8th September 1975, at which the rules of the Society were formulated, and Mr. Henry Mitton & Mr. Mervyn Rees were invited to serve on the committee. The committee then consisted of Mr. Cheetham (Chairman), Mr. Stacey (Treasurer), Mr. Peplow (Secretary) & Messrs Mitton & Rees (joint Show Secretaries) The first public meeting was held in early October, when the Stewart Hall was filled with budding gardeners. They were all informed about the Society and its aims for the future (Henry had toured round the villages urging the residents to attend the meeting). During the tea interval 82 residents were enrolled.

The first evening meeting took place in November, when the speaker was Mr. Bernard Flay ably assisted by Mr. Baker. Mr. Flay spoke on vegetable growing and showing. He brought along some of his leeks and onions. The December meeting was in the form of a Wine & Cheese social with music provided for dancing. In 1976 the Society continued to grow, the membership creeping up to 200, with meetings on the first Tuesday of each month in the village hall. In September the first show was held in the Hall, when Members exhibited 44 entries. The various side shows which sold produce, freshly cooked doughnuts and secondhand books also helped to raise funds for the Society to pay for the show.

1977 was the Queen's Silver Jubilee year, when the Society played a prominent role by decorating St. Nicholas church with flowers. The most striking feature was the Queen's Coronation Crown placed on the font in the church made out of flowers by Mrs. Norma Wheeler and lady members.

The Society also entered a float for the village procession, together with the Crown on a special trailer, which finished up in the field behind Kimble Free Church with a fete and in the evening and a Barn dance in one of Mr. John Robart's barns. Mr Cheetham organised a Horse Show and Gymkhana in the fields alongside his garage (where Askett Nurseries are now situated) the profit of which went to the Society's funds. The same year saw a new committee member being co-opted. He was Mr. Richard Bull, who was at the Annual General Meeting in 1978 to take over as Chairman, thus leaving Mr.Cheetham more time to organise his horse shows. The Society also bought a 10' x 8' shed where it stored the trading stock. The same year saw the retirement of the Treasurer, Mr. Jim Stacey, the post going to Mrs. Phyllis Nobbs. Her husband Basil joined the committee. Messrs. Peplow & Rees carried on in their jobs. As in previous years we continued to have excellent speakers and outings to Wisley were also arranged. The membership stood at 232.

1979 was to see the retirement of Henry Peplow, who was the main stay of the Society, having worked very hard to make it the most successful Society in the villages. The new secretary was Mrs. Judi Hannaford, who had been a strong supporter of the shows with her beautiful miniatures in the floral art classes. The annual show was held on the same day as the horse show in a large marquee backing on to the garden of a newcomer to Cadsden, Mr. J. Ratlidge. The show proved to be a huge success held for the first time on a Sunday with a lovely sunny day. The Society again saw a large increase in its funds. The next year saw further changes in the committee when Mr. & Mrs. Nobbs both retired and moved away to Norfolk. Mrs. Jaque Brown became Treasurer and Mrs. Ella Gibbs joined the committee. At the AGM in 1980 it was agreed that the chair of the Society's first President go to Mr. Jeffrey Cheetham. This year also saw the first Spring Show, held on a small scale during the usual Tuesday evening meeting, when members exhibited their spring flowers. The Judge, who was Mr. Jan Bos from Blooms Bulbs, afterwards spoke to the members about their exhibits. This proved to be a very successful evening and was well attended. It was also the forerunner of our present spring shows. The annual show in September was back on a Sunday at the Stewart Hall. We tried to make it a village fete, again with side shows & the Ellesborough Silver Band in attendance. 1981 saw another new event when the Society held a Jumble and plant sale on a Saturday morning, which also proved to be successful, and became an annual event. The annual show was a great success and the Society continued to grow under the chairmanship of Richard Bull.

The Society entered into 1982, when at the AGM Mrs. Judi Hannaford retired after three years as Secretary, having given sterling service, she made the difficult task of taking over from Henry Peplow look easy. The new Secretary was to be Mrs. Eunice Eames. The spring show was not very well supported due to the bad weather leading up to the show. For the annual show a new trophy was given to the Society by Lloyds Bank, namely the Floral Art Trophy.

The annual show, which was to be the last show for Mervyn Rees as show secretary, was yet again another very successful event, and for the first time in seven years was self supporting. We continued to have excellent speakers, and to have several return visits from speakers in previous years. Lower Icknield Nurseries opened one evening for the benefit of members.

