



THE Living Memory Association NEWSLETTER

THELMA says, 'Keep Calm and Garden on!'



This is little Margaret Reid, making a valiant effort with the garden roller in 1932. The photo was taken somewhere around Glasgow, possibly Shettleston. Maybe it wasn't a lawn. It looks more like a communal area of grass so it was very public-spirited of her to do a bit of volunteer gardening.



This is Andrew Dunbar working on his vegetable plot in his back garden at Northfield Crescent in 1957. What is he planting there, well-spaced apart?

When we moved to Hyvot's Bank in the early 60s, my Dad enjoyed working in the back garden whose fence bordered what is now Burdiehouse Burn Park. He grew tatties but mainly flowers. There was a rosehip bush and when the rosehips were ripe, the birds -waxwings, exotic-looking birds - used to descend on it and strip it. **Says Dot Law**

My dad used to send me with my bucket and pail after the milk cart to collect up the dung from the horse for his roses! **Says Rab Auld**



It's 1935 and Cathy Lyle is with her husband at their allotment plot at Warriston, standing in front of the shed which her husband built. What a magnificent shed! It looks more like a little holiday chalet with its diamond-paned windows and its picket fence. It must have been a great delight to them to spend time at their beloved allotment.

We have fuchsia, hydrangea, crocosmia, hollyhocks, lillies and roses. I like the hydrangea for its exuberance. The ladies might have been more comfortable if they had bent their knees to do the weeding. **Says Joyce Miller**

My favourite garden flowers are chrysanthemums. My Grandfather's were the most beautiful and wonderfully scented ever, absolutely unforgettable. **Says Brenda Saridakis**

Catherine and Jessie Dignall in the garden at Suffolk Road, Newington, 1938.





Jack Sibbald is hard at work in the garden at Marionville Crescent, Edinburgh in 1930. He is wearing rather smart clothes for this sweaty task that required a lot of muscle power to push this sturdy old type of lawnmower.

I remember my dad bought a thing called a 'hover mower' which had a rotary blade and was lightweight plastic and electric as he found cutting the sloping grass in front of our house too difficult with his traditional one. It was made by Flymo in the late 1960s or early 1970s. **Says Joyce Miller**

It is 1933 and three sisters, Agnes, Janet and Mary Dickson, are standing in the back garden vegetable plot. Brian Whalen described them as: 'Cabbage Patch Dolls in the garden at Lochend Avenue, where their dad Henry grew his own fruit and veg.'



It's 1940 and this is the back garden at home in Kingsknowe Crescent, Edinburgh. Me and my dolly, Mary. We had a large back garden and grew lots of vegetables. I am standing in front of the potatoes. **Says Christine Bell**



The Floral Clock in Princes Street gardens was initially created in 1903. It was the first clock of its kind, but was soon replicated in cities across the world. It was the brainchild of Edinburgh parks superintendent James McHattie and clockmaker James Ritchie. A cuckoo which pops out every hour was added in 1905.



Edinburgh Botanic Gardens was founded in 1670, near Holyrood Palace, by two Edinburgh doctors to supply fresh plants for medical prescriptions and to help teach medical botany to students. It is the second oldest botanic garden in the UK after Oxford.




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