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MEMBERS FEES

At the July AGM, the committee recommended to members for an increase in fees by \$5. After some discussion, a vote was taken and passed to increase member's fees.

Single: \$20
Family: \$30

Member's fees have stayed low at \$15 since 2001. But our expenses have kept increasing, eg, stamps, insurance, etc etc

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All members' annual subscription fees are due on July 1st every year.

NOW is the time to pay your membership fee.

Pay at the monthly meeting. Would help if you could bring the exact amount.

Single: \$20.00
Family: \$30.00

OR by mail.

Please make cheques payable to Preston Garden Club Inc, P.O. Box 1004, Preston, 3072.

OR Bank Transfer.

BSB No 063 385
Account No. 10768835, Reference your ("phone number" Subs).

OR

If you don't have either, you can pay directly into the Club's bank account?

1/ It's very simple, go to any Commonwealth Bank in your local area.

2/ With the banking details above and your money.

3/ Give the Clubs banking details and money to the teller.

4/ Ask the teller to include your phone number in payment description (so our Treasurer will know you have paid).

COMMITTEE 2024 - 2025

President: Bill Chamberlain
Vice President: Daksha Singh
Anita Chamberlain
Secretary: Mia Mikin
Treasurer: None
Committee: Kate Aplin
Heather Meaklim
Antoine Enichteyan

Robert Strugnell, Helen Salisbury, Barbara Higgins and Helen Shugg did not stand for committee. Thanks for their support and work over past many years.



NEWS ITEMS 1934 - 1936

The Sun News-Pictorial, Saturday 25th August 1934, Page 14.

Horticulture at Preston

A public meeting will be held in Preston town hall on Monday night to form a horticultural society for Preston. The meeting has been convened by the Mayor of Preston (Cr. H. P. Zwar, M.L.A.).

The Sun News-Pictorial Friday 14th December 1934 Page 20.

Beautiful Blooms at Preston

Many beautiful blooms were shown at the monthly meeting of Preston Horticultural Society. Skillfully arranged baskets of flowers increased the effect.
Points awarded:—Basket (open), Mrs. Firth, 4; basket (novice), Mrs. Payne, 4; three vases cut flowers (open), E. F. Solano, 15; three vases cut flowers (open), Mrs. Firth, 11; three vases arranged flowers (open), Mrs. Solano, 15; three vases arranged flowers (open), Mrs. Firth, 12; three vases cut flowers (novice), Mrs. Millar, 12; three vases cut flowers (novice), Mrs. Druett, 10; three vases cut flowers (novice), Mrs. Millar, 8.
Monthly Competition:—Three vases of gladioli, Mrs. Millar.

The Age Monday 25th March 1935 Page 12.

PRESTON,

There was an excellent staging of flowers at the first show of the Preston Horticultural Society in the local town hall on Saturday evening. Principal prize takers were:—
Champion Gladioli: C. J. Coates, Bentleygh (Mrs. S. A. Burp). Champion Rose: R. C. Gillman, Brunswick (Mrs. Henry Winnett). Best Bunch of Flowers: W. Pettigrove, Curburg (Golden Sonne). Champion Dahlia: S. J. Vautier (Frau o' Bracht). Open Class.—Twelve Decorative Dahlias, distinct: W. Glassford, six Decorative Dahlias, distinct: C. A. Hardy, 1; W. Glassford, 2. Nine Garden Cactus Dahlias: C. E. Watson, six Garden Cactus Dahlias: E. J. Kearney, 1; C. E. Warburton, 2. Nine Cactus Dahlias: E. J. Kearney, 2. Cactus Dahlias: S. J. Brown, 1; C. E. Warburton, 2. Twelve Foliage Dahlias: F. Todd, 1; A. S. Anderson, 2. Three Giant Six Stem Dahlias Over Nine Inches: S. J. Vautier. Six Show or Fancy Dahlias: F. Todd. Six Miniature Decorative Dahlias Not Over Five Inches: A. Harry, 1; S. J. Vautier, 2. The full list of awards will appear in "The Leader."

GARDEN COMPETITION AT PRESTON
The Preston Horticultural Society is holding a garden competition, which is open to residents of Preston. There are two sections— one for frontages of 45ft. and under and the other for frontages of 45ft. 1in. and over. The competition is confined to amateur gardeners. The closing date for entries is March 7 and the judging will take place on March 14. The prizes will be presented at the autumn show of the society on March 21.

GARDEN CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

The HOME, August 1st, 1934.