The AGM in 1983 saw the retirement of Richard Bull as chairman, who retired after five years, due to a move up north with Lloyds Bank. The chair was taken over by Mr. Mervyn Rees, and the new show secretary was to be Mrs. Doreen Ellis. The plant sale brought in a profit of £150, and it was decided in future to concentrate on plants & produce. This year also saw Mr. Ken Green & Mr. Justice Durrant becoming Vice Presidents. We did ask Henry Peplow, however he declined due to failing health. During this year there arrived in the village a new couple from Tring area, who were to make a big impression on the Society for the next twelve years. Their names were Mr. & Mrs. Roy Coughtrey.

1984 also saw a very successful year with speakers, shows under the guidance of Doreen Ellis and the plant sale. In September Mrs. Jaqui Brown retired as Treasurer, the vacancy being taken over by Mr. Roy Coughtrey.

We entered into 1985 with the Society showing a very healthy bank balance. At the AGM we had a new Secretary in Mrs. Sandra Wilson, and a membership secretary in Mrs. Jean Blacklaws, who set about the organisation of agents to deliver the Newsletter and at the beginning of the year collect members' subs. For the first time in the Society we had an artist, who was quickly co-opted on to the committee, as she started producing pretty posters for the shows. Her name was Mrs. Thelma Coughtrey. 1985 was to see the first summer show when Mr. Bishop of Stokenchurch, being the area secretary of the National Sweet Pea Society, put on a magnificent display on the stage in the village hall of hundreds of sweet peas. The hall was filled with lovely perfume all afternoon. Doreen Ellis put together three excellent shows, and at the Autumn show received considerable help and advice from Roy Coughtrey, and her show sub committee.

We went into 1986 with the Society showing an operating profit for last year of £133. At the AGM Roy Coughtrey resigned as Treasurer and took on as Show Secretary, whilst Doreen Ellis took over as Membership Secretary.

A new name appeared on the list of Officers as Treasurer - Mr. Joe Ratlidge - in 1987. The reports of last year showed three excellent shows, ten very good speakers, a profitable plant sale, and outings. The AGM also saw the retirement of Sandra Wilson as Secretary and as we did not have a successor, Thelma Coughtrey "Ghosted" as secretary, as she didn't feel it right to have two members from one family on the committee. We were soon to overcome the objection. Under the guidance again of Roy Coughtrey the Society produced its first yearbook, paid for largely by the advertisers. We also had an excellent outing to Exbury Gardens, the home of one of the Rothschild family. We were very lucky to see the rhododendrons and Azaleas, as later in the year they were to receive severe damage from the Hurricane storm. Roy Coughtrey made a lot of changes to the shows both in the schedule and on the table.

We moved into 1988 and at the AGM saw the retirement of Mr. Mervyn Rees as chairman and after twelve years active service to the Society. Roy Coughtrey was to double up as Chairman and show secretary. Mrs Nora Weir took over as Secretary. A new rule was also brought in that no officer could serve in office longer than three years. The general committee was increased to five ladies. Another change was in the name. As so many of the members came from Ellesborough area the Society became known as The Kimble & Ellesborough Horticultural Society. The chair of President became vacant upon the resignation of Mr. J. Cheetham. The members elected Mr. Mervyn Rees as the new President in recognition of his work over the past twelve years. We lost one of our Vice presidents, when the death was announced of Kenneth Green. Mr. Green had a long association with the previous Society dating back to 1931, and was a very generous supporter of our Society with many donations to the funds, and also covering for the show tables. He was sadly missed by all. The Society named a trophy after him to be known as "The Ken Green Memorial Trophy" and the first recipients were to be Messrs Roy Coughtrey and Joe Ratlidge.

1989 saw the retirement of Doreen Ellis after six years of active duty on the committee and she was duly elected a Vice President. Joe Ratlidge retired as Treasurer and became Show Secretary, whilst the new Treasurer was to be Mrs. Irene Baxter, and Miss Pat Southgate became membership secretary. This year was to see our own plant only sale, held in the Butlers Cross Hall and realised a profit of £400. Again a year of successful shows, speakers and outings.

The Society in 1990 became affiliated to the Royal National Dahlia and the Royal National Chrysanthemum Societies. In February Henry Peplow died after a long battle against cancer. The plant sale profit in May saw an increase of £150 on last year's figure. Again another successful year for the Society.

1991 was to prove another excellent year for the Society, which started at the AGM. The Society decided that they weren't going to be out done by the "Iron Lady" and elected their own first Lady, Mrs. Thelma Coughtrey, to the seat of Chairman. Roy Coughtrey became President, Brian Butler went to the Treasury, and Michael MacLaurin became Secretary. Mervyn Rees was elected the first Honorary Vice President for life, which he was pleased to accept. The Society played host to the Bucks Association of Horticultural Societies Spring show at the Stewart Hall. The new membership secretary was Miss Pat Southgate & at the 30th April there were 179 members. The three shows attracted 878 exhibits.

