

Oxenhope

gardening club news

January 2014



New season highlights

If you thought our inspirational talk by Fergus Garrett of Great Dixter would be hard to follow, think again!

March sees us welcome Matthew Wilson who regularly entertains BBC Radio 4 listeners on Gardeners' Question Time with his comprehensive horticultural knowledge and dry wit.

His particular areas of interest include wildlife and landscapes. His talk, A tale of Two Gardens—Harlow Carr and Hyde Hall, will draw on his ten years as curator of those RHS gardens.

As well as his broadcast, media and writing work Matthew is a respected garden designer and manages Clifton Nurseries, a delightful hidden gem in

London's Little Venice.

Bingley lass, Katie Rushworth of ITV's 'Love your Garden' fame, will be along in February to talk about creating moods and styles using plants. She may also have some interesting anecdotes about working with Alan Titchmarsh up her sleeve.

Our newest committee member, Kath Batty, has offered to open her garden one Saturday in August for an open garden and coffee morning. This is at Lower Scholes Farm, Pickles Hill, Oakworth. Don't miss this social event because it has been said that Kath's scones are the best in the valley.

The full list with dates of all our meetings is over the page and on [our website](#).

Message from the chair

Happy New Year to all our members.

At the January meeting please make sure you don't queue unnecessarily at the wrong table!

I will be helping people to find the right queue and other committee members will be taking membership money from anyone who hasn't yet joined.

If you have already sent in your membership money please go straight to the table at the back of the room to collect your membership card. If you sent a stamped addressed envelope you should have already got your card in the post.

You can still collect your card at the February meeting but then membership closes.

If you are on email look out for advance copies of the committee reports, which you can read before the AGM part of the meeting. We still need you there in person to vote for committee members and to propose and second the reports.

You will notice that we are serving teas and coffees at the beginning of the meeting for a change. Come any time after 7pm for a chat over a cuppa.

I do hope you enjoy this season's varied programme.

Sandra Angadi

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2014 dates for your diary:

16 January

Andrew and Pippa Chapman, Those plant people, return to tell us more about their permaculture small holding in Steeton.

20 February

Katie Rushworth of ITV's 'Love your Garden' fame talks about creating moods and styles using plants.

20 March

Matthew Wilson: A tale of Two Gardens—Harlow Carr and Hyde Hall.

17 April

David Allison: Planning the season ahead. He will be selling plants.

15 May

The club's plant sale and cakes.

19 June

Garden visit: The Hideaway, Wilsden.

A Saturday in **August**

Open garden and coffee morning at Lower Scholes Farm, Pickles Hill, the home of our newest committee member, Kath Batty.

18 September

Timothy Walker, Oxford University's Botanic garden.

16 October

Neil Huntley, Hartside Alpine Nursery

20 November

Taylor's Clematis nursery.

Horticultural honesty table

Don't forget to bring plants and horticultural items (unwanted Christmas presents?) for our plant sale table at every meeting.

You can bring plant divisions, pots, seed packets, books, magazines or any unwanted gardening accessories.

Just put them on the table at the back of the room clearly labelled with the price.

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 Ruth or Sue if you can help:

- Ruth Shepley **643437**
- Sue Gibson **642684**

It's your newsletter

Why not send in a contribution to the newsletter?

Jenny would be grateful if you could help her fill the space. Email Jenny via the club website or at

jenny.hakney@talktalk.net

Need a lift to events?

If would like help with transport to meetings and trips please tell us.

These people have offered to help with lifts for others who need them:

- Jenny Hakney 610599
- Ruth Shepley 643437
- Richard Berry 647974

Don't hesitate to ask for a lift. We will help if at all possible.

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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