Although August is looked upon as the beginning of Spring, gardeners must realise that there will be a great deal of cold weather with frosts and biting winds for quite a long time yet; still, we have the satisfaction of knowing that, from now onwards, conditions will gradually improve on those with which we have had to contend for the last two months.

This month offers the opportunity we have all been anticipating for the sowing of those brilliant annuals which make our gardens gay during the late spring and summer months. It will be necessary to choose a warm corner for the seed boxes or nursery beds. If the former are used, they should be covered with glass to assist germination. Amongst the varieties from which a choice can be made are asters, zinnias, salpiglossis, amaranthus, cornflower, delphinium, cosmos, everlastings, petunia, phlox, clarkia and godetia, and there are many other kinds of annuals, biennials and perennials, which will be found listed in seedsmen's catalogues.

The Brazilian Glory Pea (*Sesbania Tripetii*) will grow readily from seeds sown during this month. This is a magnificent shrub, growing to a height of 8 or 10 feet. If the seeds are soaked in hot water they will germinate more quickly.

All manner of plants which multiply by offsets springing from the base of the older plant can be

divided and replanted on good soil. Typical varieties are lavender shower, perennial phlox, mock erica, delphiniums, rudbeckia and similar subjects.

The planting of buffalo grass lawns can be done at this period, after the ground has been thoroughly dug and brought to a firm and level surface. The runners can be planted in rows nine inches apart, with a similar distance separating the sets in the rows, taking care that the plants in the second row are spaced opposite the centre of the space between the plants occupying the former row, and this order of planting is continued to the end. When growth has started, a thin top dressing of light soil can be applied with advantage.

This is one of the best months for planting gladioli in most districts; but in extremely cold and late places planting can be deferred until September.

Seeds of mignonette, linaria, alyssum, and other annuals that are best placed where they are to flower, may be sown during this month, taking care that any seeds of a fine nature are not buried deeply, but simply pressed into the soil and the lightest of covering applied.

There is a busy time ahead for those who take a delight in growing all their vegetables. There is still time for the planting of such permanent varieties as rhubarb, asparagus, horse radish, thyme, sage, marjoram and other things which, when once placed, continue to produce for a number of seasons. It is far better to prepare the ground well previous to the planting of these permanents than to rely upon applications of manure and fertiliser afterwards, although the latter is of great help to the growing plants in conjunction with the initial preparation of the soil. Rhubarb and asparagus are

particularly voracious plants, so be particularly generous in their treatment.

The sowing of carrots and parsnips is now quite a safe matter. They should be sown in shallow drills with some 18 to 24 inches separating the drills from each other. The seeds can be sown fairly thickly because the germination of parsnip seed is not always reliable; and, in both cases, should the seedlings come up too thick, sufficient can be removed and transplanted to other rows. Carrot seeds take a long time to germinate. In order to know exactly where the row of carrot seeds is sown, a good plan is to drop a radish seed every six or seven inches along the row of carrot seeds before covering over. The radishes germinate in a few days, and the young plants will mark the position of the row of carrots, thus permitting the hoe or cultivator to be employed between the rows for the destruction of weeds. The young radishes can, of course, always be used.

Seed potatoes may be planted on ground that has been well worked, and a dressing of Sulphate of Potash incorporated with the soil whilst the digging is in progress. Potatoes are also partial to lime and, where this is present in the soil, cleaner and better tubers will be dug. The sets are placed about a foot apart in the rows, whilst the latter should be two or three feet distant from each other. Small tubers are better when planted whole, but large seed can be cut into suitable sizes.

Seeds of silver beet and beetroot should be sown for summer use. The seeds germinate quicker if soaked for some hours in warm water before planting.

They are sown in rows where they are to grow, spacing the seeds about six inches apart, and allowing 18 inches or 2 feet between the rows.

Peas are of the easiest culture. The seeds are sown two or three inches apart in rows, allowing 18 inches between rows for dwarf varieties such as Green Feast, Richard Seddon, American Wonder and English Wonder; whilst for the taller growing sorts, such as Yorkshire Hero and Stratagem, four feet of space must be given between rows. The two last named need staking, which is unnecessary for the dwarf kinds.

Cucumbers, melons, marrows and pumpkins need warmth to assure good germination. In the colder regions it will be necessary to sow the seeds under glass at this time of year; but in the warmer areas, the seeds could be sown where the plants are to grow, placing a box, from which the top and bottom has been removed, over each hill. A pane of glass over the box will assist germination and, if taken off in the daytime and replaced at night, after the plants are well up this will gradually harden them until later on both the box and the glass can be taken away altogether.