The Society opened 1992 with the AGM with no changes in the officers or the committee. The weather throughout the winter had been mild again. However some late frosts affected the quality of the plants available for the plant sale, but despite this we still made a profit of £683 being a new record. The Society were saddened by the death of Lady Berkeley, who had been a staunch supporter of the previous Association and our Society and who attended every show as a spectator. The year closed after three excellent shows, when the total number of exhibits was 907, which was a great credit to the retiring show secretary Joe Ratlidge.

1993 was opened as usual at the AGM with the retirement of our non gardening (only trims the edges of the lawn) chairman Thelma Coughtrey. The new chairman was to be Joe Ratlidge and the Vce Chairman Pat Southgate who carried on as membership secretary and outings organiser. Mrs. Mary Redding took over as show secretary. During the month of June eight members opened their gardens to Society members, the evening ended up with a Ploughman's supper in the Stewart Hall. This event proved to be a great success and will be repeated in future years. In May the outing went to the Savill Gardens in Windsor Great Park where the Rhododendrons & Azaleas were at their best. The plant sale made the same profit as last year. September saw the departure to lands new of Thelma & Roy Coughtrey having moved home to the North Pole (not quite - but Norfolk). No doubt Roy will take all the trophies of his new town society. Once again three excellent shows were recorded with 911 exhibits. A very good year for Mary Redding in her first year as show secretary, with Mrs Edith Butler as her assistant.

The success of the open gardens and supper evening meant we were able to make a donation of £56 to the Bucks Association for Gardening for the Disabled. A very worthy cause.

1994 was opened as usual with the AGM when Mrs. Doreen Ellis was elected our first Lady President. Thelma & Roy Coughtrey were made Honorary Members. Brian Butler retired as Treasurer on May 1st with Michael George taking over. The outing this year was to Hatfield house where the Garden Festival was being held. The profit from the plant sale was another record of £832 the membership stood at 235 from 157 households. Three more excellent shows had a total number of exhibits of 773, being slightly down on last year, due to the weather.

The 1995 AGM saw only one change in the committee with Roger Green replacing Michael MacLaurin as Secretary. The plant sale this year produced a profit of £605 a slight drop against last year's total due to an increase in expenses. We received an invitation from the Royal Horticultural Society to exhibit a hanging basket and window box at the Chelsea Flower Show next year. The chairman said that a special Chelsea show committee would be formed to plan the exhibits in time for May '96. There has been a slight drop in the membership, due to people leaving the district. There were excellent outings to Wisley and the Hampton Court Flower Show along with good weather. The three shows produced a total of 633 entries from 87 exhibitors.

1996 started off on a quiet note with our first members' meeting in February, followed in March with the AGM, when Miss Pat Southgate was elected to the office of Chairman. Joe Ratlidge took over as show secretary. The entry for Chelsea was duly planted by Diane Haworth, Primrose Cundell & Joe Ratlidge. We did not win any medal this year but will try again next year. This year members' gardens were open in Spring, Summer & Autumn, finishing in the Stewart Hall with a tea party. This proved to be most enjoyable and will be repeated in 1998. In early June we suffered a most horrendous thunder storm with hail stones as big as golf balls. This storm did a lot of damage to greenhouses and to our entry for the National Sweet Pea Society Show which we had to cancel. The three shows produced 563 exhibits, which was much lower than usual due to the storm. An average of 45-50 members attended the monthly meetings to hear an excellent range of speakers on Geraniums, Lilies, Roses, Pot Plants & Growing Fruit, just to mention a few.

This ends the history of the Society over the past twenty-one years, and I hope it makes interesting reading.

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Mrs. J. Hurd for the Ellesborough P. C. articles.

Mr. Bill Adams & Mrs. Beth Green for the gift of show schedules & prize cards for the archives.

PAST SECRETARIES

M. Payne	1975 - 1979
Mrs. J. Hamford	1979 - 1982
Mrs. E. Carter	1982 - 1985
Mrs. S. Wilson	1985 - 1987
Mrs. N. Way	1988 - 1991
M. MacLaurin	1991 - 1995
R. Green	1995 - 1997

PAST TREASURERS

J. Storey	1975 - 1979
Mrs. P. Hoyle	1979 - 1980
Mrs. J. Green	1980 - 1984 (1987)
R. Coughlin	1984 - 1987
J. Hallidge	1987 - 1989
Mrs. I. Barber	1989 - 1991
B. Butler	1991 - 1994 (May)
M. George	1994 -

PAST SHOW SECRETARIES

M. P. Rice	1975 - 1982
Mrs. D. Cile	1982 - 1985
R. Coughlin	1985 - 1989
J. Hallidge	1989 - 1992
Mrs. M. Redding	1992 - 1996
J. Hallidge	1996 -

