

Chairman's Notes – June 2005

I'm looking forward to a bumper crop of produce at our annual show in August. The weather has been wonderful lately and everyone's garden should be blooming. If you have not entered the show before can



EVENTS

Annual Show

Saturday August 20th

Trip to Harlow Carr

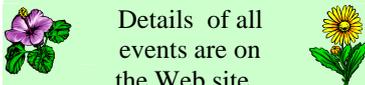
Saturday July 16th

Annual General Meeting
and potato pie supper

Wednesday November 16th

Puzzle Pictures

Have fun guessing the garden
equipment and enter a prize
draw at the AGM



Details of all
events are on
the Web site

I invite you to enter a novice class and surprise your friends and family by winning a certificate. Details of the show categories are in the schedule which can be found in Edgworth village shops.

Please phone me if you are not sure what to do or how to enter. If you are not exhibiting then please come along and enjoy the day - we look forward to seeing you – *Barbara Kenny*



Society History

The Turton and Edgworth Floral and Horticultural Society held its first annual exhibition in 1860 in the schoolroom in Chapeltown (now part of what's behind no. 97 High Street.) The plants shown included many flowers and vegetables (especially celery), greenhouse plants, fuchsias and others. There was apparently a very good showing of butter in 1864. The Church band played and afterwards was held a dinner for 300! See Bolton Chronicle, August 27, 1864. – *Pat Bagley*

Do you know or have anything relating to the society in the past? When was it founded? By whom? Past officials? Trophy histories? Amusing anecdotes ... or even "skeletons"? secretary@edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk

Annual Show – August 20th

This year spring came early and then winter returned several times - quite a challenge for us gardeners. Hopefully summer will be kinder – especially in the week before our annual show, which last year had atrocious weather. Because of this there were slightly fewer entries, even so the main hall at the Barlow Institute was a riot of colour and scents and the show was the best attended for years.

The success of our show depends absolutely on having wonderful displays of flowers, fruit, vegetables, handicrafts and cookery. It's fantastic fun to enter in the hope of getting a prize but much more important is your contribution to a spectacle which keeps people coming to see the show each year. This isn't Southport or Chelsea with their professional exhibits – you can enter the best from your garden on the day such as a vase of flowers or a cucumber and come away proudly with a winner's certificate.



JUNIOR GARDENERS have a competition all of their own – **A SUNFLOWER IN A POT**. But please don't stagger in with an 18 foot giant! We're looking for the best dwarf variety. If you haven't got a sunflower there's lots of other things for various age groups under 16 to try including **A FRUIT OR VEGETABLE CREATURE; A MINIATURE GARDEN ON A TRAY; COOKERY; A DRAWING OR PAINTING OF A GARDEN OR FLOWER OR SOMETHING YOU'VE MADE.**

As well as the **JUNIOR** sections there are **OPEN** and **NOVICE** sections for **FLOWERS, VEGETABLES, FRUIT, HANDICRAFT, COOKERY & FLORAL ART.**

Come along and have a go – you'll be amazed!

Details about how and what to enter are in the show schedule. For more information email:

show@Edgworth-Horticultural-Society.co.uk

Or telephone Barbara Kenny on 01204 852274

Turn over for our society news, some places to visit and a gardener's puzzle.*

Our Society in Edgworth

- we have donated sunflower seeds and show schedules to local primary schools in Edgworth, Egerton and Bromley Cross to encourage the children to start growing. If you know of a child who would like to enter our sunflower competition please encourage them to do so. We want children to enter cookery and arts and crafts too. Further details from any society committee member.



as part of Blackburn with Darwen Council's Green Week

project in May, we received a grant of £50. This was spent on plants which we distributed to members at the May meeting. Let's see some of them exhibited in the annual show!

- During Green Week we assisted the pupils of Edgworth school to pot-up planters for the residents of Barlow Court

People News

The annual dinner was a great success again. 38 members met at the Spread Eagle in Turton to enjoy a wonderful social evening and some good food



In May our treasurer completed a 22 mile fell run in Borrowdale. At our May meeting, members offered sponsorship totalling £50; all proceeds go to Derian House Children's Hospice.

