

Oxenhope

gardening club news

November 2013



An evening with Great Dixter's head gardener



Why not encourage friends to come along to hear our final speaker this season.

Fergus Garrett is head gardener at Great Dixter in East Sussex and we are

fortunate to get such an acclaimed visitor. The iconic Lutyens-designed garden at Great Dixter is managed as it was in Christopher Lloyd's time. There are high-impact visual displays, garden hedges, strong infrastructure of buildings and landscaped trees and wildflower meadows.

The paths in the garden are made of Yorkshire sand stone that originally paved the streets of London.

Message from the chair

Welcome everyone to my first message to you all as chairman. I am looking forward to hearing from our prestigious speaker for November, Fergus Garret.

I was inspired after a visit to Great Dixter to break away from my usual pastel colour combination for the new bed I was planning and go for something a bit more adventurous.

The yellow, orange and purple bed (with here and there splashes of bright red) was the result and now I think it's the most successful of all the beds!

As you will see later in the newsletter, we are introducing a different procedure to enrol as a member next year.

We hope it will make the joining process simpler and less time consuming, but any feedback after the event will be appreciated.

The programme for next year looks great and we on the committee hope you will enjoy it.

We would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and to thank you for your support during this year. We look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

Sandra Angadi

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New re-joining process

We are planning to speed up the rejoining process for 2014.

We feel it is unfair on the January speaker to wait while everyone pays at the desk. And it should mean you will not have to queue.

If you have email, we will send you a re-joining form which you can fill in and post to the treasurer with your cheque. The treasurer's address is on the form.

For people not on email, you will find a re-joining slip on your seat at the November and January meetings. Please take one away, fill it in and post to the treasurer with your cheque.

Only cheques made payable to Oxenhope Gardening Club will be accepted. Please **do not send cash** unless you have no alternative.

We are asking for all your contact details so that we can get in touch if we need to; for example, if we cancel a meeting at short notice or if we are expecting you on a coach trip and you are late.

If you include a stamped addressed envelope we will post your new membership card back. Otherwise you can collect your card from a separate table at the back of the room at the January or February meeting.

We will have the usual raffle table and will still greet any new members.

Membership closes at the February meeting.

Horticultural honesty table

Following the blooming success of our summer plant sale, we thought it would be good to have a small table at each meeting for garden-related sales.

From the November meeting onwards 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 and suggest a price if you wish. Otherwise it will be up to people to make a donation to swell our funds.

New season highlights

The full programme for 2014 will be revealed when you collect your membership card in January.

Anne Collinson works very hard to contact potential speakers and make the booking arrangements, sometimes even giving them overnight accommodation.

Thanks to her each new season contains a varied programme of talks and trips.

We'll keep you guessing, but our keynote speaker this year is a respected BBC presenter, part of whose talk will be about his time at RHS Harlow Carr.

2013 dates for your diary:

November 21

Fergus Garrett, head gardener at Great Dixter: 'An Evening with Fergus Garrett'. Please encourage friends to come along.

January 2014

First meeting: Thursday, 16 January

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?

It emerged from our questionnaire that some of you would like help with transport to meetings and trips.

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.

It's your newsletter

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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