Appendix 1

PAST PRESIDENTS

J. Cheetham 1980 - 1988
M. P. Rees 1988 - 1991
R. Coughtrey 1991 - 1994
Mrs. D. Ellis 1994 -

PAST CHAIRMEN

J. Cheetham 1975 - 1978
R. Bull 1978 - 1983
M. P. Rees 1983 - 1988
R. Coughtrey 1988 - 1991
Mrs. T. Coughtrey 1991 - 1993
J. Ratlidge 1993 - 1996
Miss P. Southgate 1996 -

PAST SECRETARIES

H. Peplow 1975 - 1979
Mrs. J. Hannaford 1979 - 1982
Mrs. E. Eames 1982 - 1985
Mrs. S. Wilson 1985 - 1987
Mrs. N. Weir 1988 - 1991
M. MacLaurin 1991 - 1995
R. Green 1995 - 1997

PAST TREASURERS

J. Stacey 1975 - 1978
Mrs. P. Nobbs 1978 - 1980
Mrs. J. Brown 1980 - 1984 (July)
R. Coughtrey 1984 - 1987
J. Ratlidge 1987 - 1989
Mrs. I. Baxter 1989 - 1991
B. Butler 1991 - 1994 (May)
M. George 1994 -

PAST SHOW SECRETARIES

M. P. Rees 1975 - 1982
Mrs. D. Ellis 1982 - 1986
R. Coughtrey 1986 - 1989
J. Ratlidge 1989 - 1992
Mrs. M. Redding 1992 - 1996
J. Ratlidge 1996 -

Appendix 2

VELVET LAWN

Cottage Garden Association.

BALANCE SHEET,
1892.

Lady Patroness.

MRS. FRANKLAND RUSSELL ASTLEY.

President :

BERTRAM F. ASTLEY, ESQ.

Vice President :

H. V. GIBSON CRAIG, ESQ.

Acting Secretary and Treasurer :

H. V. GIBSON CRAIG, ESQ.

Committee :

MR. W. EAST.

MR. FLEMING.

MR. R. HAILEY.

MR. MOORE.

MR. NORRIS.

MR. PALMER.

MR. PITCHER.

MR. SLAYMAKER.

MR. SMITH.

MR. B. STOPPS.

MR. WENN.

Wicket Lawn Cottage

Garden Association.

BALANCE SHEET FOR 1892.

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	...	...	...	5	7	7
Lord Rothschild	...	...	...	5	0	0
Baron F. de Rothschild	...	...	...	5	0	0
Mr. A. de Rothschild	...	...	...	5	0	0
"	(for 1891, not entered last year)			5	0	0
Lady Sutton	...	...	...	5	0	0
Mrs. Frankland Russell Astley	...	...	...	1	1	0
Lady Florence Astley	...	...	...	1	1	0
B. F. Astley, Esq.	...	...	...	1	1	0
H. V. Gibson Craig, Esq.	...	...	...	1	1	0
E. Waller, Esq.	...	...	...	1	1	0
Mrs. Simcox	...	...	...	1	1	0
Mrs. Murray	...	...	...	1	0	0
Miss Bridges	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Raleigh	...	...	...	1	0	0
The Rev. A. K. Hobart-Hampden	...	...	...	10	6	
The Rev. J. Sumner	...	...	...	10	6	
Mr. C. Cox	...	...	...	2	6	
Little Kimble Gate	...	...	...	20	8	3
Ellesborough Gate	9	9	0
Great Kimble Gate	5	0	3
Mr. Rayner's Refreshment Tender	1	2	6
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				£76	17	1
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PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Prizes given on Thursday, August 27th	15	0	0
Prizes for Athletic Sports	3	12	6
P. Brisker	5	0	0
O. Darville	5	0	0
W. Eldridge	5	0	0
Police Assistance	1	0	0
H. Fennimore (Bill Sticking)	1	0	0
Judge (Mr. Shrimpton)	1	1	0
Putman, for Tents, Flags, &c.	7	6	0
Band (Wendover)	4	0	0
Poulton, for Printing, Advertising, &c.	7	0	10
Refreshments for Judge, Police, and Band...	10	6	0
Deposited in Bucks and Oxon Bank	35	11	3

£76 17 1

H. V. GIBSON CRAIG, *Acting Secretary.*



THE FIFTH SHOW *of the Association*
was held in VELVET LAWN,
on Thursday, August 25th, and showed
great improvement both in attendance and
entries on any previous year.

The Committee beg to thank those who
have so liberally supported the Association,
and trust that donations may be again
received towards the expenses of the Show
which is to be held on August 17th.

Subscriptions will be received by the
Treasurer,

H. V. GIBSON CRAIG, Esq.,

Lady Mede, Little Kimble, Bucks.

