

# Oxenhope

## Gardening club news

February 2017



### Hirst Wood Lock weaves its spell

I don't know if many of you have been able to visit Hirst Lock on the Leeds and Liverpool canal and the nature reserve that adjoins it?



One of our members, Susan Gibson, has found inspiration in this place for her latest piece of weaving (pictured).

Last year we featured in the newsletter a piece of Susan's weaving which was inspired by the Oxenhope countryside. Her work was chosen to be displayed at an exhibition in Edinburgh.

This year, the theme for the competition is 'currents' and Susan has chosen to feature the rushing water of Hirst Lock as the inspiration for her lovely piece.

If you haven't yet been, the lock and nature reserve is a lovely place for a visit, even in February!

**Sandra**

### February's speaker tells of plans for Harlow Carr

**Paul Cook became the new curator of RHS Garden Harlow Carr in Harrogate in September 2013.**

Before that he was curator at Ness Botanic Gardens for more than 11 years. At Harlow Carr, Paul is responsible for managing and developing the garden's plant collections and leading a team of 30 horticulturists, RHS trainees and volunteers.

Paul said: "I have long term plans for its gardens, and for education and helping people get into horticulture as a career.



"RHS Garden Harlow Carr is a wonderful garden, with a lot of potential, especially in the woodland. I'm focusing on shade planting to create even more

year-round interest for visitors. Although I'm thinking about the bigger picture, with long-term plans looking as far ahead as half a century, there will be many new things for visitors to see within the next few years."

***Don't forget to bring a cheque for £15 to the February meeting if you haven't already paid. February is your last chance to join.***

## Season's diary dates

Here's the 2017 programme – don't forget to collect your membership card at February's meeting.

- 16 February: Paul Cook, Harlow Carr and Ness Botanical Garden.
- 16 March: Steven Hickman, Cultivation and propagation of Agapanthus, Nerines etc.
- 20 April: an evening with Christine Walkden.
- 18 May: Plant Sale.
- 15 June: Visit to Slack Top Alpines and how to plant a trough.
- 22 July: Outing to be confirmed
- 28 August: proposed visit to Cottingley Bridge allotments. Details to be confirmed.
- 21 September: Gill Hodgson, Flowers for Cutting
- 19 October: Sarah Hopps, Late Summer Border.
- 16 November: Clifford Cain, Fruit Growing in the north of England.

The club can only continue if you join, bring plants for sale, encourage new members, support the raffle and buy refreshments.

Membership closes at the February meeting.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at future meetings.

## Tea and coffee rota

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



We are not getting enough volunteers to give our usual stalwarts a chance to chat to friends or browse the plant displays. So we are going to put a blank rota sheet on the refreshment counter, in the hope that one or two of you will volunteer to give it a go occasionally.

Please ring Ruth or Sue if you can help:

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

## Send us your tulip photos

We are all dreaming of warm spring days when our lovely new tulips, bought following Anna Pavord's talk last year, burst into flower.

The committee thought it would be a cheering idea to share photos of our tulips, when they emerge.



It's obviously still too early to take photos, but by next month's newsletter I hope to have a special email address or link on the website where you can send your entries.

## Keep our printing costs down

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