

# *Largs and District Horticultural Society*

## *Newsletter Spring 2019*



### *From the President*

Welcome to the Newsletter of 2019. The weather this winter has been kinder than last – very little snow – however it has been cold. It seems the east wind has been blowing for weeks and the ground will still take some time to warm up. Although some of us will be ‘raring to get going’ far better to hold off for a few extra weeks – remember that frosts can still strike up to the end of May.

*Ian Taylor*

### *Talk & Slide Show on Burnside in Drongan 6 March 2019*

A well-attended meeting was treated to a talk and slide show from George Watt of the Scottish Rock Garden Club. He described the transformation of the six and a half acre grounds around his home into the beautifully landscaped garden he has now. The Society hope to visit this garden which is open under the Scotland’s Gardens Scheme - see details below.

### *Dates for your diary*



#### **Garden Workshop & Plant Sale**

**Wednesday 8 May 2019** at 7.30pm, St John’s ToCH Hall, Bath Street, Largs.

Hands-on demonstration giving Tips and Advice on a range of topics followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. Master gardener Ian Halbert will demonstrate how to grow the best sweet peas. Apprentice gardener Ian Taylor will also contribute. It will be very informal – please ask questions – don’t be shy.

Sale of plants – a selection of plants grown by our members (sweet peas, tomatoes, veg, fruit, herbs etc).

### **Visit to Burnside Garden**

The Society are organising an afternoon visit to Burnside in Drongan. The 6.5 acre garden is open to the public under Scotland’s Gardens Scheme ([www.scotlandsgardens.org](http://www.scotlandsgardens.org)). The entry fee is £5.00 with refreshments of tea/coffee and cake for £2.50. The funds raised from this are donated to the Beatson in Glasgow. We are currently looking at possible dates towards the end of May/June. If you would like to come along please contact Etta as soon as possible on 01475689423 so arrangements can be finalised.



## Ayr Flower Show

**Saturday 17 August 2019**, Ayr Racecourse. Rothesay Horticultural Society has organised a bus to run from Wemyss Bay Pier and have invited any members of our Society to join them. The bus will leave Wemyss Bay at 9.30am with a pick-up in Largs for our members who wish to go. It will arrive at Ayr Racecourse at 10.30am and leave at 2.30pm to return to Largs and Wemyss Bay. The cost of the bus will be £10.00 plus the entry to Ayr Flower Show of £5.00. If you would like to book a seat please advise Etta on 01475689423.

## Annual Flower Show

**Saturday 24 August 2019, 10am-4.30pm** Dunn Memorial Hall, St John's Church, Bath Street, Largs. Schedules will be available at the beginning of June. Advance schedules for Hobbies & Crafts, Baking, Decorative & Junior Sections are available from Largs Library, from our Secretary by calling 01457689423 or on our website at [www.largshorticultural.org.uk](http://www.largshorticultural.org.uk).

We are introducing several new classes this year including one for the various allotment Societies in the area (from Greenock down to Ardrossan/Kilwinning), another to involve children's nurseries and the West Coast Cakes sponsored "Bake Off" class. We look forward to a fantastic show this year and to welcoming new exhibitors. It would be great if every member could bring along at least one entry for the show.

Happy Gardening

Ian Taylor (President & Apprentice Gardener)

