

Oxenhope

Gardening club news

October 2016



Winning news for our chair

Welcome to October's newsletter. I am sure you all enjoyed the talk that Anna Pavord gave in September and that you have all been inspired to plant more tulips.

Well, you now you can buy some of Anna's recommendations at our remaining meetings, when they will be on sale at very good prices. Details p2.

You may remember that I have been working with the Hirst Wood Regeneration group to transform a piece of derelict land next to Hirst Lock into a nature reserve.

I am very happy to report that it received the accolade of 'outstanding' from the RHS judges in the It's Your Neighbourhood campaign.

And in the Biffa awards not only were we the winners of the award in our category of Nature Space, but also overall winners for the best community project in 2016!

Every year Biffa hosts these awards to recognise those responsible for delivering outstanding environmental projects. And they award grants to community and environmental projects across the UK – ours being one of them.

If you ever walk along the canal, do go and look at the reserve.

Sandra

October meeting: plants of Tenerife



On 20 October we welcome back Timothy Walker, lecturer in Plant Sciences at Somerville College, Oxford.

We've called his talk: The Plants of Tenerife – Go where Darwin did not.

Timothy looks at the island's plants and the evidence for evolution that it has revealed. Charles Darwin regretted bitterly not being able to go ashore on Tenerife – you can now go where Darwin did not.

Timothy has given more than 1,500 talks in Britain, Ireland, North America, and Australia and on TV.

We asked him back because we enjoyed his learned content delivered in such an entertaining way.

Bag your tulip bulbs

The tulip bulbs we ordered from those featured in Anna Pavord's September talk will be on sale at October's meeting.

Prices are for bags of ten. Please bring some change for your purchases.

Ancilla £3.10 Soft pink with rose-red, inside white with distinct red ring. Bulb size 10cm.

Ballerina £2.80 A startling orange tulip with a small golden yellow edge. It is one of the very few fragrant tulips. Bulb size 10cm.

Batalini Bright Gem £3 Sulphur yellow, flushed orange. Bulb size 1.

Black Hero ® £4.30 A sultry, dark purple tulip with a darker edge. This tulip is the double version of the Queen of Night tulip. Bulb size 12cm.

Cairo ® £3.20 Sports bronzed, orange petals that shimmer beautifully in the

sun. They are lightly fragrant and look stunning with purple tulips such as Burgundy, Havran or Victoria's Secret. Bulb size 12cm.

Couleur Cardinal £3.20 A bright red tulip shaded with plum tones. This lovely tulip has the added benefit of a lovely fragrance. Bulb size 12cm.

Exotic Emperor £3.30 Double pure white, beautifully marked with green. Bulb size 12cm.

Maytime £3.10 Reddish violet, narrow white edge. Bulb size 10cm.

Princess Irene £3.10 A lovely orange and purple tulip. Fragrant. Bulb size 12cm.

Shirley £3.20 An ivory white tulip with a purple edge and purple spotting. Bulb size 12cm.

Spring Green £3.20 Chic and elegant white tulip with clear green feathering. Bulb size 12cm.

Remaining date 2016

17 November

Kevin Pratt: "Don't go to sleep during winter". What you can be doing in the garden over winter.

Tea and coffee rota

Helpers are usually needed for the tea and coffee rota for our meetings.



Please ring Ruth or Sue if you can help:

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

Masthead photo

Dahlia 'Coccinea' with small tortoiseshell.



The Dahlias are still going strong in my garden providing late colour and food for bees and butterflies.

This one was bought from Stillingfleet Lodge a couple of years ago and has inspired me to grow some from seed.

Two seedlings have survived the slugs but it is looking as if I will have to over-winter them to see what colour the flowers are; though they are likely to be in the red-orange spectrum and single.

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