

Oxenhope

gardening club news

February 2015



Let's get Keighley growing more

For our February talk we welcome back Pippa and Andrew Chapman who will tell us about a new local community gardening project called 'Let's Grow More'.

The project has a Keighley focus — in particular a dementia friendly garden soon

to be built on Church Green. They are also planning a gardening volunteer programme to revamp the gardens at Airedale hospital.

The full list with dates of all our meetings is over the page and on [our website](#).

A plea from the committee

We committee members – Sandra, Sue, Kath, Ruth, Anne and Jenny – are appealing for help with the workload of running the club.

The new joining procedure was one attempt to make Sue's work as treasurer – especially over the busy Christmas period – just that bit easier.

But there are just not enough of us to do everything else that running the club entails. At every meeting we need somebody to:

- make teas and coffees
- set the room out
- greet members
- greet the speaker and help them set up their equipment
- announce the meeting and thank the speaker at the end
- print out and bring copies of the newsletter
- count how many members have come along (for fire regulations)
- look out for new faces and make them feel welcome
- lock up at the end of the evening.

That's at least nine jobs on the night and there are six of us on the committee.

Before each meeting we plan the arrangements, check the finances, write the newsletter, discuss arrangements for summer trips, and we are already planning speakers for 2016.

After each meeting we clear everything up, count and bank the money.

We are grateful to everyone who helps: putting chairs out, other jobs and particularly our stalwart raffle organisers.

WE STILL NEED MORE HELP!

Some time ago we agreed to check membership cards when you all turn up for a meeting, but we haven't been doing it because we don't have a spare pair of hands. Apologies if we can't remember everyone's face and if you are a paid-up member. For fire regulations, though, we are supposed to count how many are in the room.

If just one person could volunteer to check members' cards at each meeting it would help us. If just one person could find time to print off 20 copies of the newsletter and claim the money back that would help. If just one person could come and join the committee that would be wonderful!

Thank you.

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2015 dates for your diary:

19 February

Andrew and Pippa Chapman, Those
plant people: Let's Grow Keighley

19 March

John Foley, Holden Clough:
Fantastic Foliage

16 April

Neil Timm, The Fern Nursery:
Astride the Garden Fence

21 May

Himalayan Gardens at Grewelthorpe nr
Ripon. Evening visit. Make own way.

18 June

The club's plant sale and cakes

16 July

The Gardens of Gledhow, Oxenhope.
Evening visit to three gardens

20 August

Dove Cottage nr Halifax. Evening visit.
Make own way.

17 September

Michael Myers:

Autumnal interest in the Garden

15 October

Sue Beesley, Bluebell Cottage:
Transforming Bluebell cottage gardens

19 November

Bob Brown, Cotswold Garden Flowers:
So many plants, so little space

Horticultural honesty table

Don't forget to bring plants and horticultural items (unwanted Christmas presents?) for our plant sale table at every meeting.

You can bring plant divisions, pots, seed packets, books, magazines or any unwanted gardening accessories.

Just put them on the table at the back of the room clearly labelled with the price.

Tea and coffee rota



Helpers are usually needed for the tea and coffee rota for our meetings.

All you need to do is set up, serve refreshments and tidy up.

Please ring Ruth or Sue if you can help:

- Ruth Shepley **643437**
- Sue Gibson **642684**

Need a lift to events?

If would like help with transport to meetings and trips please tell us.

These people have offered to help with lifts for others who need them:

- Jenny Hakney 610599
- Ruth Shepley 643437

Why not send in a contribution to the newsletter?

Jenny would be grateful if you could help her fill the space. Email Jenny via the club website or at jenny.hakney@talktalk.net

Keeping our club printing costs down

We are cutting down the number of newsletters we print. If you could read it online email Richard Gibson who will add you to the email circulation list: richard.gibson@oxenhopegardeningclub.co.uk



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