

Oxenhope

Gardening club news

January 2017



Welcome to a new gardening year

Happy New Year from the committee and welcome to the Oxenhope Gardening Club programme for 2017.

The committee spends most of its meetings discussing ideas for the following year and reviewing the current programme. Planning for 2017 started about this time last year to ensure we could secure the speakers we wanted.

We try to plan at least one keynote speaker per year. For this year it's Christine Walkden and we are already contacting Fergus Garret for 2018!

We try to get a balance of subjects and speakers to ensure we can provide something of interest for everyone, which we hope we achieve. We always welcome feedback and suggestions from you – and in fact, one of our new 2017 speakers, Sarah Hopps, was recommended by a club member.

The committee hopes you enjoy the talks and visits we have planned and find it interesting and stimulating.

Happy gardening!

Sandra

BBC Radio Leeds presenter is January's speaker

Graham Porter who co-presents the Sunday morning gardening programme on Radio Leeds with Tim Crowther is our January speaker.

In his talk, Make the best use of Small Spaces, Graham will share ideas on how to maximise the value of your precious square metres in a small garden.

His career began as an apprentice at Southend parks department followed by study at Askham Bryan College. Graham returned to Southend Parks to develop the cliff top gardens.



Later as head gardener at Brackenhurst College in Nottinghamshire he was in charge of the gardens, glasshouses, fruit and vegetables and five staff.

Graham is still involved in training, education and advisory work in both paid and voluntary capacities.

- **Don't forget to bring a cheque for £15 to the January meeting if you haven't already paid.**

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New season in full

Here's the 2017 programme – don't forget to collect your membership card at January's meeting.

- January: Graham Porter, Gardening in small spaces
- 16 February: Paul Cook, Harlow Carr and Ness Botanical Garden.
- 16 March: Steven Hickman, Cultivation and propagation of Agapanthus, Nerines etc.
- 20 April: an evening with Christine Walkden.
- 18 May: Plant Sale.
- 15 June: Visit to Slack Top Alpines and how to plant a trough.
- 22 July: Outing to be confirmed
- August: to be confirmed
- 21 September: Gill Hodgson, Flowers for Cutting
- 19 October: Sarah Hopps, Late Summer Border.
- 16 November: Clifford Cain, Fruit Growing in the north of England.

The club can only continue if you join, bring plants for sale, encourage new members, support the raffle and buy refreshments.

Membership closes at the February meeting.

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

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**
- Sue Gibson **642684**

And finally...

A personal note from Jenny Hakney, editor of this newsletter.

In April this year I will have been writing and designing this newsletter for six years and I would like to hand it over to someone else at the end of 2017.

Does any one of you fancy having a go? It doesn't have to look like this one – you could design it to your own liking. I have used Word, but I am sure there are other ways of doing it if you don't have Word on your computer.

If you would like to try, but need help to get started, please get in touch with me and I could show you how I go about it during this year. I would be happy to 'hand-hold' for the first couple of editions next year.

It is a great opportunity to learn some new computer skills, or keep up the skills you already have.

I will also be resigning from the committee next January, so do PLEASE think about becoming a committee member to help keep the club going.

Thank you.

Jenny Hakney 01535 610599

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