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# Oxenhope gardening club

Newsletter

May 2013

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## Chairman retires

**Everyone who attended April's meeting will know that we no longer have a chair of the gardening club.**

Richard Berry announced that he is stepping down as chairman, leaving the position vacant for the time being.

We all thank Richard for his time at the helm, and the committee have minuted their appreciation formally.

Richard's departure leaves the committee even more depleted. The six of us who are left have even more jobs to share out between us. So if anyone could offer any help you would be welcomed with open arms.

Even if you can't be a committee member you could help us, if you are able, by getting your own folding seat out and putting it away again after the meeting.

Thank you.

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## Book for Fern Cottage

**Our evening visit to Fern Cottage on Thursday, 20 June costs just £1—to cover the cost of refreshments.**

If you would like to come please sign your name on the sheet at our May meeting and pay at the same time. It's our last chance to collect names and money before the visit.

If you don't have transport please ask one of the committee for a lift. We don't want anyone feeling left out.

## Plant sale— last minute reminders

**It's time for our plant sale on Thursday, May 16.**

Don't forget to bring your plants and unopened seed packets. Selling will start at 7.30—no forestalling.

We are grouping plants together according to price. If you feel yours is a particularly valuable specimen please put it on the £5-and-over table.

Table posies will add to the occasion, so if you can spare any fresh blooms from your garden do bring them along.

There's still just time to get baking and bring a cake along for our fund-raising cafe and tell one of the committee if you can help out for half an hour on the night.



## Tatton trip coach times

**Our summer trip to RHS Flower Show Tatton Park is on Saturday, 27 July.**

Please be on the coach by 8.15am. We will leave Oxenhope station promptly at 8.30. The coach leaves the show ground at 4pm.

It would be a good idea to swap mobile numbers with someone else on the trip in case of last minute panics!

## 2013 dates for your diary:

### May 16

Members' plant sale, coffee, cakes and raffle. Open to all-comers.

### June 20

Evening visit to Fern Cottage, Steeton. Pippa and Andrew Chapman will show us round their organic smallholding.

### July 21 – garden party

At Patricia Day's garden, High Crag, Pecket Well, Hebden Bridge HX7 8QJ. (SatNav only takes you to Pecket Well village. High Crag is the last house on the right as you leave Pecket Well going down hill, by speed restriction sign.)

### July 27, Saturday

Coach trip to RHS Flower Show Tatton Park. Cost £33. £28.50 RHS members.

### 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 Ruth or Sue if you can help out:

Ruth Shepley **643437**

Sue Gibson **642684**

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## Return to sender

**A small number of the club's e-mails to members are bouncing back. If you have given us your e-mail to receive the newsletter electronically, and are not receiving it, please let us know.**

You could mention it to one of the committee at the meeting or contact us via the website, to rectify the problem.

## 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](mailto:jenny.hakney@talktalk.net)

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## 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](mailto:richard.gibson@oxenhopegardeningclub.co.uk)



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