

Oxenhope

Gardening Club News

April 2019



It's a small world!

Limoges airport isn't where you'd expect to meet up with an Oxenhope Gardening Club member! However, returning from my first trip out to the garden in France last week, a voice greeted me with, 'Oxenhope Gardening Club'? I don't know the name of the member who greeted me, but I hope she identifies herself at the next club meeting; it would be interesting to compare gardening experiences in France!

Over the years, I have planted a tree in the garden in France for each of my grandchildren. This year, to mark the birth of my latest grandson, I have planted a Japanese Cherry, *Kanzan*

Sandra

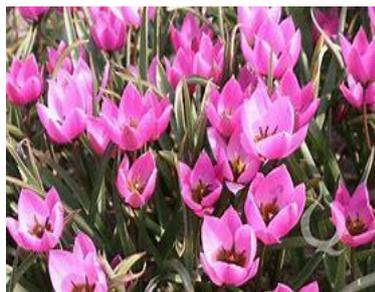
Lowther Hall Gardens Restoration

The speaker for April will be Martin Ogle.



Martin is Head Gardener at Lowther Hall Gardens Cumbria. Martin will be talking about the 20 year project that is in progress to restore the gardens, which date back to the 17th century. The project includes the 21st century contribution from world famous landscape designer, Dan Pearson, who has been involved with the restoration since 2004 in particular with the design of a new parterre garden.

Species Tulips



While modern hybrids tulips make a wonderful display in the spring garden, wild tulip species and their cultivars also offer rewarding displays. The cultivar featured is *Tulipa humilis* which flowers here from April, but in the wild, in central Asia at heights above 3,000m, it flowers in July. They are very hardy but need good drainage and full sun. A place in a rock or gravel garden is perfect.

Gardening news and events

The annual Tulip Festival takes place at Burnby Hall Gardens near Pocklington, York, starting on April 27th. The festival showcases more than 30 cultivars among the 14,000 tulips on display

Harlow Carr: There are great displays of tulips throughout the gardens in April.

From 11th April to 14th May there is an exhibition of all aspects of printing across many media in the Bath House at Harlow Carr.

Oxenhope Plant Sale Our plant sale will be on **Thursday, May 16th**. We rely on your generosity to provide us with your cuttings, seedlings, no- longer- needed plants to ensure that, once again, Oxenhope Gardening Club has one of the best, must-visit plant sales in the area! We also would love you to bring those delicious cakes you all make so well.

Summer Visits: Full details at the next meeting. We need your deposits by next meeting, so please bring your cheque books!

York Gate Garden June 27th .Evening visit. £21 includes coach and refreshments.

Dent Hall Trawden July 18th Afternoon visit. £5 entrance fee includes tea and home-made cakes

Lowther Hall Gardens. August 31st All day visit. By coach.

Tea and coffee rota

Thank you to those of you who have recently volunteered to help with the rota.



This gives our usual stalwarts a chance to chat to friends or browse the plants.

If you can help please sign the rota sheet on the refreshment counter.

Or ring Ruth or Sue if you can help:

- Ruth Shepley **643437**
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