

# Largs & District Horticultural Society

## Spring Newsletter 2025

Welcome to our first 2025 newsletter full of information on our activities for the coming year. We hope you will be able to come along and join us.

### NEWS

We have a new President - Etta Strachan - who has been Secretary for many years.

At a recent meeting Ian Taylor passed on the President's Chain (Badge of Office) to Etta.

The President's Chain dates back to 1957 and was presented to the Society by former Provost Albert Stone.



Ian Taylor was President for 22 years and during that time, as well as lead the Society, he carried out many roles sharing his knowledge of horticulture in demonstrations, talks, plant sale, school and garden visits and at the Flower Show. He also judged vegetables at other shows. We are pleased to say Ian will remain on the Committee and will participate in our upcoming events. Here are some photographs of Ian in action.

### Etta Strachan

to



*GTOC, St Mary's  
Plant  
Spring  
Judging at Irvine  
Largs Primary*

*Visit*

*Sale  
Workshop  
and*



### Dates for Your Diary

**Wednesday 19 March 7pm Dunn Memorial Hall** Spring Workshop with seed sowing, chitting potatoes, starting off dahlia tubers, etc. There will be a selection of **free flower, veg and herb seeds, potatoes, onion sets etc** and **starter packs** to take away; a **raffle**, refreshments and a Question and Answer session. **This was a great success last year so come early to be sure of a seat! Free entry/Raffle £1 a ticket.**

**Saturday 3 May 10am-12noon Coffee Morning, Plant Sale and Membership Registration, Dunn Memorial Hall** with stalls and raffle. Pick up hints and tips on growing on and caring for your plants. Meet our team.

If you would like to donate anything for the stalls or help on the day please let us know.

**Saturday 24 May 9am-1pm Car Boot Sale, St Columba's Episcopal Church (Aubery Crescent)** Plant sale (plants grown by members). If you are looking for any information on the Society, Flower Show, Show Schedule, Membership or hints and tips on growing your own, come and chat to us.

**Saturday 19 July 9am-1pm Car Boot Sale, St Columba's Episcopal Church (Aubery Crescent)** Plant sale and information about the Society's activities, membership, Largs Flower Show and hints and tips.

**Wednesday 6 August 7pm St John's ToCH Hall, Bath Street** Demonstration and advice on How to Prepare your Exhibits for the Flower Show and how best to display them. Refreshments and Q &A.

## **FLOWER SHOW DATES**

**Friday 22 August 12noon-6pm Dunn Memorial Hall** Bring along your Entries to the Flower Show. Remember to give yourself plenty of time to stage your entries.



**Saturday 23 August 10am-4.30pm LARGS FLOWER SHOW** Dunn Memorial Hall. Come along and enjoy the show. We look forward to welcoming you. Pick up hints and tips from fellow gardeners, crafters, bakers and floral artists. Check out what's being grown and crafted in the area. Pick up a ticket/tickets for our raffle and enjoy some refreshments in our Tearoom. If you are available to assist with set-up on Thursday 21 or on Friday 22 please let us know.

## **OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Show Schedules** will be available at all of the above events and will be on our website from 20 March.

**Membership fees** the Society offers Individual membership only. The fee remains at £2.50 and can be paid at all the events above. Alternatively payment can be made to the Society's bank account "Largs and District Horticultural Society" Sort Code 83-24-15 Acc 00697131, giving your name as reference eg John Smith. Remember for the membership fee you can enter as many classes the show as you like. Only 1 entry per class. RENEWING your membership EARLY SAVES TIME ON THE DAY.

**Contact us** our Website – [www.largshorticultural.org.uk](http://www.largshorticultural.org.uk) has the latest news and events, photographs of past shows and history. You can also find the Show Schedule, Membership and Entry Forms. Join our Facebook page "Largs Horticultural Society" where you can post and find photographs, give or pick up hints and tips, ask questions/seek advice on growing plants or keep up with events. Alternatively contact our President/Secretary on 01475 689423 or email [secretary@largshorticultural.org.uk](mailto:secretary@largshorticultural.org.uk).

**We look forward to seeing you all soon. Happy Gardening.**