
Oxenhope gardening club

Newsletter

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Waddow Lodge is our May visit



Our May meeting is an afternoon trip to Waddow Lodge Garden in Waddington, near Clitheroe.

The gardens around this Georgian property have been transformed by Peter Foley, who ran Holden Clough nursery for over 30 years, and Liz Dean to create a plantsman's garden full of interesting and unusual plants.

Set in the beautiful Ribble Valley the garden is host to hundreds of plants collected over the past 40 years. These include herbaceous perennials, grasses, old fashioned and modern roses and shrubs, heathers and rhododendrons, dwarf conifers and alpinists.

There are also shade-loving perennials and bulbs along with fruit and vegetables in a new kitchen garden area.

In addition a small orchard of classic old apple varieties, many native to Yorkshire and Lancashire, is being established as a small wildflower area. A wet meadow further down the garden now boasts a new pond and stream with wild flowers and to encourage wildlife into the garden.

Make your own way there on Thursday, 17 May. There will be a small entry charge which goes to charity. Check our website for details nearer the time.

- *Peter Foley returns the visit to Oxenhope in September when he will give a talk about plants for problem places.*

Jo's down to earth style

Jo Maiden, Radio Leeds' gardening expert, gave a highly entertaining talk on Thursday, 15 March. He seamlessly regaled us with amusing anecdotes whilst imparting useful tips on vegetable cultivation and plant propagation.



His boundless enthusiasm for the humble spud came over strongly, and throughout the evening he generously gave out tips and hints for getting the best out of each tuber.

An enticing display of plants for sale created an attractive foreground – some of them even doubling up as props during his talk!

OGC dates for your diary

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

April 19

Meg Morton 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, Oxenhope

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

Chairman's message

April's talk is the last evening meeting in the village hall until September.

This means we now have four garden visits to look forward to over the summer months. Let's hope the weather holds.

In May we visit Waddow Lodge near Clitheroe, York Gate near Adel in June, and High Hall, Steeton in July. Not forgetting summer lunch at Stepping Stones on Sunday, 5 August.

We return indoors for our first meeting of the autumn season in September .

Tea and coffee rota

Don't forget helpers are usually needed for the tea and coffee rota for our 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:

Chairman, Richard Berry **647974**

Secretary, Belinda Marks **640607**

Treasurer, Sue Gibson **642684**

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@oxenhopegardeningclub.co.uk



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