



Another year has flashed by and soon it will be time for the Annual Show on Saturday August 15th. As usual it will be held at The Barlow, Edgworth.

If the weather gods are kind to us everyone at the Society is hoping for a bumper number of entries in the flower, fruit, vegetable and egg categories. Also we are looking forward to seeing many creative exhibits in the handicraft, art, cookery, photography and floral art sections.

The cold weather with late frosts in May has made it tricky plan our bedding out ... but it as got to warm up soon! Don't be deterred by lack of experience or confidence in producing prize-winning exhibits. Half the fun of village shows like ours is 'having a go'. Getting a prize or trophy is a bonus! So please bring along some entries (just one or a lot!) and see what happens. You'll probably surprise yourself!

Other attractions for visitors to the Show include the Plant Stall, which was very successful last year and the Café which will be serving up our usual fayre of home-made cakes and beverages, and will again open at 1:30pm, one hour before the Show.

With the support of local people and members of the Society, the Show continues to be one of the high points of the year in Edgworth and with it the Society thrives. So please join us in bringing along exhibits or coming to view them and the fragrant spectacle of the main hall on Saturday 15th August.

If you can help on the day, please let us know at the June or July meeting; email show@edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk or phone Tony on 01204 307364

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EHS on the Web

Take a look! It has galleries of pictures, upcoming events, EHS contacts and lots more.

But it is at risk!

There's only one, already busy person maintaining our site which means sometimes that it drifts out-of-date.

We really do need help.

It's not demanding on time or knowledge.

Speak to Phil on 300541. or email webmaster@.....



EHS in the Community

The Barlow bed is developing well since the society redesigned it in 2013. The admiring comments and thanks from passers-by and Barlow volunteers are passed to our EHS gardeners.

The Tebay bed (in memory of past members) in St. Annes Church yard at Chapel Town is also maintained by EHS volunteers and looks splendid at the end of May. In June we clear the crocus leaves and plant some colourful summer bedding.

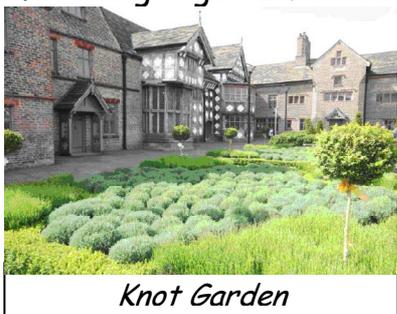


Friends of the Barlow - The Barlow, which is run and funded by volunteer effort, is absolutely vital to the village of Edgworth and is our home. Please support it in any way you can. Contribute to raising vital cash by becoming a "Friend" and boost gift aided funding needed for expensive roof repairs

A Curious Visit to try

In the third article of the series, we encounter a Hall with gardens; quite rare as only 2% of listed buildings in the UK fall into this Grade I listed category.

The Hall has a varied and interesting history. It has been a self-sufficient estate, a family home, a Working men's club and a Clergy Training School and is now a museum.. The gardens surrounding the house are now being developed, following organic methods, by an enthusiastic and knowledgeable head gardener.



Knot Garden

The estate, positioned in a bend of the River Irwell was part of the Manor of Salford at the time of the Norman Conquest (1066). There was probably a house established by 1251. The Manor was bequeathed to Sir John Radclyffe in 1335. Sir John began to develop the building and by 1380 it had a hall, five chambers, a kitchen and a chapel. The estate included three farms, two cow sheds, a granary, a dovecote and a windmill, as well as 80 acres of arable land and six acres of meadow.

Over 300 years, successive generations of the Radclyffe family developed the Hall. In the 15th century the Hall was principally a building built with a timber frame of oak, infilled by 'wattle and daub', on a sandstone foundation. Although



not a fortified house, there was a moat surrounding the building. The Great Hall was rebuilt by Sir Alexander Radclyffe in 1512, and in 1639 a brick extension added.. In 1758, the Hall passed to the Egerton family of Tatton.

Legend has it that Guy Fawkes planned the "Gun Powder Plot" here.

During the late 1800s, the Hall became surrounded by industrial housing and factories. The First World War saw the Hall put to various uses connected with the war effort and the gardens divided into allotments.

Photographs and maps of the grounds in the 1800s show a formal layout of paths lined by trees and shrubs. A statue of Mercury photographed there now stands at the centre of a pond at Tatton Park.

In 1959, the Hall was purchased by Salford Corporation from the executors of Baron Egerton of Tatton. Most recently the Hall and grounds have had a two year, £6.5 million restoration.

