

## **Bill knows his onions!**

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When his father returned from the war, the family bought a smallholding in Dumfriesshire and so the gardening traditions continued. Bill developed his passion for gardening as the years went on, and started to exhibit in the children's section of the local shows. In 1949-51 he left to do his National Service as a member of the National Service Crew of Airfield Rescue Force at Fowey.

A farmer for most of his life until 84, gardening became a regular pastime for Bill and he enjoys competing with his produce including potatoes, carrots, and salad crops at four local shows in Kirkowan, Wigtown, Whithorn and Newton Stewart where he regularly sweeps the board, especially with his onions. At the ripe old age of 91, Bill also keeps and exhibits both hens (Leghorns and Welsummers) and their eggs.

Bill has been back to his garden at New Luce since leaving all those years ago and is really impressed with how the new owner has carried on the gardening tradition he started. He and Ginny enjoy the camaraderie of the Wigtownshire u3a, have joined in Zoom meetings and are looking forward to meeting their fellow gardening members face to face once lockdown is lifted.