
Oxenhope gardening club

Newsletter

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Organic gardening on the agenda

Local couple Pippa and Andrew Chapman will talk about their organic smallholding at our January meeting.

At Fern Cottage in Steeton they are developing a forest garden, large naturalised meadow, orchards and naturalised perennial borders with an emphasis on longevity of interest, biodiversity and low maintenance.



Andrew was senior gardener at Harlow Carr before taking on Fern Cottage with his wife, Pippa and young family.

We visit them on Thursday evening, 20 June to see first-hand the couple's sustainable approach to gardening.

For more information visit
www.thoseplantpeople.co.uk

Questionnaire plea

Don't leave the meeting until you have filled in your questionnaire!

Tell us how you would like us to spend your subscription money and what you want on the programme in 2014.

Chairman's message



We have a really interesting and varied programme of events planned for the 2013 year.

Credit must be given to Anne Collinson for her knowledge of potential speakers and hard work in securing them for us.

Don't forget that your membership fees for 2013 are due. Your subscription entitles you to another cracking year of top class speakers and a coach trip to RHS Flower Show Tatton in July. Read the full programme on page 2.

To help speed up enrolment at our January and February meetings please have your cheque for £15 made payable to Oxenhope Gardening Club.

Please do fill in your questionnaire. We need suggestions and ideas, so that we spend the money in line with your views.

If any of you would like to host the 2013 summer garden party, you will be saving the event from extinction.

And finally, persuade your friends to join this excellent club!

Happy New Year,

Richard

2013 dates for your diary:

January 17

AGM followed by talk

Those Plant People: 'Organic gardening on a Steeton smallholding'.

February 21

David Allison, editor of the National Vegetable Society's magazine looks forward to 'A vegetable grower's year'.

March 21

Trevor Nicholson, head gardener at Harewood: 'The Himalayan Garden'.

April 18

John Foley, RHS Young Gardener of the Year 2012: 'Hardy plants for the spring garden'. He will bring plants for sale.

May 16

Members' plant sale, coffee, cakes and raffle. Open to all-comers. Start now propagating, planting and sowing.

June 20

Evening visit to Fern Cottage, Steeton. Pippa and Andrew Chapman will show us round their organic smallholding.

July 27, Saturday

Coach trip to RHS Flower Show Tatton Park. Approximate cost £33.

August – garden party

Venue needed! Is anyone willing to host the event in their garden?

September 19

Susie White of Allendale, Northumberland: 'A Blank Canvas – making a garden from scratch'.

October 17

Fritillaria fanatic, Kevin Pratt: 'Fritillaries and private gardens of Cheshire'.

November 21

Fergus Garrett, head gardener at Great Dixter: 'An Evening with Fergus Garret'.

December

No meeting.

Grow now for plant sale



Our meeting on May 16 will be a plant sale, raffle with coffee and cakes, open to all comers.

This is to boost the club's funds and help pay our speakers' fees.

So now is the time to start nurturing a few seedlings or divisions so you can bring them along to raise much-needed funds for the club.

Tea and coffee rota

Helpers are usually needed for the tea and coffee rota for our meetings.



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**
Treasurer, Sue Gibson **642684**

It's your newsletter

Why not send in a contribution to the newsletter? Jenny would be grateful.

Email Jenny via the club website or at jenny.hakney@talktalk.net

Keeping our club printing costs down

We are cutting 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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