



**Ruby anniversary edition**

*congratulations*

**Its our anniversary !!**

2013 is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reforming of the Society.

To celebrate this event we are putting together a booklet about the history of the Society including the main changes and landmarks.

*If you know anything about the early years - or better still the history of the original Society please contact David Spencer*

*(details on back page).*

The society has grown steadily in popularity over the years and now has 244 members.

### **We are growing!**

Our annual show has a very popular plant sale.

We need members and friends to help make this a success again this year.

Please think about splitting your plants now and growing on in pots for the show in August

If you have cuttings that will be big enough to sell please put some on one side.

This is because we are a friendly and welcoming society and always encourage new members and visitors to be involved

The excellent speakers make it a very appealing group to join.

We have introduced day and evening visits to gardens and places of interest for gardeners and also 4 day holidays in the summer.

If you have any photographs of our trips or holidays over the years we would be pleased to have them to put on the website.

*Please remember when you bring your plants for us to sell—we charge £3 or £4 for a pot—would you pay that for the plants you are giving us?*



*Plants in flower sell better*

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#### **Special points of interest:**

*Anniversary year*

*Annual show*

*Chris Beardshaw*

*The Society in Edgworth*

# The Tebay Memorial garden

## Jim Tebay

Jim Tebay was a Chapeltown man and founding member of the Society when it was reformed in 1973. He was very active in exhibiting at our Shows and judging in the area. Jim, a generous man, was keen to pass on his knowledge to all who asked for help. He would always give away plants - and his produce too. One of his Show specialities was Chrysanthemums but he was more circumspect about his methods.

His main interest was vegetables which he prepared with great care (and mess in the kitchen). Many local people were inspired to learn about gardening by his enthusiasm.

## The Tebay Memorial Garden

This garden is situated in the grounds of St Anne's Church, Chapeltown to the right of the main door.

It was planted by the Society in 1986 and has been maintained by us since then. It is a large oval bed with a wide variety of plants, shrubs and bulbs.

The society refurbished it in 2009

A plaque was added in 2010



*The Tebay Garden*

*Dedicated to former members when it was agreed to dedicate the garden to former members of the society*

## Our monthly meetings

### **DID YOU MISS THESE MEETINGS?**

#### **16 January 'Ups and Downs of Gardening'**

Barbara and Bill Seddon proved to be a good comedy act as they described the development over 30 years of their Woodside Garden near Wigan. Their garden has come second in The Daily Mail National Garden Competition.

#### **20 February 'Heucheras'**

Vicky and Richard Fox run 'Plantagogo Nursery' near Crewe which holds the National Collection of Heucheras, Heucherellas and Tiarellas. They have been Chelsea Gold Medal winners every year since 2009 and willingly shared their knowledge with us.

#### **29 March 'Climbing Plants'**

Paul Cook is Curator of Ness Gardens and has been a regular visitor to our Society. This time he displayed his knowledge of climbing plants offering us once again plenty of practical tips and guidance.

#### **17 April 'Fruit Growing in the North-West'**

Clifford Cain travelled all the way from Doncaster to prove to us that it is possible to grow a lot of different types of fruit in the North-West and has given a list of varieties which grow well in our area. This list can be viewed on our web-site under 'Plants and Tips' > 'From Speakers' > 'Topic'.

#### **15 May Evening Visit**

The Society visited the gardens at Myerscough Agricultural and Horticultural College where we were welcomed by Bob Hughes who gave a tour of the gardens. Bob, a lecturer at the College, has given us talks on several occasions

### **THEN DON'T MISS THESE!**

#### **19 June 'Gardeners' Question Time'**

Our very own version of this popular gardening radio programme.

#### **17 July 'Borders for Colour and Interest'**

Michelle Martin from Hesketh Bank will visit us.

#### **18 September 'Shady Plants'**

Phil Dunnett from Woodplumpton will reveal all about these 'dodgy' plants!

#### **2 October 'Celebrity Speaker**

Chris Beardshaw'

See the further information about this on page 4 of this newsletter.

#### **20 November 'Our 40th AGM'**

Of recent years our AGMs have always been well attended events. We seek to make it a friendly social occasion. Perhaps bribing members with food and a glass of wine is the secret!

***All these meetings take place at  
The Barlow in Edgworth  
starting at 7.30p.m.***

## Topical tips

### Clean hands after gardening

Put a teaspoonful of sugar in the palm of your hand, add a similar amount of cooking oil and rub together all over your hands. This cleans the skin, gets into the creases and softens the skin too. If the nails are still dirty wash your hair and give it a good massage with the nails and they will come up clean too.

### Greenfly in pot plants

Put the pot in a bucket large enough to hold the plant completely under the rim. Fill with water to the very top. Leave for a while – the greenfly will start to float to the top. Add more water to sluice them away. Swish the leaves around to dislodge any hiding under leaves. Repeat until no more appear. Drain.

