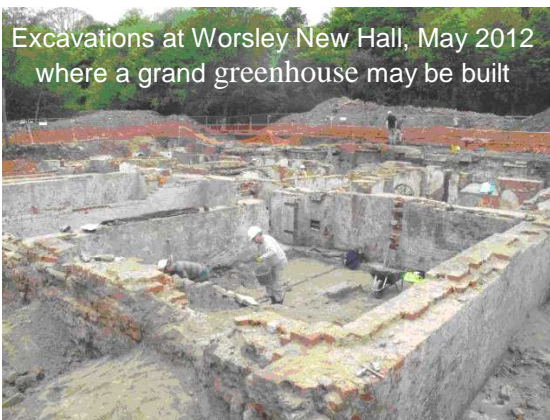




### A New RHS Garden will be on Our Doorstep!

The RHS has announced the creation of their fifth garden - in Salford at the site of Worsley New Hall. To be called RHS



Excavations at Worsley New Hall, May 2012 where a grand greenhouse may be built

Bridgewater, it is due to open in 2019. The 156 acre site will be developed at a cost of £30million under the direction of the landscape designer Tom Stuart-Smith. The estate was originally built in the 1840s on land sloping down to the Bridgewater canal, but is now in a sadly deteriorated condition.

The house has long since gone, but there are plans to build a huge greenhouse on the footprint of the house, and to plant an arboretum and learning centre within the grounds. The entrance will be through the original 10 acre walled Victorian kitchen garden, which will form the beating heart of the new development. This is a very exciting coup for the area winning the opportunity from a potential field of 20 possible sites. With our Society's affiliation to the RHS we will be able to have free trips for up to 50 members at a time - and only 3 years to wait!



The Walled Garden, recently a garden centre

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### An Exciting Programme for 2016

#### Monthly meetings

7:30pm at The Barlow on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month

- January** Stephen Lowe of Radio Lancashire  
**Ramblings of a Radio Forester**  
*Broadcasts almost every Sunday on BBC Radio Lancashire and is a "tree surgeon" by trade.*
- February** Martin & Jill Fish **From Plot to Pot** Martin talks about growing, cultivating & storing fruit & vegetables throughout the year. Jill then talks about cooking them. *Plants & products to buy*
- March** Dr Julia Hoggard **The Beekeeping Year** from the Bumble Bee Trust - bringing products to buy including mead
- April** Alan Foxall **Chrysanthemums** Expert grower. *Gold Medal Southport 2015*
- May** Evening Visit: **Cotes Farm, Broadhead Rd,** EHS member-Gayle Hopkinson created her extensive garden in our local moorland.
- June** Michael & Alison Mitchell (Slack Top Nursery) **Alpines and Rock Plants**  
*Top UK grower of alpines, in Hebden Bridge*

#### July

**Pat Murphy Meconopsis** One of the little army of volunteers from Holehird, Pat looks after their National Meconopsis Collection. *Bringing plants*

#### September CELEBRITY TALK (by ticket)

**Chris Beardshaw**

**How does your Garden Grow**

*Need we say more!!*

#### October

**Lindsay Berry Historical Gardening**

*Recent Head Gardener at Ordsall Hall. We may be treated to a costumed talk!*

#### Outings

**Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>** Wentworth Castle Gardens & The Yorkshire Sculpture Park

**Saturday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>** Arley Hall and Gardens with Antique Fair

#### 4-Day Garden Holiday

**Thursday to Saturday July 16-19<sup>th</sup>** to Suffolk & Essex

#### Annual Show

**Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>**

## Another Curious Visit to make

Janet Faulkner takes us to her 4th local beauty spot.

This park is steeped in history. There are three Grade II listed buildings, North Lodge, the statue of Oliver Cromwell and a Hall. The park is set in 109 hectares of open parkland, with historic and ornamental woodlands, herbaceous borders, formal bedding, open grassland and wildflower meadows.



From the 1300's the park descended through the Tatton family. In the winter of 1643-44 the site was besieged by Cromwell's Parliamentarian soldiers during the civil war. Now owned by Manchester City Council, the Hall and the surrounding 250 acres were given to the City by Lord and Lady Simon in 1926 to be enjoyed by the people of Manchester. Around 1926 Manchester Corporation acquired part of the land which, though not visible in the park, now houses one of the largest council housing estates in Europe.



Within the park there is an amazing range of horticulture. The Horticultural Centre was originally built to provide plants for use by Manchester City

Council. There are extensive greenhouse areas with numerous permanent displays. These include the Safari Walk which features tropical plants such as banana, pineapple, tea, coffee and rice, interspersed with ornamental subjects, water features, an aviary, alpine garden and display of cacti.