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Appendix 3

The ANNUAL SHOW will be held in VELVET LAWN
on THURSDAY, AUGUST 19th, 1897.

VELVET LAWN
Cottage Garden Association

Lady Patroness—MRS. FRANKLAND RUSSELL ASTLEY.

President—BERTRAM F. ASTLEY, ESQ.

Vice-President—H. V. GIBSON CRAIG, ESQ.

Acting Secretary and Treasurer—H. V. GIBSON CRAIG, ESQ.

Committee.

REV. A. K. HOBART-HAMPDEN.

REV. H. D. ASTLEY.
MR. BENYON.
MR. DEERING.
MR. W. EAST.
MR. GLYN.
MR. R. HAILEY.

MR. NORRIS.
MR. PITCHER.
MR. SLAYMAKER.
MR. SMITH.
MR. BENJAMIN STOPPS.
MR. WEBB.

RULES.

- 1.—That this Association be called "The Velvet Lawn Cottage Garden Association."
- 2.—That the Show be open to all Cottagers residing in the parishes of Ellesborough, Great Kimble, and Little Kimble.
- 3.—That no Entrance Fee be charged for Exhibits.
- 4.—That a Cottager be one who pays £10 rent and under for his or her cottage.
- 5.—That all exhibits be the *bona fide* production of the exhibitor's own garden.
- 6.—Any exhibitor attempting to get a prize unfairly shall forfeit all claim to prizes, and not be allowed to exhibit at any future show of the Association.
- 7.—That every exhibitor must send a list of the articles he intends to exhibit to the Secretary one week before the Show, and all entries for the prizes for the best kept Gardens must be made one month before the Show.
- 8.—That every exhibitor must put the name of each variety of potato and vegetable on his exhibits.
- 9.—That every exhibitor not showing numbers or weight, according to the Schedule, will be disqualified.
- 10.—That no exhibitor be allowed to take more than one prize in each class.
- 11.—That the decision of the Judges be final.

VEGETABLES.

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.
	a.	a.	a.	a.
1. Collection of Vegetables, limited to 8 varieties ...	10	7/G	5	2/G
2. Collection of Potatoes, limited to 6 varieties ...	10	7/G	5	2/G
3. Potatoes, round, white (12) ...	4	3	2	1
4. " kidney, white (12) ...	4	3	2	1
5. " round, coloured (12) ...	4	3	2	1
6. " kidney, coloured (12) ...	4	3	2	1
7. Onions, spring sown (12) ...	4	3	2	1
8. " autumn sown (12) ...	4	3	2	1
9. Eschallots (12) ...	4	3	2	1
10. Carrots (6) ...	4	3	2	1
11. Turnips (6) ...	4	3	2	1
12. Parsnips (6) ...	4	3	2	1
13. Cabbages (3) ...	4	3	2	1
14. Red Cabbages (3) ...	4	3	2	1
15. Cauliflowers (3) ...	4	3	2	1
16. Peas (21 pods) ...	4	3	2	1
17. Dwarf beans ...	4	3	2	1
18. Beans, scarlet runners (24 pods) ...	4	3	2	1
19. Broad Beans (12 pods) ...	4	3	2	1
20. Lettuces, cos (3) ...	3	2	1	
21. Celery (3 sticks) ...	4	3	2	1
22. Basket of Salad ...	4	3	2	1
23. Vegetable Marrows (2) ...	3	2	1	
24. Heaviest Potato ...	3	2	1	

FRUIT.

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
	a.	a.	a.
25. Apples, cooking (12) ...	3	2	1
26. Apples, eating (12) ...	3	2	1
27. Plums (12) ...	3	2	1
28. Greengages (12) ...	3	2	1
29. Currants, red (1 pound) ...	3	2	1
30. Currants, black (1 pound) ...	3	2	1
31. Gooseberries (21) ...	3	2	1
32. Rhubarb (6 sticks) ...	3	2	1

FLOWERS.

All exhibits in the classes for Flowers and Window Plants must have been in the Exhibitor's possession three months.

33. Three window plants, in pots—distinct varieties ...	5	4	3
34. Geraniums, any colour, two, in pots ...	4	3	2
35. Fuchsia, one, in pot ...	4	3	2
36. Stuck, one pot ...	3	2	1
37. Foliage plant, one, in pot ...	3	2	1
38. Six Dahlias, three distinct varieties ...	3	2	1
39. Asters (6) ...	3	2	1
40. Sunflower, largest flowers ...	3	2	1
41. Marigolds, French (6) ...	3	2	1
42. Marigolds, African (6) ...	3	2	1
43. Roses (6) ...	3	2	1
44. Annuals, six distinct varieties ...	3	2	1
45. Bouquet of Cut Flowers most tastefully arranged ...	4	3	2

Appendix 4

Kimble Horticultural Association.

