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# Oxenhope gardening club

Newsletter

February 2012

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## Tom's inspiring words



Charming his audience

Tom Hart Dyke enthralled us with his enthusiasm when he returned to Oxenhope to speak at our January meeting about his search for rare plants .

His fascination for exotic species, and tales of derring-do to acquire them, delighted and entertained those present.

We enjoyed his lively approach to plant hunting and how it was all inspired by his beloved GRANNY!

His humour, warmth and knowledge made for a thoroughly entertaining evening.



It's all thanks to Granny

## Chairman's message

Fees are now overdue. If you haven't paid your membership fees for 2012 yet please do so at the February meeting.

Cheques for £15 should be made payable to *Oxenhope Gardening Club*.

This year's club outings are listed on our website — check for further details nearer the time.

## We're all a-Twitter!

To plant the club firmly in the 21st century Jenny has set up an Oxenhope Gardening Club Twitter account.

Twitter is a social medium for keeping in touch with people by typing a message — of 140 characters only — saying what you are doing or thinking. A message is called a 'tweet'. Tweets are seen by people who have decided to 'follow' you.

The idea is to build up followers who may then send — or 'retweet' — your message to their followers. It is possible to share information with hundreds of people you have never met. Jenny sent tweets about the talk by Tom Hart Dyke to try to attract new members.

We now have nine followers including local people, the West Yorkshire Organic Group and Swines Meadow rare plant nursery in Peterborough. That one is followed by Toby Buckland, the RHS and Telegraph Gardening. So if they retweeted one of our tweets imaging the exposure that would give us!

Why not have a look at our account and become a follower. All you do is type '@oxenhopegardenc' into Google or other search engine and you will land on our part of the Twitter website. From there you will need to register before you can follow us. Retweet our messages to your friends and watch our network grow.

Just ask Jenny if you need any help or want to know more about Twitter.



## OGC dates for your diary

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

### February 16

Maurice Baren, former head of Bradford Council's parks department:  
Europe in Bloom

### March 15

Joe Maiden, Radio Leeds:  
Vegetable gardening

### April 19

Speaker from York Gate 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.

## It's your newsletter

Why not send in a contribution to the 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](mailto:jenny.hakney@talktalk.net)

## Sow now for plant sale



February is the month when seed sowing begins in earnest.

So while you are starting off your sweet peas and other annuals pop a few extra seeds in for our plant sale.

Maybe you have a few tired perennials that need dividing – why not pot them up and bring them along too.

Any spare cuttings, seedlings or plants you bring to our April meeting will help to boost the club's funds and pay our speakers' fees.

So bring along your unwanted plants – remember, one man's weed is another man's flower!

## Tea and coffee rota

Helpers are needed for the tea and coffee rota for our February and April 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](mailto:richard.gibson@oxenhopegardeningclub.co.uk)



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