As part of the 2009-11 restoration of the Hall, the grounds have been completely re-landscaped. They now include: a picnic area; orchard with historic varieties of apples, pears, medlars and soft fruits; a herb garden and formal gardens. This year a World War One allotment has been created as part of the Centenary commemorations.

There is a cafe serving sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee; also a small selection of plants for sale, with some heritage varieties.

Any ideas where I am? (see page 4)

Garden Visits

Forty two members found our way to "The Barn on the Green" at Inglewhite for our evening visit in May. The owner, Vivienne Massey-Fairhurst



showed us around her garden which is divided into several different areas or rooms. Though it was early in the

season several unexpected plants were in flower - including a dahlia! This is testament to both the mild Fylde climate and to Vivienne's enthusiasm and industry - probably very much focussed by doing an NGS opening 3 days later!

After the visit we retired to the pub next door for tea (*yes tea!*) and home made biscuits.

Our visit contributed £185 to her charity, the Rosemere Cancer Foundation.

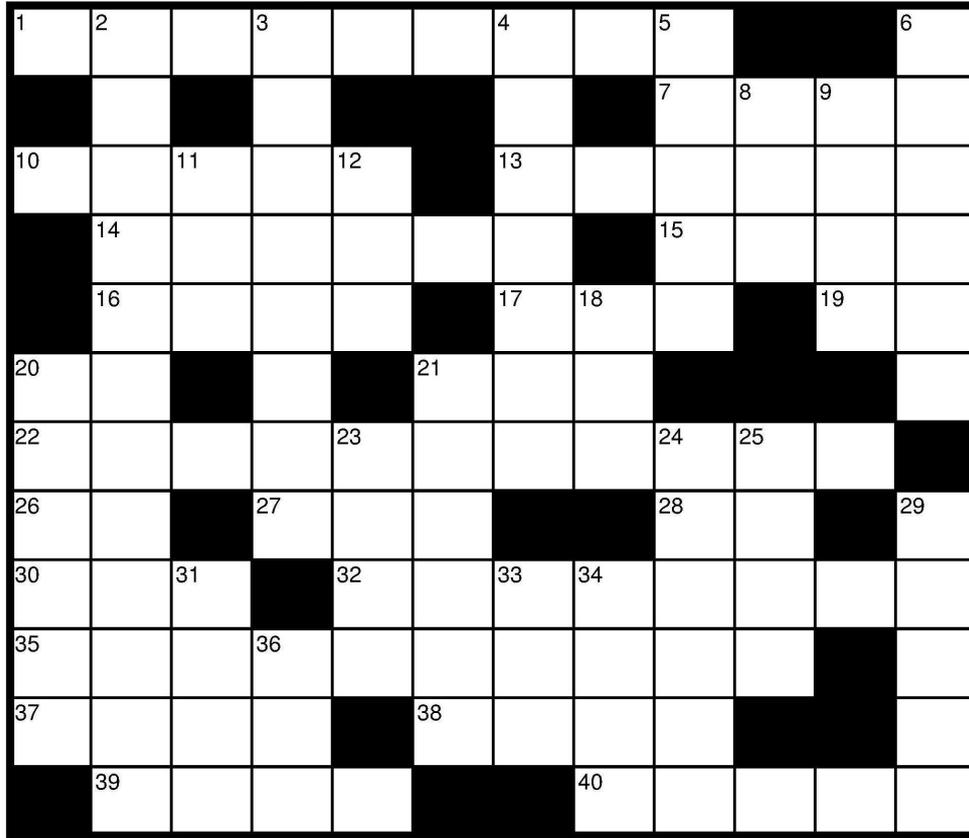
See our web site for details of our Autumn visit to Lake District Gardens on September 5th.

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Puzzle Corner

We had 4 correct answers to the quiz in the Winter Newsletter. Our speaker in April drew one from the "hat". The winner was Marjorie Openshaw who won two tickets to Tatton Show. The correct answers were Peruvian Lily and Lettuce.

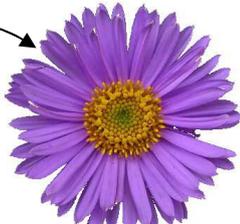
No prizes this time but we hope you have fun doing our crossword with a largely horticultural theme.