PRESIDENT—

C. E. STEWART, Esq.

VICE-PRESIDENTS—

HON. SECRETARIES and HON. TREASURERS—

Mr. S. G. BOSWELL, { Little Kimble.
Mr. F. C. COX, }

COMMITTEE—

L. T. Burra, Esq., Chairman, Mr. S. Rose, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Clark,
Mrs. Ingram, Mr. E. G. Spittles, Mr. Webb, Mr. E. Spittles, Senr.,
Mr. G. Haynes, Mr. A. Haynes, Mr. A. Humphries, Mr. H. Darvill, Mr. J. Darvill,
Mr. H. North, Mr. E. Rutland, Mr. W. Swannell, Mr. G. Rogers.

SHOW

to be held in

The Village Hall, Kimble,

ON

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12th, 1926.

A. J. CLEAR, PRINTER, WINSLOW.

RULES.

- 1.—The Society shall be called the Kimble Horticultural Association.
- 2.—Anyone residing in the Parish may become a member upon paying the Annual Subscription.
- 3.—The management of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the President, Secretaries and Treasurer, who are members ex-officio, and twenty of the members—five to form a quorum. This Committee will retire annually but will be eligible for re-election.
- 4.—The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in January of each year.
- 5.—An Honorary Member of the Association is one who pays an Annual subscription of not less than five shillings. Hon. Members subscribing 10/- or more are eligible for election as Vice-Presidents, and are entitled to a free ticket for admission to the Show.
- 6.—The Annual Subscription for Members shall be two shillings, and for those under 14 years of age, sixpence. A Member's ticket gives free admission to the Show, on its production.
- 7.—All subscriptions *must* be paid before entries of exhibits for the Show can be accepted.
- 8.—All exhibits *must* be the bona fide production of the exhibitor's own Garden or Allotment.
- 9.—All entries of exhibits for competition *must* be made 14 days before the date of the Show, to the Secretary, in writing.
- 10.—No Member shall be allowed to take more than one Prize in any one Class; and no two Members *in one house* shall be allowed to enter for any one Class unless the exhibits be grown in separate Gardens.
- 11.—The Village Hall will be open on the day of the Show at 9 a.m. for the receipt of exhibits, *which must be staged by 11.30 a.m.* The Hall will be cleared for Judging at 12 noon. Exhibits shall be removed by 8 p.m., but *not before 7.30 p.m.*
- 12.—All objections *must* be made on the day of the Show and be left to the decision of the Committee, which shall be final.
- 13.—All due care will be taken of the exhibits, but the Committee will not be responsible for loss of, or damage done to them, during or after the Show.
- 14.—A Member paying less than £30 annually as Rent for his Cottage and Garden may show in the Classes for Cottagers—excepting Professional Gardeners; Members paying £30 or more as Rent can only show in the Open Classes.
- 15.—The Committee shall have power to arrange Open Classes of Exhibits at the Show.
- 16.—The Committee shall have power to appoint any of its members to inspect the Gardens or Allotments of Competitors previous to the Show.
- 17.—No alteration or addition to these Rules shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting, or at a Meeting specially called for the purpose, and seven days notice in writing *must* be given to the Hon. Secretaries of any such proposed alteration or addition.

SCHEDULE.

*N.B.—Unless 4 exhibits be entered for each of the Classes
only two Prizes will be awarded.*

COTTAGERS. CLASS I.

PLANTS IN POTS.

Class.	1st. s. d.	2nd. s. d.	3rd. s. d.
1—Best group of 6 Pot Plants	5 0	2 6	1 0
2—Three Window Plants, distinct varieties ...	3 0	2 0	1 0
3—Three Foliage Plants, distinct varieties ...	3 0	2 0	1 0
4—Best Fuchsia, in bloom	3 0	2 0	1 0
5—Best Pot Plant, in bloom (other than Fuchsia) ...	3 0	2 0	1 0

CLASS II.

CUT FLOWERS.

6—Six Dahlias	3 0	2 0	1 0
7—Six Asters	3 0	2 0	1 0
8—Six Marigolds, French	3 0	2 0	1 0
9—Six ditto, African	3 0	2 0	1 0
10—Six Roses	3 0	2 0	1 0
11—Six distinct varieties of Annuals	3 0	2 0	1 0
12—Six „ „ Perennials	3 0	2 0	1 0
13—Collection of Sweet Peas, 3 varieties, 12 spikes each	5 0	3 0	2 0
14—Best arranged Bouquet of Flowers	3 0	2 0	1 0
15—Nosegay of Wild Flowers (Children)	3 0	2 0	1 0

CLASS III.

