
Oxenhope gardening club

Newsletter

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Himalayan adventure

Trevor Nicholson, head gardener at Harewood House, speaks on 'The Himalayan Garden at Harewood' for our meeting on Thursday, 21 March.



Professional gardener of the year 2008, Trevor will tell us how he achieved his vision of a mini-landscape of Sino-Himalayan plants.

With its gorge and bridge across the beck, this is somewhere for the primulas, orchids, cobra lilies, meconopsis and rhododendron to flourish.

Trevor spent 10 years creating this inspiring area of Harewood's gardens.

Message from the chair

The March meeting is the **last chance** to join the club for 2013.

Your subscription entitles you to a cracking year of top class speakers and a coach trip to Tatton Flower Show in July.

Please bring your cheque for £15 made payable to Oxenhope Gardening Club.

And 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.

Grow now for plant sale

Don't forget that our meeting on May 16 is going to be a special plant sale and raffle with coffee and cakes.

We're opening the doors to all comers and want to make a really attractive plant stall which may draw new members to the club.

We also hope that your donated plants will help to boost the club's funds and help pay our speakers' fees.

So now is the time to start nurturing a few seedlings, lifting and dividing perennials or taking cuttings to make the stall burst with life.



Bookings in for Tatton trip

Seventeen places have already been booked for our summer trip to the RHS Flower Show Tatton Park on Saturday, 27 July.

It's limited to 30 places and you must pay the full cost to secure your ticket and ensure we don't make a loss.

RHS members: the cost of show ticket and the bus is £28.50. (Have your RHS membership number ready.)

Non-RHS members: £33. The trip is open to non-gardening club members so please spread the word to your horticultural friends.

2013 dates for your diary:

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. Cost £33. £28.50 RHS members.

August – garden party

We have one offer of a venue. Decision depends on questionnaire results.

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 Garrett'.

December No meeting.

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

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