

Oxenhope

Gardening club news

September 2016



Chair's message

I hope you all had a good summer and that your gardens have appreciated this recent lovely September weather!

Its already time to start to planning for next year's spring colour in the garden, so how fortunate we are to welcome to

the club, this month's speaker, Anna Pavord, one of the world's tulip experts.

If you are inspired by her talk, you will be able to buy some of the bulbs she is featuring in the talk at the meeting at a very reasonable price. Enjoy!

Sandra

September meeting

We are fortunate to have the renowned bulb specialist and consummate gardener, Anna Pavord, as our September speaker.

'Tulip lady' and gardening correspondent in *The Independent*, Anna confesses to spending more on bulbs than on clothes.

We have lured her all the way from her secluded Dorset garden, to talk to us about one of her passions: tulips.

Our main keynote speaker for 2016, Anna has written widely-praised gardening books, wrote for *The Observer* for twenty years, has contributed to *Country Life*, *Elle* and *Country Living*, and is an associate editor of *Gardens Illustrated*.

For the last thirty years she has lived in Dorset, where she is making a new garden. Constantly experimenting with new combinations of flowers and

foliage, she finds it a tremendous source of inspiration.

Encourage your friends and neighbours to come along for this rare opportunity to hear Anna speak about using tulips stylishly in your own gardens.

Entry £10 non-members. We have ordered tulip bulbs from the list supplied by Anna. We intend to sell them for £3.20 for a bag of 10 bulbs. If they don't arrive in time for September's meeting we will bring them next time.

In October we welcome back Timothy Walker, lecturer in Plant Sciences at Somerville College Oxford.

His talk is: The Plants of Tenerife – Go where Darwin did not. Timothy has given more than 1,500 talks in Britain, Ireland, North America, and Australia and on TV. We asked him back because we enjoyed his learned content delivered in such an entertaining way.

Thank you from the committee

The committee thanks all of you who supported our summer events.

The visit to Bluebell Cottage and Arley Hall was a success despite traffic jams.

A lot of work went into Kath's open garden so we thank Kath and John, as well as everyone who came along to enjoy the garden looking wonderful.

Finally, The Grange at Carlton was a very interesting afternoon out with the knowledgeable head gardener, and much to admire in the extensive gardens. The rain held off until we were ready to dive into the tea tent!

The club's summer events are at the heart of what we do – enjoying gardening together. So do please keep supporting future summer trips. And let the committee know which gardens you would like to see. Thank you.

Greetings at meetings



Please remember to sign in at meetings for fire and safety records.

Joan Roach is the friendly face to look out for when arriving at meetings. It helps us to know how many people attend each meeting so we can get a better idea of the most popular talks.

Keep our printing costs down

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



All phone numbers are 01535 unless stated otherwise.

Remaining dates 2016

15 September

Anna Pavord: Tulips in the garden

20 October

Timothy Walker: Plants of Tenerife – Go where Darwin did not

17 November

Kevin Pratt: "Don't go to sleep during winter."

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:

- Ruth Shepley **643437**
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Masthead photo

Dahlia 'Tiger eye' photographed in Jenny's garden on 4 September.

I love this beautiful Dahlia for its elegant blend of almost metallic colours.

The bees love its open flower where they can easily land to feed.

