

August 2022

AUGUST

Saturday 6th August

DBHS Annual Coach Trip by Car

Japanese Garden at Cowden Castle
near Dollar

Best to prebook tickets online at
<https://cowden-garden.myshopify.com/>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Friday 9th & Saturday 10th September

DBHS Annual Show
Held in Dalgety Bay Community Centre,
Dalgety Parish New Church Hall, the
Kabin and grounds.

Show Open to public on 10th
September from 12.30pm - 5.00pm

OCTOBER

7th October

Dahlia
Speaker - John Jack

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE



Fig 1 Michael Gourlay & Greg Kenicer

Finally, after three years, we meet Greg Kenicer who came to Dalgety Bay Horticultural Society (DBHS) to give us a presentation called Plants in Witchcraft.

It was really very interesting.

First of all, he went through a load of trees, each of which had magical powers in the days gone by. Often these powers were described by the Persians and Assyrians, and these made their way into European folklore as word spread from these countries. The Scots Pine had a tree spirit; the oak had mystical connections to the Druids; yew trees had a very sinister reputation; the Cypress was a plant of the underworld; everyone must have heard the stories of how a rowan tree in your

garden will keep away the witches. We have a rowan in our garden and we haven't seen any witches so it must work.

Medicinal plants such as liverwort, so called because it supposedly looked like the liver was used to treat liver conditions.; lungwort, so called because it looked like the lungs was used to treat lung conditions; one that we all know well is St John's wort used as an anti-depressant, keeping devils and demons away, which is what St John did.

The plants of love included peas. If a pea was squashed between the fingers, the inside would shoot out. This let you know in which direction you would find your true love; apple pips were used to the same effect; she loves you, she loves you not, was determined by pulling out the petals of a daisy. You had, of course, to make sure the result was positive by finishing on a she loves you.

DBHS August Meeting:

This will take form of the "Annual Coach Trip by Car" which visits The Japanese Garden at Cowden Castle near Dollar, on Saturday 6th August 2022. This is not an official, organised trip at all. DBHS is recommending the Japanese Garden as a



Fig 2 Scenic view of Japanese Garden



Fig 3 West Islands before Restoration



Fig 4 West Islands after restoration

special place to visit. There will be no arrangements to travel by coach or even by car. If you want to go, you must travel there and back under your own steam. Tickets are £8.50 and the garden opens at 10:30am and closes at 4:00pm. Look up info@cowdengarden.com for more information.

I am told that it is a very beautiful place to visit, so if you do go, please enjoy it.

DBHS Annual Show:

If anyone should want another copy of the DBHS Annual Show Schedule, please contact me on 07790 182847 or email me at michaeljg@btinternet.com and I will ensure you get another copy. They will be

available in the library from 12th August 2022.

DBHS Annual Show Stewards:

We need stewards for the judges at the Annual Show. Any volunteers for this task should contact Pauline Gourlay on 07939 485196 or email her at paulineljg@btinternet.com So far, I have recruited one or two but we need more. Please contact me.

DBHS Annual Show Volunteers:

We will also need volunteers to help load the van and set up the show and then take it all down again afterwards. Volunteers for this task should contact me on 07792 182847 or email me at michaeljg@btinternet.com Again I have recruited a few but we need more. Please contact me.

Allotments News:

The Open Allotments weekend on Saturday 23rd July 2022 and Sunday 24th July 2022 was blessed with reasonable weather. The gazebos went away dry. It was heavy, heavy rain about an hour after we had packed up. We had a good number of visitors over the couple of days and I like the way that some people say that they've lived in Dalgety Bay for a number of years but never knew that the allotments existed. The Allotments were open in conjunction with Sybil's garden at 17 Inchview Gardens Dalgety Bay and we raised money for Marie Curie Cancer Research.

Visitors to the Allotments on the Saturday donated £50. Entry fees were

being collected at Sybil's. I await word from Sybil on the final amount raised.

Winning Poster for the Annual Show:

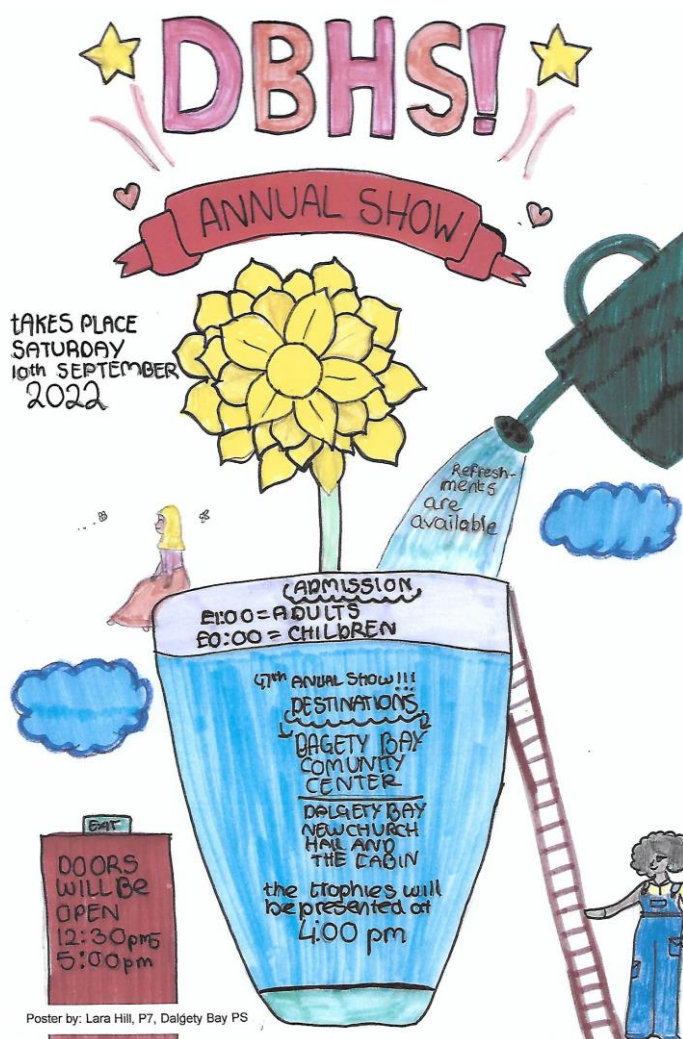


Fig 5 Winning Poster 2022 by Lara Hill

P7 at the two schools in Dalgety Bay are asked each year to design the poster for the show. This year this was won by Lara Hill at Dalgety PS. This poster will be used to advertise the poster locally and around Fife. Well done, Lara.

Michael Gourlay
DBHS
Chairman

FLOWER OF THE MONTH AUGUST



Fig 6 Gladiolus



Fig 7 Poppies

August has two birth flowers the gladiolus and the poppy, both symbolize remembrance. Both come in a variety of colours.

Gladiolus, a symbol of strength and love, provides height to the garden and a splash of much-needed color in the final full month of the summer season.

The **poppy**, known best for its red color and made famous by the poem "In Flanders Fields" written in 1915 has long been associated with those lost during times of war.

FINALLY...

An update from Agnes Allan on the Yard and Ceramic Pot Sale.

Thank you to those of you who came to my Yard Sale on Sunday 10th. We raised the fantastic amount of £350 for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People!

If any of you did not manage to come along, I still have 7 or 8 ceramic pots. Pots are £5 each. If you are interested, call me on 01383 823373.

I also have a piece of Butyl liner, 2m x 2.5m, if anyone is interested.

Thanks,
Agnes Allan

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