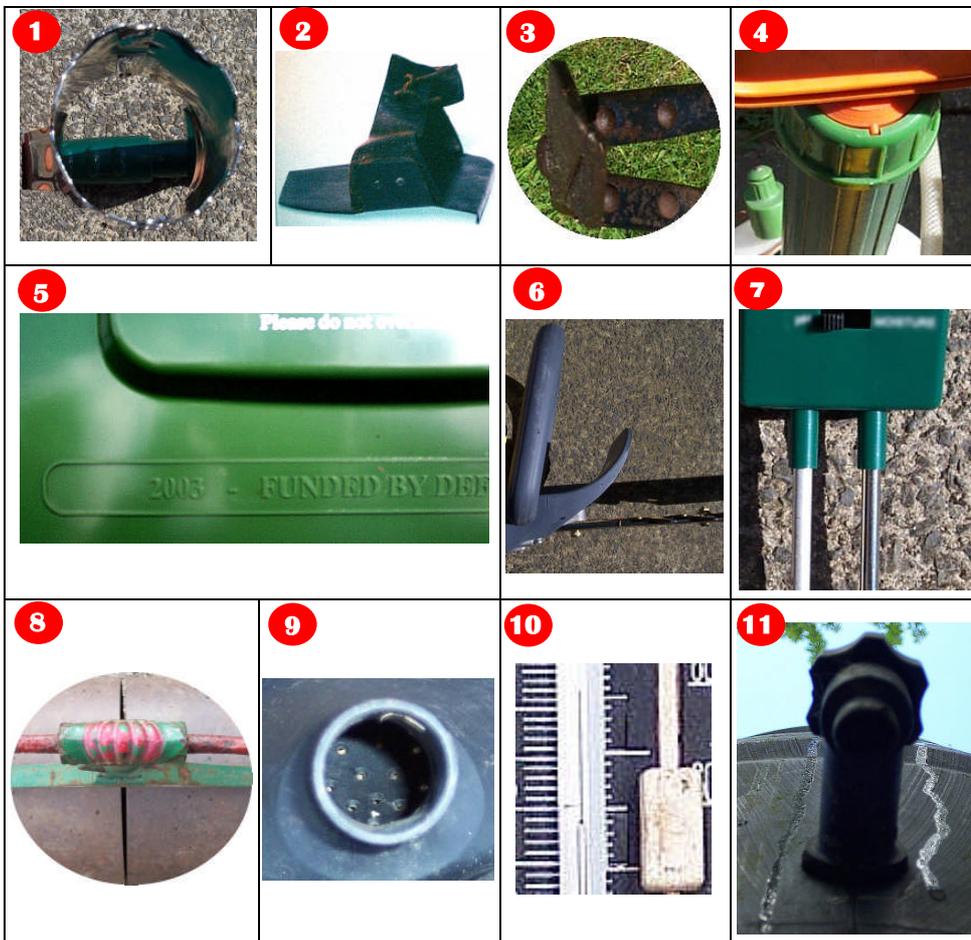
..and Next Year?

Have you any suggestions for next year's talks or visits? Perhaps there's something you'd like to hear about or someone you'd like to hear from. Let us know at a meeting or by email:

events@Edgworth-Horticultural-Society.co.uk

Puzzle Pictures – Ancient & Modern. What's in each of these 11 pictures? Answers in the Christmas News Letter.

Return your completed answer **by the end of October** (together with £1), describing each picture by its number. Correct entries will be included in a prize draw to be held at the AGM. Hand them in at a meeting before the AGM or post them (enclosing a cheque for £1 to E&DHS) to Phil Broughton, 30 Hillside Avenue, Bromley Cross, Bolton BL7 9NG.



Visits

Cobble Hey Gardens was a real gem for our evening visit this June. At a remote farm deep in the Garstang countryside, it's packed with unusual plants. It's tended mainly by the farmer's wife – a real enthusiast, very knowledgeable – she bakes fantastic scones too!

www.cobblehey.co.uk

Stanley Grange Plant Centre

- run as a charity for & by the disabled. They have baskets, shrubs, herbaceous plants, herbs & grasses. But take cash not cards. Turn right at the Boars Head at Houghton.

www.caresgrange.freeuk.com

Hardy Plant Society – runs a programme of events. Mary Bishop is a member.

www.hardy-plant.org.uk