



EVENTS 2009



Annual Dinner Fri March 27th

The Chetham Arms, Chapeltown

Evening visit Wed July 15th

Visiting local gardens

Spring Outing Sat April 25th

Harrogate Spring Show

Autumn Outing Sat September 5th

Yewbarrow House Garden, Grange-over-Sands

Annual Show Sat August 15th

Meetings: (3rd Wed of month)

(1) Bugs, Pests and Diseases (2) Gladioli and Carnations (3) My Garden (Roy Lancaster) (4) Dahlias – My way (5) Fruit for the Smaller Garden (6) Container Gardening (9) Cold Greenhouses (10) Autumn Shades (11) AGM and social evening

See Web-site for talk summaries

yew hedges so we peered through a gap in the hedge as she described the heating system for growing pineapples. Though there was lots of ducking and weaving I don't think anyone could see anything! Fortunately, her interest and talk focussed on the history of the garden and of the Howard family and had little horticultural content. Despite my making fun, her talk was interesting and parts of the garden were growing some good vegetable varieties so we enjoyed the tour. – Phil Broughton

Autumn Outing - Our trip to Castle Howard was rather later in the year than usual, something we'll avoid in future since at this time of year the flower beds are finished and the autumn colours haven't arrived.



The coach arrived about 10 minutes late (some panic at the Barlow Institute!). Very soon after leaving Bromley Cross, the lady inside the drivers Sat-Nav started to get very irritated as the driver ignored her demands to turn around. We soon discovered that she'd been told to take us from

Castle Howard back to Edgworth! So Phil took over her job for the remainder of the journey. This went well until the last mile when an oncoming coach driver pointed out the difficulty of fitting the coach through an archway several inches narrower than the coach! A quickly improvised diversion was needed (did anyone notice?)



For the hardy souls who ventured on our trips this year (armed with waterproofs and wellies) the Yorkshire weather was something of a bonus – cold and cloudy, but amazingly, until the heavy rain of our drive home it was dry all day.

Our garden tour was given by an enthusiastic lady volunteer, a semi-retired lecturer with a fairly stern manner! She showed us the colourful delphinium beds.....but these were photographs since the beds had been cleared! For “health and safety” reasons we couldn't go into the kitchen-garden walled by high

Plant Hunter, Television and Radio Gardener

Roy Lancaster O.B.E.

Talks to Edgworth Horticultural Society

“A Plantsman's Garden - My Garden”

18th March 2009 at 7:30pm

TICKETS ARE £12 (member discount £2)

We are very excited to have Roy Lancaster visiting us this year. We have timed his visit to coincide with the Centenary of the Barlow Institute and to celebrate this Roy will plant a commemorative tree on behalf of EHS in the grounds of the Barlow Institute Park. Roy was brought up in Bolton so knows the area well and still has links here.

Roy's talk is our direct response to your request for a greater variety of speaker we hope that you approve!

(Another celebrity speaker comes to us in June - the new Curator of RHS Harlow Carr, *Dean Peckett*)

The Tebay Garden in St. Anne's Church Yard

Many of you will know this garden, situated to the right of the paths leading up to St. Anne's church. The garden was created in memory of Jim Tebay, a founder member of the current society and is maintained by the EHS in memory of all our former members.



After

We have been aware for some time that the garden was beginning to look rather tired and so we commissioned one of our past speakers Andy Walker, to redesign and revamp the area. Andy has retained as many of the existing plants as is possible and added to these to revitalise the garden. We will be incorporating a rose donated by the family of Wilf Scarlin. – *Jean Turner*



Before

EDGWORTH
AND DISTRICT
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Twenty-Fourth Annual FLORAL and VEGETABLE

SHOW

Will be held in the INSTITUTE, Edgworth,
ON
Saturday, August 27th, 1927.

The Show will be Opened at 4-30 p.m.

Upwards of £35 will be given in Prizes.

There will also be a Sale of Useful Articles, Sweets, etc., in the Lower Room during the Exhibition, proceeds of the Sale towards the Medak Bullock Wagon.

Admission 6d. (Children Half-price).