OLD ENGLISH BUTTERSCOTCH



Old English Butterscotch recipe – the best butterscotch, made from a recipe from 1934. Crush it onto the top of ice-cream for a special treat, dip it in chocolate or eat it as it is!

Ingredients:
 1lb or 450 gm of raw sugar (also known as demarara sugar, turbinado sugar, natural brown or light brown sugar).
 3/4 180ml of water.
 a pinch of cream of tartar OR 1tsp of white vinegar.
 4 oz or 120 gm of butter.
 4 tbsp of cream (or 3tbsp if you're using an Australian 20 ml tablespoon).

Method:
 Cover a baking tray with foil and spray lightly with cooking oil (not olive oil, it will make it taste funky).
 Heat the sugar and water over a low heat until the sugar has dissolved and bring to the boil.
 Add a pinch of cream of tartar or a teaspoon of white vinegar and stir in.
 Heat until it reaches hard crack stage, which is 150 degrees C or 302 degrees F.
 When it reaches hard crack stage add the butter and cream and stir in.
 Pour quickly into your tray.
 Leave until it starts to set and score some lines in it where you want to break it later.
 Leave overnight to cool, break into squares and enjoy!

MEMBERS NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

August: Brendan Matthews, Helen Shugg, Joy Snell, & Val Coco.

We wish you all a wonderful celebration.

FIND THE WORD

Well, how did you go with finding the word in the last newsletter? The word is –

EQUAL

The word this month has 5 letters. What could it be?

Look at the four pictures for the clue. Answer next newsletter.



MONTHLY COMPETITION

August 28th: August competition is cancelled due to our 90th celebrations.

September 25th: One Container Mixed Cut Flowers, 6-10 stems, At Least Three Kinds.

MONTHLY MEETING

7.30pm start

August 28th: Preston Garden Club Inc. 90 years old!!

September 25th: Liz from Plantsmith - Indoor Plants.

Minutes of Public meeting held on 27 - 8 - 34 in the Supper Room of the Preston Town Hall

Cr H. P. ZWAR M. L. A. in the chair

There were over 40 people present

Cr Zwar explained the object of the meeting was formation of a Horticultural Society in Preston

Moved by Mr Brown Seconded by Mr Richmond that a Society be formed

Carried

Moved by Mr Hardy Seconded by Mr McIntyre that the Society be named Preston Horticultural Society Carried

It was then decided to proceed with the election of officials for the ensuing year

President Cr. H. P. Zwar M. L. A. J. P. elected unopposed, on the motion of Mr Mc Intyre seconded by Mr Brown Carried

Cr Zwar suitably responded

Secretary E Warner nominated by Mr Brown Seconded by Mr Smith

Mr Pearce nominated but declined nominations were then closed and Mr Warner duly elected

Carried

Assistant Secretary Mr Smith nominated by Mr. Thorpe Seconded by Mr Purcell

Carried

Treasurer Mr. D. Mc Intyre nominated by Mr Williams Seconded by Mr Brown Mr Williams nominated but Declined Mr Mc Intyre was then duly elected Carried

Vice Presidents 4 Vice Presidents were decided on 2 amateur and 2 professional gardeners on the motion of Mr Harry Seconded by Mr Hardy carried

Messrs Pearce, Todd, Hardy and Railton were duly elected carried

Committee Moved by Mr Harry Seconded by Mr Hardy that the committee be 6 amateur and 6 Professional Gardeners Carried

The following members were then elected Messrs E. A. Eagles, Brown, W. Brace, Clarke, Miller, Harry, N Brown, Binns and Richmond

Ladies Social Committee Also to act on the General Committee with power to add Moved by Mr Harry seconded by Mr Hardy that all Ladies present to act on the Committee Carried

Subscriptions Gents 5/- Ladies 2/6

Youths age limit 18 years 2/6 School Children Free on the motion of Mr Edwards Seconded by Mr Brown

Carried

Moved by Mr Hardy Seconded by Mr Binns that the Committee meet and draft constitution of Society and report to the next monthly meeting Carried

Moved by Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Pearce that meetings be held on the 4th Thursday of each month

An ammendment moved by Mr Mc Cartney Seconded by Mr Binns that the meetings be held on the first Monday of each month on the vote of those present the ammendment was defeated It was decided to adhere to the Motion 4th Thursday of each Month Carried

The meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to Cr Zwar, by Mr Heather supported by Messrs Pearce Hardy, and Mc Cartney.

M. A. Pearce

V.P.

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