Clues Across

- 1 Red Rose Roy
- 7 White Spanish Duke
- 10 Trembling tree
- 13 Change back
- 14 Edible fruit of the Nightshade family
- 15 Instruction short of a century
- 16 Gather-in
- 17 Pale one
- 19 Green light
- 20 and 28. Little monkey!
- 21 Result of too much digging
- 22 Evergreen perennial, ends like an apostrophe
- 27 Pronoun (28 see 20 across)
- 30 Ruber
- 32 
- 35 Low pH compost
- 37 Big hopper
- 38 He added a pound and a penny
- 39 Vera
- 40 Charitable person

Clues Down

- 2 
- 3 Traveller's Joy 
- 4 Percy Potter?
- 5 Sarah is coming
- 6 This RHS Show is not tat
- 8 Type of light
- 9 Square-rigged two-masted sailing ship
- 11 Author of mystery and macabre tales
- 12 zzzz
- 18 The end of Sago
- 20 Seedlings to give away?
- 21 Stinking Hellebore near-by?
- 23 Mayor of London in 1501
- 24 Coincidentally similar to another plant
- 25 Sacred plant of Ancient Persians
- 29 
- 31 Ferny herb 
- 33 This is not for two
- 34 Space for Cargo
- 36 Dove talk

Plant Alert!

A brief reminder to everyone - we hope to have a well-stocked plant stall again at the Annual Show in August. For this, the help of members is invaluable. Please will anyone with surplus plants or divided perennials of any variety bring them along on the morning of the Show (or Friday Evening). Try to present plants tidily to attract buyers. A mini Kew Gardens is what we are aiming for! *Thank you.*

If you would like to donate some plants but have problems bringing them, contact a committee member or email:

plantstall@edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk

We'll try to help but it's a very busy time for the whole committee so please bring them if possible!

Plant labels will be available at meetings and at the show.

2015 Talks - What's gone & what's to come

In January we held a lively "Ask the experts" where Bill Blackledge and Anthony Norman fielded questions on a wide range of topics

In February, Judy Popley told us of her favourite gardens - plenty of summer visits to look forward to from the cold darkness of winter!

March: Was a talk on "Incredible Edibles". Founded in Todmorden but now established all over the world their growth is as incredible as their gardens!

In April: Paul Turner kept us riveted by his talk, unaccompanied by pictures, on Herbs and their Cultivation. He had more plants to demonstrate and sell than ever seen at the Barlow - and was almost mobbed by members wishing to buy them!

So don't miss these!

June 17th: A regular and popular visitor to EHS, Phil Dunnett from Ribblesdale Plant Centre, Woodplumpton returns to talk on **Hellebores**. He has got some good ideas in mind to make this talk interesting. He will be bringing plants to sell.

July 15th: Paul Cooke is now the Curator at RHS Harlow Carr and will talk on **The RHS Northern Garden**. Paul has been to talk to us before, when he was head gardener at Ness Gardens.



September 16th: **Celebrity Speaker.**

Sarah Raven on 50 Most Productive Plants

Sarah is a well known gardener, writer and television presenter (she is a guest presenter on Gardeners World).

Her talk will be by ticket only which will be on sale from our June meeting

Congratulations to Chris!

Chris Beardshaw won a Gold Medal at Chelsea this year with his design of the Morgan Stanley Healthy Cities Garden.

Chris has been a real favourite with EHS members since he visited us in 2013. What's more he plans to be back in Edgworth to speak to us next year!



Gardening Tips for Summer 2015

Put bottomless pots around new plants so you can easily find them, and put slug pellets inside to save them from damage. (To make the bottomless pots cut off the base using secateurs, which have the right curvature for the pot walls.)

The bottoms left over from the pots above can be used as tops for bamboo wigwams.

Mark the position of bulbs and plants which die down completely (eg Dicentras) so they aren't damaged by digging later in the season. (Coloured drinking straws last well and show up.)

Continue to feed pots, troughs etc to maintain the display. Bought compost usually has about 6 weeks of fertiliser added.

Don't forget to take photos of the garden - to look at in the cold dark days and to help plan for next year.

If you are short of time neatening the edges of the lawn is the quickest and most effective way to smarten up the whole garden.

Do not allow too many fruits to remain on trees, thin out to get better and bigger results.

Check beans to ensure they are hanging downwards and not caught on foliage and becoming curly.

Deadhead regularly, being very ruthless before going on holiday so you return to a lovely garden.

Give houseplants a holiday in the garden for the summer, check they are not scorched by hot sun.

So where am I?

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Sunday 1 - 4pm
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