



March 2022

MARCH

Friday 4th of March, 2022
At 7.30pm

Dalgety Bay Community Centre

CACTI & SUCCULENTS
(Plants for Sale)

Speaker Robin Arnott

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

At last, we had an in-person meeting in February with a talk on the Ravenscraig Allotments in Kirkcaldy by David Wann, who was instrumental in setting them up. I was not there but Matthew, who hosted the meeting said that he was very interesting and there is such a lot going on at these Allotments. It is surely worth a visit to see for ourselves. I think that may very well be the "Coach Visit by Car" meeting for 2023. The February meeting ran with about 16 in attendance and there was a raffle, but no teas or coffee were served. It will undoubtedly take a wee while for the numbers to grow back to pre-covid days, but I am sure it will happen.

Teas and coffees will be available at our next meeting on 4th March 2022, which

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

Friday, 1st April

Brighter Bervie
Tom Campbell

MAY

Friday 6th April

Visit to Cairn o'mhor Winery
Errol, Perthshire

Saturday 14th May

DBHS Annual Plant Sale
With Tea Room

Dalgety Bay Community Centre
1.00pm - 3.00pm

JUNE

Friday 3rd of June

Willow Workshop
Rob Eves

will be a presentation on Cacti and Succulents from, DBHS member and exhibitor, Robin Arnott. Updates on Covid

are due, as we speak, and we will find out if there remain any restrictions at Dalgety Bay Community Centre before the next meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.

Michael Gourlay
Chairman
DBHS

DBHS Membership Fees:

Membership fees are coming in thick and fast and we are on target to finish collecting the fees by 31st March 2022. For those of you still to pay and who wish to pay electronically, here are the details you need:

DBHS BACS Details:

Bank: Royal Bank of Scotland

Address: 52/54 East Port, Dunfermline,
Fife, KY12 7HB

Sort Code: 83 29 01

Account: Dalgety Bay Horticultural Society
(DBHS probably is enough)

A/C No: 00676049

Ref: Your Surname; Area

DBHS Allotment Holders Meeting:

There was an Allotment Holders meeting held at Dalgety Parish Church (DPC) on 17th February 2022. This was a lively meeting where items discussed included:

- rules;
- fees;
- on-site maintenance of fences, trees, hedges, walls, sheds among other things;
- Allotment Waiting List;
- skip hire;
- proposed building of a care home on the Peter Vardy site
- and manure.

Minutes of the meeting will have been sent out by the time you read this, so, if you are an Allotment Holder, you will have them by now.

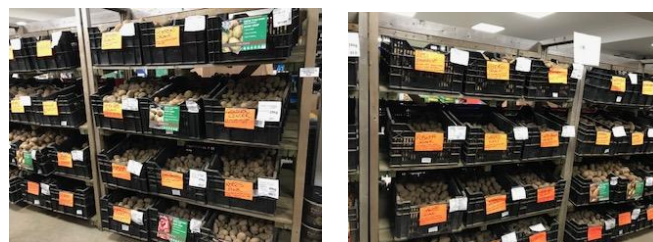
DBHS Annual Show:

It is likely that we will run an Annual Show this year and there are developments that require Committee discussion on this. WATCH THIS SPACE.

Seed Potatoes:

The potatoes ordered from Kings have been delivered.

I was up at Bridgend Garden Centre, Freuchie, last week and they had a huge variety of seed potatoes and onions. The good thing about buying there is you only need to buy the amount you need.



Free to a Good Home:

- DBHS has been recently donated a number of Bonsai books.
- DBHS Member Bertha Govan has a clematis that she would like to give to a good home. It is the variety Betty Corning (viticella) and has bell shaped flowers. It is mildly perfumed and is very good for the bees. Anyone interested should phone Bertha on 01383 823832.

Jobs for March:

The “Jobs for” part of the DBHS report is on the DBHS website at www.dbhs.org.uk Click on the “Jobs for”

button to see what jobs you should be doing at this time of year.

FLOWER OF THE MONTH

The flower of the month for March is the **Daffodil**.



