

Oxenhope

gardening club news

March 2014



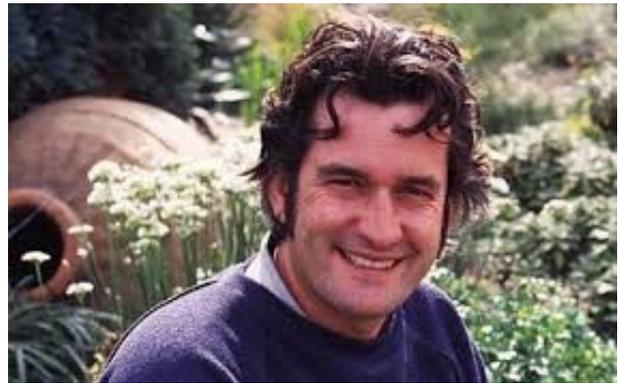
Man of the landscape

We welcome back self-styled landscape man, Matthew Wilson, to Oxenhope, as our March speaker.

He 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.

Message from the chair

Welcome to the March newsletter.

I hope you have all been able to make the most of the glorious gardening weather we have been having!

As I write this, I am looking out over my garden in France where I have spent a week clearing away last year's debris.

Hard work but worth it, as it has revealed daffodils, crocuses and primulas in all their glory, and the emergence of plants that will give so much pleasure in the months to come.

I am looking forward to Matthew Wilson's talk enormously. Please try to car-share in case car parking space is limited.

Sandra Angadi

Snippets

'Royal daffodils'

The image at the top of this page is Daffodil 'Roddy Llewellyn', snapped in Jenny's garden on 15 March.

Of course, there is no such daffodil variety as Roddy Llewellyn, but I call them that because I won them as a prize when he came to talk to the gardening club. He handed them to me himself, so I always felt they had a certain royal aura and remind me of his entertaining talk!

May plant sale

Don't forget to start sowing, dividing and striking cuttings for our May plant sale.

There was a real buzz about last year's event and it raised a tidy sum for funds.

2014 dates for your diary:

20 March

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

17 April

David Allison, national editor of *Simply Vegetables*: Planning the season ahead.

He will be selling plants and giving a hanging basket demonstration.

15 May

The club's plant sale and cakes.

19 June

Garden visit: to be confirmed.

17 July

Evening coach outing to Littlethorpe Manor near Ripon.

Saturday, 2 August

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

18 September

Timothy Walker: From diaz to diamonds. Oxford University's Botanic garden.

16 October

Taylor's Clematis nursery: talk and plants for sale.

20 November

Neil Huntley, Hartside Alpine Nursery of Alston in Cumbria: 'My favourite alpines' and plants for sale.

Publicity for meetings

Jenny is building up a mailing list so we can publicise our club more widely.

Email Jenny via the club website or at jenny.hakney@talktalk.net if you know anyone who might want to know about the club's events.

Bring plants for plant table

A big thank you to Chris Coupland who has kindly volunteered to look after our plant sale table.

Please remember to bring spare plants, seeds or magazines for sale at all our meetings.

This will help the club to raise funds to pay for future meetings.

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
- 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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