
Oxenhope gardening club

Newsletter

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Oxenhope welcome for Tom Hart Dyke

A warm Yorkshire welcome to Tom Hart Dyke, who is travelling from Lullingstone Castle in Kent to be our special guest speaker for our January meeting.

We are looking forward to hearing about his experiences of being taken hostage in the Darien Gap of Central America whilst searching for rare orchids.

You can read more about Tom's *World Garden* which he created after returning, at www.lullingstonecastle.co.uk.

Pick your spuds



The ever-popular Potato Day will take place at Shipley College in the Exhibition Hall, Saltaire on Saturday, 18 February from 10am til 2pm.

Around 40 varieties of seed potatoes will be on sale at 15p per tuber. Choose from the many organic, heritage and speciality varieties.

Admission free, all welcome. Contact John on **01274 580119** or visit www.wyog.org for a list of varieties.

Message from the chair

Don't forget that membership fees for 2012 are due. Your subscription entitles you to another cracking year of top class speakers on a variety of topics and visits to leading gardens in the summer.

All this for just £15 – cheques payable to Oxenhope Gardening Club.

OGC dates for your diary:

February 16

Maurice Baren

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 20

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A light-hearted poem sent in by
Hazel Belsey:

Those Latin Names

It was a simple country child
who took me by the hand:
Why English flowers had Latin names
she couldn't understand.
Those funny, friendly English flowers
that bloom from year to year
She asked me if I would explain,
and so I said to her:

“Eranthis is aconite as everybody knows,
And Helleborus niger
is our friend the Christmas rose.
Galanthus is a snowdrop,
Matthiola is a stock,
And Cardamine the meadow flower
which you call lady's smock,
Muscari is grape hyacinth,
Dianthus is a pink –
And that's as much as one small head
can carry, I should think.”

She listened very patiently,
then turned when I had done
To where a fine Forsythia
was smiling in the sun.
She said: “I love this yellow stuff”
and that seemed praise enough.

by Reginald Arkell 1882-1959.

Hedge plants going spare

Jenny and Steve have been planting a wildlife-friendly hedge and have a few bare root plants left over: six field maples and a couple each of hawthorn, blackthorn, dogwood and hazel.

Ring Jenny on **610599**.

Save our Seedlings!

Don't forget we are holding a sale of seedlings and plants at our meeting on 19 April. This is to boost the club's funds and help pay our speakers' fees.



So whether you are potting up your petunias or nurturing those nasturtiums – save a few to bring along for other members to buy.

Tea and coffee rota



Helpers are needed for the tea and coffee rota for our February, March 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**

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

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



All phone numbers are 01535 unless stated otherwise.