



May 2025

NEXT MEMBERS' MEETING

FINDING DAVID DOUGLAS

Speaker - Syd House

Friday 2nd May 2025
at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm)

Dalgety Bay Community Centre

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAY

24/05/25 DBHS Annual Plant Sale
(with Teas Room)
Dalgety Bay Community Centre from
1.00pm - 3.00pm

NOTE: Plant Sale is now a week late

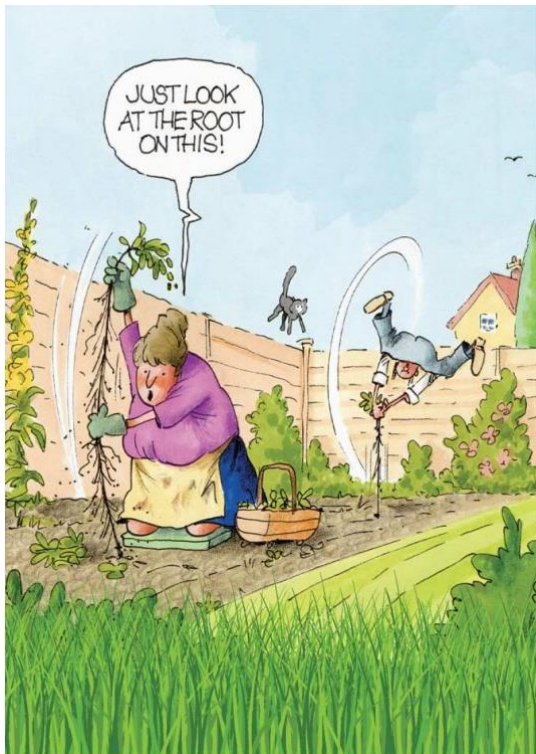
JUNE

6/6/25 Community Orchards in
the Carse of Gowrie

JULY

4/7/25 Christmas Trees

AUGUST



CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Peter Hart, who owns Kirklands in Saline, came along to our April meeting

to talk about his wonderful garden. Peter and his wife, Gill, moved to Saline from Dalgety Bay in 1977 and it was a blank canvas for them to develop. What a project for him and he has enjoyed every minute of it. It is an ongoing project, and the woodlands have been a great success. He has 10,000 snowdrops planted there and lots and lots of bluebells as well. Peter gets the ideas for the garden and Gill keeps his feet on the ground, so to

speaking, with reality. He has a good show of Meconopsis from May to July and primulas are a favourite. It is fair to say that every plant is his favourite, and he will find room for everything. There is a walled garden with lots of different vegetables that are grown and an orchard with 16 varieties of apple. Kirklands is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 2:00pm to 4:30pm, from April to September. He can be contacted at peter@kirklandsgarden.co.uk and on facebook.

Our May meeting is about David Douglas, Scottish Explorer, Naturalist and Plant Collector from Scone, in Perthshire. I think this will be really interesting.

As I mentioned earlier, this is the DBHS 50th Anniversary. DBHS Growing for 50 years. For this momentous occasion we have designed a First Day Cover (FDC) with a special post mark. When the post office issues a new stamp, they issue it on a specially designed FDC, and the new stamps are cancelled with a specially designed post mark. DBHS has designed its own a special FDC and special post mark. These have been considered suitable for circulation, and these will be issued on 22nd May 2025. Those of you with a keen eye will notice that this date is special in that it will appear on the post mark as 22-05-2025. 22-05 is an anagram, if you like, of 2025. I like numbers. If you would like a DBHS 50th Anniversary FDC, contact Michael Gourlay on email address

michaeljg@btinternet.com and he will tell you how to receive one.

Dalgety Bay Horticultural Society (DBHS) holds meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm in Dalgety Bay Community Centre. You are welcome to come along to our meetings and, who knows, you may be convinced to join us. Alternatively go to our website at www.dbhs.org, click on Downloads, then membership form, fill it in then send it back. Membership is good value at £5.

