



February 2022

FEBRUARY

Friday 4th February, 2022
At 7.30pm

Dalgety Bay Community Centre

RAVENSCRAIG ALLOTMENTS

Speaker: David Wann

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

We will return on Friday, 4th February 2022, with a talk about the Ravenscraig Allotments in Kirkcaldy. It's a lovely big site and once belonged to Fife Council Parks Department. Willie Duncan maybe once worked there. Restrictions, as you know, have been relaxed a wee bit recently but, we should still follow the general rules given in the paragraph below. Any new information will be circulated in the usual manner.

Matthew Simpson, who, along with myself, is also a Covid Officer, will host the meeting in my absence and you should register your attendance by signing in with your name and telephone number on arrival at the hall.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

January 2022

Friday, 4th March 2022

Cacti & Succulents
(Plants for sale)
Robin Arnott

Friday, 1st April

Brighter Bervie
Tom Campbell

Friday, 6th May 2022

Visit to Cairn o'Mhor Winery
Errol, Perthshire

At the Community Centre, after signing in at the door, please obey the following rules:

- There is a separate entrance and exit,
- Use hand sanitiser provided,
- Keep one metre apart. There is one metre distancing of seating. Although, if you are a couple two seats together may be used.
- Masks must be worn
- There are no teas and coffees this time.

- I have prepared a risk assessment for having a raffle and this has been sent to Fife Council.
 - The raffle tickets are £1 per strip,
 - Bring the correct money and put it in the box provided.
 - No change will be offered.

The February meeting is usually the DBHS Annual Cheese and Wine evening but for obvious reasons, this won't be held this year. It's doubtful that it will be held for a few years actually.



DBHS Membership Fees:

All current members will now have received a DBHS Syllabus card for 2022. Please let me know if you have not got yours yet. We would like members to consider paying their DBHS fees electronically. Information about the DBHS bank account, sort code and what you should put as a reference is below. Lots of members have already paid this way so far. The DBHS BACS information you require to pay your fees electronically is:

Bank: Royal Bank of Scotland
Address: 52/54 East Port, Dunfermline, Fife, KY12 7HB
Sort Code: 83 29 01
Account: Dalgety Bay Horticultural Society
A/C No: 00676049
Ref: Your Surname; Fees

DBHS Allotment Holders Meeting:

The January meeting of Allotment Holders was cancelled and has been re-arranged for Thursday 17th February 2022 at 7:00pm. This will be in Dalgety Parish Church back hall, entrance by the war memorial doors.

The rules will be discussed among other things. Regarding the rules, I would like to highlight Rule 8 which is about allotment holders being temporarily unable to look after their plot. They should make contact with the Allotment Sub-Committee to find a way forward and not allow the plot to get worse and worse and become unmanageable.

Kings Seed Order:

The potatoes from Kings have still to be delivered. Once they arrive, you'll get an email to arrange payment and delivery.

Jobs for December:

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.

Michael Gourlay
 Chairman
 DBHS

Flower of the Month February

The **Viola** - symbolises loyalty and faithfulness.



Violas are small flowers that vary in colour and shape, depending on the specific variety. Each flower consists of thin, delicate, and flat, curved petals with a soft, smooth, and silky consistency. The petals also differ in colours, some with solid hues of bright yellow, orange, royal purple, or maroon, while others display showy combinations of purple, white, and yellow with dark violet splashes of accent colouring and striping. Violas are unique as the entire flower is edible, and the blooms contain a crisp, succulent, and tender texture with a faint, perfumed scent. The colourful flowers also bear a subtly sweet, vegetal flavour with light mint and wintergreen nuances.

SNOWDROPS AND WINTER WALKS

Scotland's Gardens Scheme (SGS) is participating in The Scottish Snowdrop Festival with its Snowdrops and Winter Walks. The festival is organised by Discover Scottish Gardens and supported by Visit Scotland and runs from 25 January to 11 March. For details of all the gardens and grounds taking part in the event, visit [Discover Scottish Gardens](https://scotlandsgardens.org/snowdrops-and-winter-walks/).

SGS Gardens open locally or without too far a drive are listed below. I've not visited any of these gardens so I'm quite looking forward to going somewhere different.

Garden Walks in:

Fife

- Auchertool House, Auchterool KY2 5XW. Open on Sunday 6th March 10am-3pm Tickets £5
- Millfield Garden, Falkland KY15 7BN. Sunday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th of February 11am - 3pm. Tickets £5

East Lothian

- Shepherd House, Inveresk, Musselburgh EH21 7TH.
 - Open 10th - 24th of February, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2pm-4pm. Tickets £5
 - Open Saturday/Sunday 19th & 20th February 11am-2pm. Tickets £5.

Peeblesshire

- Kailzie Gardens, Peebles EH45 9HT. Open Sunday 6th of March 10am-4pm. Tickets £5.
- Kirkton Manor House, Peebles EH45 9JH.
 - Open Wednesdays 16th Feb & 23rd February 1pm-4pm
 - Open Wednesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th March 1pm - 4pm. Tickets £5

If you like to drive further afield you can get the full list of the open gardens here <https://scotlandsgardens.org/snowdrops-and-winter-walks/>

Royal Botanic Gardens

Edinburgh (RBGE) Arboretum Place EH3 5NZ also accessible from Inverleith Row.

“Snowdrops and Spring Interest Guided Tours” at a cost of £8 and must be pre-booked. You can buy directly on Eventbrite or you can find the event on RBGE’s own website and when you press on the “Tickets” button it will take you to the correct place on Eventbrite.

Two guided tours take place every Saturday and Sunday during February and commence at 11am and 1.30pm.

Dawyck Botanic Garden, Stobo, Peebles EH45 9JU

Free Sunday Snowdrop Walk



Enjoy the seasonal splendour of our snowdrops on a tour led by our experienced Garden Guides.

Free tour + normal Garden admission.
Runs every Sunday 2pm-3pm starting Sunday 6th February 2022 through to Sunday 27th March 2022.

CAMBO Estate, Kingsbarns KY16 8QD



Cambo holds the national collection of snowdrops is open every day 11am- 5pm until the 11th of March. Walk round at your own pace or book onto one of their “Snowdrop Insights Sessions” for an in-depth walk and talk with their in-house galanthophiles. More about Cambo at <https://www.cambogardens.org.uk/>

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