FRUIT.

16—Plums (Greengage) 12	3 0	2 0	1 0
17—Plums, 12	3 0	2 0	1 0
18—Plums, 6	3 0	2 0	1 0
19—Apples, 6, Dessert	3 0	2 0	1 0
20— „ „ 6, Cooking	3 0	2 0	1 0
21—Rhubarb, 6 sticks	3 0	2 0	1 0
22—Best Collection of Fruit, 3 each of 4 varieties ...	4 0	3 0	2 0

CLASS IV.

VEGETABLES.

23—Collection of Vegetables, 8 varieties	7 6	5 0	2 6
24—Collection of Potatoes, 6 varieties	5 0	2 6	1 6
25—Twelve Potatoes, White round	3 0	2 0	1 0
26— „ „ White kidney	3 0	2 0	1 0
27— „ „ Coloured, round	3 0	2 0	1 0
28— „ „ Coloured kidney	3 0	2 0	1 0
29—Twelve Onions, Spring sown	3 0	2 0	1 0
30—Six Onions, Autumn sown	3 0	2 0	1 0

CLASS IV (continued).

Class.	1st. s. d.	2nd. s. d.	3rd. s. d.
31—Twelve Eschallots	3 0	2 0	1 0
32—Six Carrots	3 0	2 0	1 0
33—Six Turnips	3 0	2 0	1 0
34—Six Parsnips	3 0	2 0	1 0
35—Three Cabbages	3 0	2 0	1 0
36—Three Red Cabbages	3 0	2 0	1 0
37—Three Cauliflowers	3 0	2 0	1 0
38—Twenty-four Pods of Peas	3 0	2 0	1 0
39—Twenty-four pods of Beans, Scarlet Runners	3 0	2 0	1 0
40—Twenty-four „ „ Dwarf	3 0	2 0	1 0
41—Twelve „ „ Broad	3 0	2 0	1 0
42—Three Lettuce, Cos	3 0	2 0	1 0
43—Three „ Cabbage	3 0	2 0	1 0
44—Three sticks of Celery	3 0	2 0	1 0
45—Basket of Salad	3 0	2 0	1 0
46—Two Vegetable Marrows	3 0	2 0	1 0
47—Six Beetroots	3 0	2 0	1 0

CLASS V.

ALLOTMENTS & GARDENS. Entrance Fee 6d.

48—Best kept Allotment, not less than 20 poles	10 0	7 6	5 0
49—Best kept Cottage, Cardeu	10 0	7 6	5 0

CLASS VI.

OPEN CLASSES.

Entrance Fee for Non-Members, 1/-. Open to all Gardeners within 3 mile radius of the Hall.

50—Group of 6 Pot Plants	7 6	5 0	2 6
51—Collection of Cut Flowers, 12 blooms	7 6	5 0	2 6
52—Collection of Fruit, 3 each of 4 varieties	7 6	5 0	2 6
53—Collection of Vegetables, 8 varieties	7 6	5 0	2 6
54—Collection of Potatoes, 6 varieties	7 6	5 0	2 6

CLASS VII.

HANDICRAFTS.

55—For Adults—Best made Garment	4 0	3 0	2 0
56—For Girls „ „	3 0	2 0	1 0
57—For Boys „ „	3 0	2 0	1 0

CLASS VIII.

LACE (not less than half-a-yard).

58—For Best Piece of Bucks Lace, Adults	5 0	3 0	2 0
59— „ „ „ „ under 15	3 0	2 0	1 0

The attention of Members is specially drawn to Rules No. 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14.

Appendix 5

KIMBLE HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

THE HOMESTEAD,
GREAT KIMBLE,
NR. AYLESBURY,
October 1935.

Dear Sir (or Madam),

The Committee has arranged for the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Village Hall on Friday, the 18th October, at 7.30 p.m.

They propose to bring forward at the Meeting a Scheme for your approval, which they feel will be of benefit to the Association and all its members. In view of this it is their earnest wish that all members do their best to attend.

The following is the agenda of the Meeting :—

- (1) Minutes of last Annual General Meeting.
- (2) Annual Report.
- (3) Financial Statement.
- (4) Presentation of Cups.
- (5) Election of Officers :—
 - (a) President.
 - (b) Chairman.
 - (c) Secretary and Treasurer.
 - (d) Committee.
- (6) Scheme proposed by the late Committee.
- (7) Any other Business.

Yours Sincerely,

W. E. WOOLCOTT,

Secretary.

Clears, Printers, Winslow.

ANNUAL REPORT 1935.

Your Committee again have the greatest of pleasure in presenting their Report of the year's work.