Temporate House

In 2006 a traditional Cob House was built which

features a living roof. There is a walled garden in which fruit and vegetables are grown, these are now sold in the farm shop. Within the grounds is a Community Farm which was set up in 1984. The farm includes cows, sheep, goats, pigs, ducks and horses.

Thirteen separate woodlands have been identified in the park. The park has a Horticultural Friends Society, a group for people with an interest in gardening. They arrange visits, talks, a plant



exchange scheme and their active committee supports the Horticultural Centre within the park

The park has riding stables, children's play area, athletics track, football pitches, tennis courts, bowls and golfing facilities and opens daily from dawn to dusk.

The courtyard cafe offers hearty meals and beverages, sandwiches, baton rolls and hot wraps and is open 7 days a week.

*Have you recognised where I am? (see page 4)*

## Puzzle - a Hortidoku

An EHS invention - Solve the clues and use the number of letters in each answer to convert each grid letter to a number (1-9). Then complete the Sudoku

	a			k	g	b		c
g					c		h	e
	b	h			e			
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	h	d			f			b
			f			k	a	
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d		g	e	b			c	

- one of Wordsworth's host
- confused stoned lump
- is this a country on wheels?
- sounds like a potato bud
- tempting fruit
- flower named after the BFG's author?
- sweet or dried
- muttered in crowd scenes
- politician removed from cannabis

**Answer on Page 4**

## Some 2016 Flower Shows

Harrogate Spring Show	April 21-24	Thurs - Sun
RHS Malvern (Spring)	May 5-8	Thurs - Sun
RHS Tatton Park Show	July 20-24	Wed - Sun
Shrewsbury Flower Show	August 14-15	Fri & Sat
EHS Edgworth Show	August 20	Saturday
Southport Flower Show	August 18-21	Thurs - Sun

## Not an EHS member?

You'll be made welcome at our meetings. Just come to one or look for details on the website.



## Magazine Review by Janet Faulkner

Magazine Review is a new inclusion in the EHS Newsletter. We are endeavouring to give members an insight into the content of a different gardening magazine in each newsletter. We are starting with 'Garden Answers', a monthly magazine.

I was given a subscription as a gift and have enjoyed the varied and interesting content in the four monthly copies received so far. It is informative, covering a wide perspective on gardens and growing.



*The content each month is in eight categories:*

**Celebrate** - gives the reader inspiration from plants, books, events and buys relevant to the month of the magazine. Detailed photos enhance the presentation.

**Easy Gardening** - advises on what to do in the present month. This ranges from care of individual plants through to tools. Escape to the greenhouse is a regular feature in this section, if only I had room for one! There are many creative ideas in this and other sections including border planning and planting.

**Beautiful Gardens** - this section always starts with readers' gardens. Here the garden is portrayed in photographs and details of how the garden evolved to its current planting. This section reminds me of our evening visits to meet people and their gardens. Also in this section is a garden to visit, just like our day visits (are they copying the EHS activities format??)

**Wildlife** - gives inspiration for developing the association of aspects of the garden with wildlife and includes relevant jobs for that month.

**Grow and Eat** - covers the options for that month with jobs to be done and tips for getting ready for the seasons ahead, why does this section leave me with a guilt trip?

**Problems Solved** - this is a question and answer section. It is enhanced by photographs. Sections are divided into shrubs and trees, perennials, greenhouse, bedding, bulbs, weeds and pests and diseases.

**Garden Buys** - suitable for planting that month and ahead, including flowers, trees, bulbs and vegetables.

**Your Garden Life** - over to you - readers letters. Reviews a community garden each month. There are quizzes puzzles and prizes to be won.

The magazine costs £3.75 per month or can be obtained at a cheaper rate by a subscription, where options include online and postal versions.

Garden Answers, Bauer Media, Media House, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6EA.

[www.gardenanswersmagazine.co.uk](http://www.gardenanswersmagazine.co.uk)

## Winter & Spring Tips by Sue Brohi

- Vegetable beds - cover with thick black polythene to warm and dry the soil so it is ready for use earlier. Old compost bags held down with canes and weights work well.
- Seeds - need to keep growing after they germinate, so avoid sowing too early as they are checked and languish rather than steadily getting larger and stronger. This applies to indoor and outdoor sowings. When weeds start to grow in your garden the hardy seeds can be sown, rather than dates given on the packets.
- Lawns - avoid walking on soggy or frozen grass it harms and compacts it..
- Greenhouses - as the weather warms up start to water more, but avoid having wet soil/plants when it is frosty. Also open the door on warm days, but close early in the afternoon to retain heat.
- Staking floppy plants - before we forget what needs to be supported make a note of offenders, or check photos, and accumulate appropriate twigs, canes etc ready to put in place early.
- Nest boxes - clean out and put back any boxes not done in autumn. Do not use cleaning products.
- Forsythia - can be `pruned` early to provide flowering stems for the house.
- Paper shreddings - when you spring-clean the filing cabinet keep the paper and add to the compost heap regularly, mixed with green waste
- Houseplants - repot in spring ready for the new season.
- Pots of bulbs - those sold in winter and spring can be used to fill gaps in the garden
- Bulbs - mark the positions of bulbs before the leaves die away. Plant summer annuals on top.

