



July 2025

NEXT MEMBERS' MEETING

CHRISTMAS TREES

Speaker - Jean Glennie

Friday 4th July 2025
at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm)

Dalgety Bay Community Centre

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

1/8/25 The Iris

SEPTEMBER

50th Anniversary Annual Show

OCTOBER

Dalgety Bay Heritage Trail

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Sadly Roger Humphry, who was to give us a presentation on fruit, died so we had nobody to give the talk at our last meeting. Keith Brand, 'DBHS Chairman elect' stepped in and gave us his talk on Chemicals in the Garden. This kept us on the right path, so to speak, about what to use and, just as importantly, what not to use in our gardens.

We have many different growing mediums these days like composts, peat free and otherwise, coir and so on but it seems that the best growing medium is soil, plain ordinary soil. There are many chemicals which over the years have proved to be carcinogenic and therefore dangerous for use in the domestic setting. They have been taken off the market.

Keith gave an interesting talk and I think it's fair to say we left the meeting with more knowledge than when we arrived.

The next meeting of DBHS is about Christmas Trees. The management of the trees, how they are prepared for sale and so on. This will be on Friday 4th July 2025 at 7:30pm at Dalgety Bay Community Centre.

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.

2025 is the 50th Anniversary of Dalgety Bay Horticultural Society (DBHS) "A Society Growing For 50 Years" As part of our 50th Anniversary, we have designed a special First Day Cover (FDC) with a special post mark. These were issued on 22nd May 2025. We have some left. If you would like one please contact Michael Gourlay on email address michaeljg@btinternet.com and he will tell you how to receive one.

We have had an enquiry from Lisa Shields. There was no contact detail left for her. If you know of a Lisa Shields in Dalgety Bay, please ask her to contact me at michaeljg@btinternet.com.

Michael Gourlay
Chairman
DBHS

ANY OLD POTS

Keith Brand has stepped forward to take over the running DBHS in December when the current committee stand down. Here's a request from him.

"Could I ask in my capacity as Chairman Elect that the members rather than recycle their various collection of

pot and other seed modules save them and bring them to the July meeting".

DELPHINIUM

Flower of the Month - July



The Delphinium signifies levity and lightness. Its natural beauty comes in gentle hues with a refreshing fragrance. Different colours have different meanings. White denotes happiness, pink tells of contrariness, and purple symbolizes first love.

DBHS GALA PLANT SALE

The DBHS Gala Plant Sale was held on Saturday 14th June 2025. It was a very wet and rainy day but not windy and reasonably warm. We managed to get inside the marquee, which gave us cover. We picked a number of plants at the Plant Market during the week and loaded the van on Saturday morning.

We had mainly bedding plants and a number of small herbaceous plants. It was a lot less plants than in previous years and took a lot less time to process. It was not a very successful

day for selling plants, but we did sell all the rhubarb that Keith had brought along for donations. We hardly made any profit, but we had a presence.

We are a local Community Group and we were there to support the Gala, also a local community group.

DBHS 50th ANNIVERSITY FIRST DAY COVER

The FDCs were processed by the Post Office Philatelic Bureau in Edinburgh and returned to me. I have distributed them all to the people who ordered them and everyone seems pleased with what they got. There were only 50 processed, so that is only 50 in the whole wide world.

There are still some FDCs available at a price of £8 each. Please contact me at michaeljg@btinternet.com if you would like one.

DBHS FUTURE COMMITTEE

A number of volunteers have come forward to fill the committee posts that will be vacated in December at the AGM. They are:

- Chairman Elect - Keith Brand
- Treasurer Elect - Pauline Willox
- Membership Secretary Elect - Lynn Hewitt
- Grapevine Editor - Sharon Greig
- Allotment Sub-Committee
 - Fiona Gray,
 - Sandy Sheail
 - and Mick Wright

We still require a Secretary and a few Committee Members to help run DBHS from January 2026. If you think you may be interested, please contact me at michaeljg@btinternet.com or Keith Brand at brand.keith@rocktmail.com

DBHS POSTER RESULTS

Entries for the Poster part of the Schools Competition were collected and judged in early June. The winning entry was by Ella Leitch of P7 at Dalgety Bay Primary School and will be used to advertise the DBHS 50th Anniversary Show. A copy of the poster is on page 4.

We always look forward to judging this. There are definitely some works of art submitted each year. Time restrictions are tight but we aim to get the winning poster on to the front page of the July/August issue of the Dalgety Bay Diary.

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SATURDAY 6th
SEPTEMBER 2025

DBHS

Golden Anniversary

Dalgety Bay church Hall 50th Annual Show

Dalgety Bay community centre

The Kabin

Admission-£1.00
for Adults and
children go free!



Poster by: Ella Leitch, P7, Dalgety Bay PS