Exhibitors close on SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th, 1927. Schedule and other information can be obtained from the Secretary, JAMES HASLAM, 215 Bolton Road, Edgworth, near Bolton.

J. WARD & SONS, LTD., 100, NEWCASTLE STREET, LONDON, E.C.4.

More on our "Roots" - Thanks to research by the Local History Society, we can now trace our roots as a Society back to at least 1903, based on a poster advertising the "24th Annual Floral and Vegetable Show" held at the Institute on Saturday, August 27th 1927. It's interesting that it started at 4.30pm and the closing date for entries was one week earlier.

1927 must have been a turning point for the Society as a Special meeting had to be held in April *"To consider whether to carry the Annual Show ON or NOT. Owing to the lack of support during the last few years, it is now a matter for urgent consideration."* There was obviously a good response and it was still flourishing in 1934 when the 31st Show was held.

What happened between then and 1974 when the Society was reformed (See Winter 2006/7 newsletter) is still unknown but it would be nice to find out.

If you have any knowledge of pre-1974 activities or know of anyone who may have any information, we would love to hear from you. Contact David Spencer on 307897 or email history@edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk

AGM 2008 The annual general meeting was once again very well attended by over 70 members and some visitors on a cold November evening in the Barlow institute. The format always remains the same for the meeting agenda but the room is arranged differently with groups of people sitting informally around tables.

The minutes from the last meeting twelve months ago were agreed by those who could remember that far back! My chairman's report reviewed our exciting programme over the last year and also gave members notification of the treats in store for 2009.

The treasurer's report showed that the society has a healthy bank balance that will enable us to carry on booking good speakers and outings. Phil showed us his proposals for better financial planning and future budgets

The members agreed to increase the yearly subscription to £2.50 and the cost of entry to the show was also revised and agreed. These still represent good value for money and the increases will enable the society to continue to develop and improve what it offers to members.

After business was concluded, we enjoyed a glass of wine and potato pie supper with home made cakes to follow – all this for a just £1.

I have enjoyed being chairman this year and am happy to continue for another year. The committee are such a nice group of people who work tirelessly and cheerfully for the benefit of the members. Thanks go to:

Janet Comer for her support and commitment over the last year. Janet left the committee at the AGM.

Keith Shatwell who replaces her on the committee – (does he know what he has let himself in for!)

Phil for his sterling(!) work as treasurer and keeping the books in good order.

John for minuting the committee meetings in his succinct yet accurate way.

And the rest of the committee Barry, Carol, David, Irene, Jean, Norman, Sue, for their commitment, good humour and energy.

Our society is lively fun and informative. We continue to grow and flourish which is fitting for a horticultural society- long may it continue. Happy new gardening year for 2009 – *Barbara Kenny (Chairman)*

Annual Show - Once again the Annual show was a great success and our thanks must be given to all the committee members and the many voluntary stewards who give of their time so freely both on the Friday

night setting up the show, on the Saturday advising entrants and then clearing away.

Not to mention the hours of debate on the detail of the show in the year prior to each event. The Mayor of Blackburn with Darwen presented the trophies and was clearly impressed by our show. We

had 122 adult entrants with 589 exhibits - not bad for a small village show and no wonder it looked so full and colourful! Both the adult and junior entries were increased on last

year, with a total of 32 junior exhibitors. If we keep this up the future of gardening in the area looks assured. The newly introduced classes proved popular especially the photography which was of a high standard, what a creative lot you all are! – *Jean Turner*



Welcome to new members in

2008! David & Susan Anderton, Margaret Bramwell, Sandra Chemney, Gordon Cooper, Janet Faulkner, David Finch, Elizabeth Galligan, Ron Gent, Susan Gilfoyle, Delphine Griffiths, Joan Hacking, Ray Hamer, Rebecca Hammond, Edna Hardman, Sheila Holmes, Mary Horrocks, Alison Hoyle, Mr & Mrs Hulme, David Innes, Janet Kinder, Jennifer Manning, Liz Morgan, Colin Patrick Roshtley, Irene Pennington, Mike Phillips, Derek & Jean Ramsden, Haydn Roberts, Steve Simpson, Eric & Stephanie Tarrant, Helen Ward, Elaine Warren, Jean Wise