

Oxenhope

Gardening club news

November 2016



Winter heralds last meeting of 2016

Welcome to November's newsletter. Our speaker this month is Kevin Pratt who will be urging us not to let the garden go to sleep during winter.

I know that winter seems to have come sooner this year but I'm sure there will still be good advice we can follow even after this early onset of cold weather.

I confess that during the recent cold weather, I have been thousands of

miles away enjoying not only very hot weather but also the gardens and plants of Utah and Louisiana. I have been visiting my friend and my daughter, both of whom have been visitors to the gardening club in the past.

I will be looking forward to the next meeting and meeting you all again (but perhaps not the return to winter!)

Sandra

New season highlights

The full programme for 2017 will be revealed when you collect your membership card in January.

The committee has been busy planning an exciting season of talks and visits.

Already confirmed:

- February: Paul Cook will talk about Harlow Carr and Ness Botanical Garden.
- April: an evening with Christine Walkden.

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

January's speaker is Graham Porter who co-presents the Sunday morning gardening programme on Radio Leeds with Tim Crowther. His talk is called Make the best use of small spaces

Graham will give us ideas on how to maximise the value of your precious square metres in a small garden.

Full list with more information about our meetings will appear on our website.

Membership 2017

Don't forget to bring your cheque for £15 to the November meeting.

We won't cash your cheque until January, for accounting reasons.

We are holding the membership fee at £15 for another year thanks to your support bringing plants for sale, buying raffle tickets and refreshments.

Collect your membership card at the January and February meetings. Membership closes at the February meeting—why not try to bring along a new member to one of our meetings.

Last chance for tulips

The tulip bulbs recommended by Anna Pavord are still on sale. Get yours at November's meeting.

Prices are for bags of ten. Please bring some change for your purchases.

Ancilla £3.10 Soft pink with rose-red, inside white with distinct red ring. Bulb size 10cm.

Ballerina £2.80 A startling orange tulip with a small golden yellow edge. It is one of the very few fragrant tulips. Bulb size 10cm.

Batalini Bright Gem £3 Sulphur yellow, flushed orange. Bulb size 1.

Black Hero ® £4.30 A sultry, dark purple tulip with a darker edge. This tulip is the double version of the Queen of Night tulip. Bulb size 12cm.

Cairo ® £3.20 Sports bronzed, orange petals that shimmer beautifully in the

sun. They are lightly fragrant and look stunning with purple tulips such as Burgundy, Havran or Victoria's Secret. Bulb size 12cm.



Couleur Cardinal £3.20 A bright red tulip shaded with plum tones. This lovely tulip has the added benefit of a lovely fragrance. Bulb size 12cm.

Exotic Emperor £3.30 Double pure white, beautifully marked with green. Bulb size 12cm.

Maytime £3.10 Reddish violet, narrow white edge. Bulb size 10cm.

Princess Irene SOLD OUT

Shirley £3.20 An ivory white tulip with a purple edge and purple spotting. Bulb size 12cm.

Spring Green £3.20 Chic and elegant white tulip with clear green feathering. Bulb size 12cm.

Chocolate heaven

Chocolate cosmos, *Cosmos atrosanguineus*, photographed in Jenny's garden on 12 November.

If you have never caught the amazing scent of these flowers, then you should!

On a warm day these velvety, deep red blooms smell of, some say, chocolate but to my nose it's more carob.

By happy accident I planted mine next to a pheasant's tail grass, *Anemanthele lessoniana*, and the cosmos flowers have mingled most attractively with the arching bronze-coloured grass.



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If you could read this newsletter online please email richard.gibson@oxenhopegardeningclub.co.uk and he will add you to the mailing list.

Tea and coffee rota

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



Please ring Ruth or Sue if you can help:

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