In the first place may we say that we were able to carry out the increases suggested in the last Annual Report. We feel that these increases in the Classes upon the Schedule were fully justified by the Exhibits shown.

The first item that comes under review is the membership. We are sorry that we are unable to report an increase in the Adult section, The membership here being 30, the same as in 1934. In the Juvenile section we are able to report an increase of 10, the figure now being 42. May we point out that the figure given for the Adult section does not include the President, Vice-Presidents or Honorary Members, so that actually our membership is 60.

Following on we come to the review of the Show and its statistics. Your Committee feel that you will agree that the day was a great success, the weather again being kind to us, and thereby doing its share towards this. An increased attendance, which we should think was 75 to 100 more than in 1934, also done much to help. Then again we must mention a further increase that made its quota in the day's success namely, the entries, which were as follows: Cottagers Classes 199 against 154 in 1934, Open Section 100 as against 41, Table Decorations 12 as against 7. In the Handicraft, Egg and Juvenile Sections there was a decrease of 6 entries, the figure for 1935 being 88. The total increase in entries for 1935 was 103. Your Committee propose to endeavour in 1936 to ascertain what proportion of the entries made are actually exhibited, as we feel that these figures will be of interest.

The Silver Challenge Cup for General Efficiency in the Cottagers Classes was won by Mr. C. Adams with 68 points, Mr. A. Evans the winner in 1934 being 2nd with 51 points. Mr. C. Adams also won the Silver Challenge Cup for the Cottager's Collection of Vegetables. Mr. A. C. Read of Quainton won the Silver Medal for the best dish of Potatoes in the Show. We would like to express our heartiest congratulation to Mr. Read for the really excellent quality of the potatoes exhibited by him. Mr. Alexander won the Special Prize of £1 offered for General Efficiency in the Open Classes.

Your Committee wish to place upon record their gratitude to all those who helped as Stewards in the Tents and at the Sideshows, and also to the Ladies who help to cater for the visitors to the Show. These friends who numbered in all about 50 carried out their duties with such efficiency and willingness that they considerably lightened the task of the Committee. To all these we are in debt, and the only way we can repay is to request them to again help us in 1936.

Again our thanks are due to the President, Vice-Presidents and Honorary Members who have again given us so willingly the financial help that we need to carry on the Association. Your Committee will be pleased to receive offers of persons who would be willing to become Vice-Presidents, or to promise the prize money in any of the Classes.

We must not forget the Ladies and Gentlemen who have given both time and labour freely in the arduous task of Judging the Exhibits, and also the Auditors. The appreciation of all the members is we feel extended to them for the skilful way in which they have carried out the work.

It is with great regret that one of the most important items does not show an increase, namely the Balance Sheet. As you will see from the figures given Herewith the Association had a loss on the year's working of 18/1. May we point out that this is largely caused by by increase in the prize money paid of £5 12s 0d, and the cost of the Tents of £3 5s 0d, and also expenditure in additional sideshows which did not bring in any additional revenue.

During the year your Committee organised a Concert, two Whist Drives and a Dance, the last item of which only does not show an addition to our revenue. Your Committee would recommend that such items of mutual interest and help are again organised during the coming year.

BALANCE SHEET 1935.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance at Bank		35 7 11
Concerts	2 5 10	
Whist Drives (2)	3 4 11	
Dance	5 9	
	-----	5 16 6
Donations from President, Vice-Presidents and Honorary Members		14 18 6
Member's Fees		4 6 6
Gift of Prize Money and Expenses		13 5 10
Entry Fees		4 12 1
Receipts from Show :—		
Gate	9 18 6	
Sideshow	29 9 5	
Dance	5 5 3	
Teas and Refreshments	1 10 8	
	-----	46 3 10

		£124 11 5

Balance on Deposit a/c		18 3

Audited and found correct—

W. E. HINE /
W. N. HILL / Auditors.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Show Expenses :—						
Prizes	33	8	6
Sports Prizes	3	15	5
Hire of Tents	9	0	0
Band	7	0	0
Printing	4	9	0
Escalado	10	6	
Chocolates and Cigarettes	9	5	5
Hire of Village Hall	5	4	6
„ Cricket Ground	1	0	0
„ Hoopla	1	10	9
„ Shute and Cartage of same	2	0	0
„ Accesories and Cartage	1	17	2
Sundries (Doll, Watch, etc.)	2	7	5

					81	8 8
Secretaries Honorarium	3	0	0
Gift to Secretary from Vice-President	2	0	0

					5	0 0
Postages and Sundries		3	12 11
Cash at Bank	33	19	2
Balance in Petty Cash	10	8	

					34	9 10

					£124	11 5

Balance on Deposit a/c		18	3

Subject to Gift of £2 from Vice-President to Secretary being duly confirmed.

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