

Oxenhope

Gardening club news

November 2015



Message from the chair

I'm looking forward to Bob Brown's talk and the prospect of being inspired and enthused about the plants he will talk about. Read more about him below.

One of our members, Sue Downs, was inspired by a garden she came across walking through central Bradford in August which she thought was a wonderful example of Greening Grey Britain, the RHS campaign to transform hard grey areas into living, planted places.

In this garden there were all sorts of edible plants growing in unusual ways – squash growing over a pergola made from the sides of an old cot, for example; and less familiar plants like purple amaranth.

Sue was so inspired that she wrote to the RHS about the garden and they included her letter and a photograph in this month's copy of *The Garden*.

Sandra

Thursday night's talk

Bob Brown, renowned plantsman, speaker and garden writer joins us on Thursday, 19 November to speak on 'Too many plants: too little space.'

His specialist nursery, Cotswold Garden Flowers, is in a remote part of Evesham down a notoriously difficult to find rutted track.

He stocks a huge range of unusual perennials – some of which he is bringing for sale.

The nursery stocks 12,000 plants so he may have a difficult task choosing which to bring.

New season highlights

The full programme for 2015 will be revealed when you collect your membership card in January.

The committee has been busy planning an exciting season of talks and visits – and we're holding membership at £15.

Already confirmed:

- Forest of Bradford in January
- David Allison in February
- Tom Hart-Dyke in March.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible supporting our meetings.

Full list with more information about our meetings will appear on our website.

Signing in at meetings



Please remember to make sure you are ticked off our signing-in sheet at each meeting you attend.

Look out for Jenny who will have the signing in sheet this month.

The register will show us how many members are attending and which talks are popular; as well as fulfilling fire and safety rules.

Need a lift?

If you would like help with transport to meetings and trips please tell either Jenny Hakney on 610599 or Ruth Shepley on 643437.

Year round plant table

Don't forget we are having a plant and book table at all meetings – not just at the plant sale.

Our spring plant sale is a resounding success and raises valuable funds which go towards the group's activities.

But please feel free to bring any seedlings or divisions to the meetings whenever you have them to spare.

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 cuppas and tidy up.

Please ring Ruth or Sue if you can help:

- Ruth Shepley **643437**
- Sue Gibson **642684**



The rose pictured on the masthead of this month's newsletter is Rosa 'Wild Rover' photographed in Jenny's garden on 6 November 2015.

This rose has clusters of beautiful velvety flowers with a sumptuous fragrance. The buds are deep claret before opening to these lovely semi-double flowers which open to expose creamy ivory centres.

The softly matt petals are a subtle deep pink with purple tinges and fade elegantly as the flower ages.

November's mild weather seems to have encouraged a welcome second flowering this year. I thought it looked particularly enchanting spangled with raindrops.

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