If you think you may be interested in joining, please phone, Michael Gourlay on 07949 505456.

DBHS had a membership enquiry from David Hadow through our website page. Unfortunately, there was no contact details. If you know a David Hadow in Dalgety Bay, please get him to contact me at michaeljg@btinternet.com.

Michael Gourlay

Chairman

DBHS Membership:

All fees have now been paid. Thank you to the membership and to the distributors who look after their area respective areas. Annual Show Schedules will soon be sent to us from the printers and the distributors will be circulating them to the members in their areas.

DBHS Plant Sales:

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The DBHS Annual Plant Sale to be held on Saturday 17th May 2025 at Dalgety Bay Community Centre has been postponed until the following week. It will now take place on Saturday 24th May 2025. A small team of volunteers is required to help run this. If interested you should contact Michael Gourlay, email: michaeljg@btinternet.com The plants at this plant sale will be Bedding Plants as well as any donations that people bring along on the day. The times for the Plant Sale are 1:00pm to 3:00pm. With any luck. there will be a small tearoom.

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DBHS 50th Anniversary First Day Cover:

We are all set up to have 50 FDCs printed. There are some orders to be fulfilled, and I will contact these people individually to ask them to pay. FDCs will be available for sale from 25th May 2025 and anyone is able to but one for £8. These will be for sale at meetings and by email request to michaeljg@btinternet.com.

DBHS 50th Anniversary:

Plans for the DBHS 50th Anniversary continue and are developing well. We have managed to get additional funds for specific 50th Anniversary events. This is good news.

DBHS Enquiries:

We have recently had two enquiries about allotments through the

DBHS Website. These are non-members and they did not leave any contact details The names are Douglas Haddow and Lisa Shields. If any of you know either of them, they might be neighbours, or indeed, friends, please ask them to contact michaeljg@btinternet.com.

DBHS Membership Details:

We would like to check the details we hold on the membership lists. If you have changed your name, address, phone number or email address in the last year please let us know. Contact paulinejg@btinternet.com with any new details. Thank you very much.

New Classes for the 2025 Annual Show:

Each year there are class changes, made to the Annual Show Schedule. We like to notify you of these class changes, and this notification was circulated last month. If you need to see a paper copy please contact Michael Gourlay directly by telephone or email: michaeljg@btinternet.com for help. The changes will be emailed out as a pdf file with the Grapevine. If you should come across any members who have not been receiving their monthly email please contact me or Sharon (Grapevine Editor). Contact details below (page 4)

Michael Gourlay
Chairman
DBHS

FLOWER OF THE MONTH MAY

The Lily represents virtue, conveys sweetness and humility and expresses purity of heart, majesty and honour.



UPDATE ON THE ECOLOGY CENTRE PROJECTS

Restoration of the Forth Project

Great news there are training course running this month to train volunteers on different aspects of monitoring seagrasses that have been planted. They have an app that can be downloaded on to smartphones to help volunteers monitor and survey sections of the beach. Their website has really improved and there's a lot to learn. It is easier to include a link to the project rather than trying to summarise it here and maybe miss critical information. Here's the link to the homepage of the Restoration project [Restoration Forth | The Ecology Centre | Seagrass](#) and here's the link to the "What's on" page that lists the free training half days coming up in May [What's On | The Ecology Centre](#)

South Fife Snorkelling Trail

Their second exciting project is the South Fife Snorkelling Trail. There are 5 sites between Kinghorn Bay and Ravenscraig. Again here's the link to the Snorkelling Trail homepage [South Fife Snorkel Trails | The Ecology Centre | Snorkel](#) and list is the link to their leaflet [928122_f248c8b56c3f47f3b52656475786627e.pdf](#). To be honest the leaflet has more information on it but I advise contacting the Ecology Centre directly and make sure that your skills are up the level needed for these sites and safety advice.

I love the idea of this but have no snorkelling skills so I guess I just need to keep an eye on the "what's on" page for the Rockpool Walks being listed.

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