## Helping Your Society Please help!

Serving tea/coffee and cakes at a meeting or making a cake [Contact Carol on 307364](mailto:carol_m@edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk)  
[carol\\_m@edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk](mailto:carol_m@edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk)

Maintaining our website. If you can word-process then web pages editing is similar. Our website is very important to us but is now out-of-date. I'm desperate for a helper!. [Speak to Phil on 300541.](mailto:phil_b@edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk)  
[phil\\_b@edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk](mailto:phil_b@edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk)

Looking after the front flowerbed of the Barlow and the Tebay bed in St. Annes Church. Just one (shared) visit per year in the spring or summer months (about 2 hours) and a rota is published.  
[Contact Irene on 30789](mailto:secretary@edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk)  
[secretary@edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk](mailto:secretary@edgworth-horticultural-society.co.uk)

## Where am I? (from page 2)

Wythenshaw Park and Hall,  
Wythenshaw Road M23 0AB  
[www.wythenshawhall.com](http://www.wythenshawhall.com)

The Horticultural Centre is open  
10.00 - 16.00 admission is free.

Community Farm open 7 days a  
week 11.30 - 16.00 April to  
October 11.30 - 15.30 November  
to March.



The Hall is supported by a friends group who open the  
Hall (usually on monthly open days) see the web site.

## Member Discounts

On production of EHS card  
Arthur Lane Nurseries 10%  
(Harwood to Ainsworth road)

Mahers 10% off garden goods  
(Lever Edge Lane, Bolton)

### Suttons Seeds

Thanks to the orders we placed in 2015, Suttons  
have given us the same fantastic discounts

Packets of Seeds 50%  
All other items 15%

You need the 2015/16 discount code, unique to EHS  
and can then order by post, phone or their website

For the new order form with discount code and a  
catalogue call Phil on 300541

## The Annual Show

In August the weather gods for once were benevolent  
and the Show was very well attended, with the  
number of exhibitors and entries continuing to rise.  
Revenue from gate receipts, entries, produce, plant  
sales and catering increased.

It would be pleasing to see more junior entrants in  
2016, but everyone noted the big increase in the  
cookery and preserves section this year.

The Show was yet again a great success. A big thank  
you to the committee and to the volunteers for all  
their invaluable hard work.

## AGM 2015

This was held in November, following the pattern of  
previous years. The Chairman gave a resumé of the  
year and reminded us of talks such as 'Herbs' and  
'Incredible Edibles' and the superb celebrity talk by  
Sarah Raven in October on `50 Most Productive  
Plants`.

Membership numbers are stable at around 260 with a  
steady flow of new members.

Visits were all completely full and included an extra  
trip to RHS Harlow Carr in the autumn.

He closed by thanking everyone in EHS for their  
support and help in 2015.

The Treasurer reported that the Show was yet again  
successful, taking £1,621 on the day including record  
takings from the Plant Stall and café. Revenue from  
Schedule advertising was also much higher. The Show  
surplus allows us to have expensive celebrity talks.

Good speakers, often travelling some distance, cost a  
lot more than they did a few years ago. Also room  
hire continues to increase each year. Though we still  
plan for a loss on monthly talks, entry at the door will  
be increased to £1.50 and £3 for visitors. The  
consensus was that this is still excellent value.

The elected officers and committee members remain  
as 2015:

Phil Broughton (Chairman),  
Keith Shatwell (Treasurer),  
Irene Spencer (Secretary),

Carol Murphy (Membership),  
Pat Whalley (Events),  
Jean Turner, Sue Brohi, David Spencer and Martin Cox.

Tony Murphy continues as Show Secretary (*non committee*)

After the formal business the evening concluded with  
the usual delicious potato  
pie supper and wine  
accompanied by slides of  
the year's events.

### **EHS on the Web**

has galleries of pictures,  
up-coming events and lots  
more.

## Puzzle Answers

### Summer News Crossword

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### Hortidoku

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## News Snippets

Turton Tower Stables  
have got a £10,000  
start up grant from  
HLF. Planning now  
starts on how to restore  
& develop them

Also at the Tower, the  
Kitchen Garden has bid  
for £3300 of lottery  
funding to improve the  
paths.

A new, fairly local RHS  
Show at Chatsworth in  
Derbyshire will start in  
2017 (June 7-11)

k. he  
h. rhubarb  
g. pea  
f. dahlia  
e. apple  
d. I  
c. carnation  
b. plum  
a. daffodil