

# Oxenhope gardening club

Newsletter

March 2012

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



## Chairman's message

I hope you are all busy in the shed or greenhouse sowing seeds and taking cuttings for our April plant sale.

Along with your tomatoes and annuals why not pop in a few extra seeds which will help raise money for the club's funds.

Or if your perennials are spreading too far divide them to make plants for sale.



Every little cutting could help to pay for our speakers.

I am sure you agree our committee members do a fantastic job organising the year's events—so do your bit and help swell the funds.

## Maurice's blooming good talk

February's talk was a leisurely tour around the civic planting of Europe, by Maurice Baren, the former head of Bradford's parks department, social historian, In Bloom judge and author.

As 2011 national judge of Communities in Bloom Maurice had the opportunity to travel across Europe judging the best planting schemes and community projects. He showed us floral examples in large cosmopolitan cities as well as remote rural villages – as evidenced by the proliferation of horse-drawn transport which took him to see the floral displays!

We learned that 'In Bloom' is as much about sustainable community projects as it is about attractive flower beds.

## April's Adel gem

Our April meeting will be a talk by Meg Morton from York Gate – a garden which is described as 'a small garden of distinction'.

Adel's hidden secret is a garden of style and craftsmanship, widely lauded as one of the most innovative small gardens in the country.

Divided by yew and beech hedges to form a series of garden rooms, York Gate squeezes much into a small space. There's a herb garden, topiary, arched pathways, pavement maze and a dell with half-hidden stream.



This talk should whet our appetites for the club's visit to York Gate on Wednesday, 20 June.

## Membership fees overdue

If you haven't paid your membership fees for 2012 yet please do so at the March meeting.

Cheques for £15 should be made payable to Oxenhope Gardening Club.

## OGC dates for your diary

Make sure you don't miss any of our talks and events — put these dates in your diary:

**March 15**

Joe Maiden, Radio Leeds:  
Vegetable gardening

**April 19**

Speaker from York Gate, Adel  
and members' plant sale

**May 17**

Visit to Waddow Lodge, garden of  
Peter Foley and Liz Dean

**June 21**

Visit to York Gate, Adel

**July 19**

Visit to High Hall, Steeton

**Sunday, August 5**

Summer lunch at  
Stepping Stones, Oxenholme

**September 20**

Peter Foley: Plants for problem places

**October 18**

Andy Sturgeon:  
Making a modern garden

**November 15**

Michael Myers  
(December: No meeting)

You can check our website for further details of all talks and visits.

## It's your newsletter

Why not send in a contribution to the club's newsletter?

Tell us your seasonal tip, suggest a garden to visit or send in a photo of a favourite corner of your own garden. Email Jenny via the club website or at [jenny.hakney@talktalk.net](mailto:jenny.hakney@talktalk.net)

## Keeping our club printing costs down

We are trying to cut 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@oxenholmegardeningclub.co.uk](mailto:richard.gibson@oxenholmegardeningclub.co.uk)

## Mediæval Gardens



Oxenholme Antique & Collectors Society is holding an illustrated talk by Simon Tomson on mediæval gardens following its AGM on Thursday, 22 March at 8pm.

It takes place at Oxenholme Village Community Centre and tickets cost £3.

## Tea and coffee rota



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

Club coffers pay for the tea, coffee, milk and biscuits. All you need to do is set up, serve refreshments and tidy up.

Please ring one of the committee if you can help out:

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