

Oxenhope

gardening club news

January 2015



New season highlights

An exciting and varied programme of talks and visits awaits you.

Our first speaker on Thursday, 15 January is Hannah Wilson from the Himalayan Garden and Sculpture Park near Ripon. She will talk about plant hunting for this 20-acre woodland garden.

In May we visit the Himalayan Garden to see the results. In a spectacular setting, the garden is teaming with a fabulous array of plants cloaking the steep hillsides from the valley floor up to the house at 850ft above sea level.

Home to rare Rhododendrons and Himalayan plants, the garden nestles among mass plantings of showy hybrids.

In April we welcome Neil Timm from The

Fern Nursery, who will present Astride the Garden Fence which explores wild flowers in the garden, garden escapees in the wild, and some that belong to both worlds.

Three local gardens in Gledhow Drive host our July summer evening, and in August we will have a private tour and talk at the beautiful Dove Cottage garden and nursery near Halifax.

Our October speaker is by former BBC Gardener of the Year, Sue Beesley, from Bluebell Cottage Gardens.

We put the season put to bed again for the winter with Bob Brown from Cotswold Garden Flowers.

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

Chairman's message

As you know we have streamlined the joining procedure so that we do not keep the speaker waiting and to cut down the time you spend queuing.

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

So you should either be collecting your paid for membership card at the back of the room, or dropping off a cheque so that we can get your card ready for the February meeting.

If you sent a stamped addressed envelope you should have already got

your card in the post. Membership closes after the February meeting.

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.

Serving teas and coffees at the beginning of the meeting seems to be working well, so arrive soon after 7pm for a chat over a cuppa.

Happy New gardening year,

Sandra Angadi

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2015 dates for your diary:

15 January

Hannah Wilson, Plant hunting for a
Himalayan Garden

19 February

Andrew and Pippa Chapman, Those
plant people: Let's Grow Keighley

19 March

John Foley, Holden Clough:
Fantastic Foliage

16 April

Neil Timm, The Fern Nursery:
Astride the Garden Fence

21 May

Himalayan Gardens at Grewelthorpe nr
Ripon. Evening visit. Make own way.

18 June

The club's plant sale and cakes

16 July

The Gardens of Gledhow, Oxenhope.
Evening visit to three gardens

20 August

Dove Cottage nr Halifax. Evening visit.
Make own way.

17 September

Michael Myers:
Autumnal interest in the Garden

15 October

Sue Beesley, Bluebell Cottage:
Transforming Bluebell cottage gardens

19 November

Bob Brown, Cotswold Garden Flowers:

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**

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

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

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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