Daffodils are one of the earliest flowers to bloom in the spring. These trumpet-shaped flowers come in a variety of sizes and colors. Traditional daffodils are sunny yellow, but some varieties are white or pastel yellow and some are even pink or green.



Daffodils symbolise

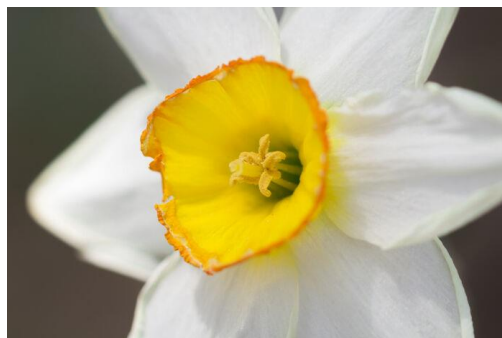
- New Beginnings
- Rebirth
- and the coming of Spring

The daffodil flower's message is uplifting and energizing, making it the perfect flower to celebrate new beginnings or simply express your desire to revive an old

relationship. It is an appropriate gift for a housewarming, birth or simply to celebrate the coming of spring.

Daffodils belong to the genus *narcissus*, which includes jonquils and paperwhites. While people in some regions refer to large, yellow narcissus as daffodils and the smaller, paler versions as jonquils, they all belong to the genus narcissus and carry the common name of daffodil. It gains its name from the Greek god narcissus. According to legend, Narcissus was so enamored with his own reflection in the river that he drowned trying to capture his reflection. The daffodils growing along stream banks soon became associated with Narcissus and took on his name, probably due to the beauty of their reflected image in the water.

Daffodils produce trumpet shaped flowers on a slender stalk raised above the foliage. These striking flowers range from miniature 2-inch plants with ½-inch blooms to 2-foot plants with 5-inch blooms. They include the paperwhite narcissus, a popular gift at Christmas. There are over 50 species and approximately 13,000 varieties of daffodils.



The bulb of the daffodil is poisonous, limiting its use for natural or herbal remedies.

- **Narcissus Plaster:** A plaster made from the bulbs of the narcissus plant is used to relieve the pain

associated with arthritis, wounds, burns and strains.

- **Traditional Medicine:** Research on the use of the narcissus plant for treating Alzheimer's disease is currently underway.
- **Herbal Remedies:** Daffodil is thought to treat asthma, colds and whooping cough and to induce vomiting, but caution is advised, as daffodil can be a dangerous remedy.
- **Fragrance:** Essential oils made from the narcissus plant are sometimes used to promote relaxation and reduce stress, but caution must be exercised as too much oil can cause headaches and vomiting. Daffodil oil can be used in crafts or making potpourri. It is also used in perfumes and cosmetics.

Scotland's Daffodil Festival 2022

Backhouse Rossie Estate

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th April
10am-5pm

See stunning Daffodil Displays inside our Flower Barns, and beds outside filled with some of the original first daffodils created from the Wordsworth style Narcissus.

The National Scientific Collection of Narcissus, holds the secrets of early daffodil hybridising in Britain growing in neat beds, and we have over 20,000 daffodils including beautifully scented, heritage Wordsworth style and modern varieties all around the gardens.

Our Walled Garden is full of spring plantings, and you can follow the Woodland Walk to a Covenanters tomb,

or wander down the Narcissus lined path in the footsteps of Mary Queen of Scots. Our Bear Walk is planted with scented daffodils and children can also take part in a woodland quiz.

You can enjoy our Festival Café, food and drink and artisan stalls, plant sales, garden fete stalls including Coconut Shy and Hook a Duck, as well as listen to fascinating Talks and see all the Prize-winning daffodils on display, including the important lost Daffodil cultivar which took 10 years to find!

Well behaved dogs on leads are allowed on the woodland walk.

To pre-book talks and garden tours please email info@backhouserossie.co.uk.

Prices

- Adults over 18yrs - £6
- Children 5yrs -15yrs - £3.50
- Children under 5 yrs - FREE
- Family ticket two adults & two children - £15.00
- FREE Parking

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