### Protect your back

Do not have a gap between waistband and top – wear longer tucked in shirts.

Warm up before starting – stretch and bend and exercise arms and legs to warm up the muscles (do this indoors first if you wish). Take regular breaks and stretch backwards with hands on the base of your back. Stretch and warm down at the end. Have warm bath or shower to relax muscles, then sit with your back well supported as your muscles relax.

### Big garden jobs

Don't dig the whole garden on day 1. Build up your stamina. Save up for power tools (eg scarifier) – no more brownie points for doing it the hard way!

### Safety ideas

- Wear strong shoes / trainers / boots not flip flops.
- Wear glasses near shrubs, hedges and taller plants to protect eyes from vegetation which may flick out suddenly.
- Wear gloves and then wash hands after using chemicals or purchased composts of any sort – under hosepipe is OK.
- Check tools are kept spikes / blades down in the garden and put away at the end.
- With children around train them not to eat anything without supervision and that some plants are there for the birds to eat in winter. Check plants for toxicity & avoid – foxgloves are attractive & the 'gloves' fit little fingers nicely.

## Come with us to admire the work of others!

### DAY VISITS

**22 June 'Breezy Knees Nursery and Gardens and the Yorkshire Lavender Farm'.**

There are very few places left on the coach. Details from Jean Turner telephone 852272.

**26 October 'Thorpe Perrow Arboretum, North Yorkshire'.**

This is the largest privately owned arboretum in the country and should be very colourful at this time. Details will be available at our June meeting and then from Barry Scanlon telephone 853152.

### HOLIDAY

**27-30 July 'Gardens of Kent and Sussex'**

Our ever-popular garden holiday will be over four days from 27 July. We will visit a variety of gardens in Kent & Sussex. In case spaces become available...call Phil Broughton 300541.

*Details of all these are on the web-site*

## The 2013 Annual Show

Our ever popular Annual Show takes place at The Barlow on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

Show Schedules with all the details inside, along with entry forms, are available at Edgworth shops, Arthur Lane Nurseries and Holland's Garden Centre and on the website. The Show is now a big village event in Edgworth. With the enhanced number of classes there is something for everyone, young or old, gardener or not, cook, crafter, painter or photographer.

So please get started and make our Anniversary Show a real success!

There are classes for all ages from 3 to 103 and you should find a class that your entry will fit into. There will be the ever popular café on the day serving drinks and home made cakes. The plant stall outside will sell plants for your own garden after you have been inspired by what you have seen amongst the exhibits.

If you are not able to exhibit then please come along at 2.30 to admire the exhibits and see the cups and rosettes being presented by past chairman Brian Arnold

Down-load your  
schedule from our  
website

# Celebrity speaker—Chris Beardshaw October 2nd 2013

All members will have received a letter asking to book tickets for this event.

**It is entry by ticket only** please contact [barbara.kenny@sky.com](mailto:barbara.kenny@sky.com) for more details

Chris Beardshaw is referred to by some as a polymath or 'renaissance man' when trying to succinctly describe the many of areas of expertise and input Chris can inject into a project and we are rather taken with the term!



Many will know Chris from his long broadcasting career, which spans nearly 15 years and includes BBC2 hit television series such as **Hidden Gardens** and the hugely popular **The Flying Gardener**, amongst many others. He is also heard by millions on the weekly Radio 4 **Gardeners' Question Time** panel where he intrepidly faces a live audience of gardening enthusiasts

Chris is a popular show garden designer, having produced award winning schemes at all of the RHS show as well as many international flower shows. He has racked up over 15 RHS medals many of which are Best in Show's and Gold awards as well as a growing selection of international accolades

He has also written a number of books with a **new book due out in Spring 2013** and he contributes regularly to gardening magazines and lifestyle publications. He is currently writing a monthly column for **The English Garden Magazine!**

**[www.chrisbeardshaw.com](http://www.chrisbeardshaw.com)**

*Chris will be bringing copies of his book to sell*

## The village water wheel and society planting

The Old Waterwheel has been re-located from Turton Tower to a new site on Bury Road, Edgworth.



'What a good idea to plant bulbs on the site' someone said and the plans began. Several sacks of daffodils and a number of crocus bulbs were purchased. Arrangements were made to meet Society Members on a Saturday morning in October, 2011 to do the planting.

Spring 2013

What a welcoming sight to the village this spring !

The society has planted bulbs in various locations in the village over the last few years- you can see them on Broadhead Road and in



Chapeltown— look on the website for more pictures

If you want a lasting treat for your own garden get a `ruby` plant. The RHS site has several ideas (Sedum `Ruby Glow`, Camellia `Ruby Wedding`, Dianthus `Houndspool Ruby` plus many more).

## Key people and contacts

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