

Oxenhope

gardening club news

October 2014



Focus on Clematis

Our October talk is Clematis Through the Seasons.

Chris and Suzy Cox from Taylor's Clematis Nursery will give a talk about pruning, planting and propagation and have plants for sale. Tea and coffee will be served from 7pm.

A reminder of our re-joining process

The new rejoining process we tried at the end of 2013 worked so well that we are repeating it this year.

We felt it was unfair on the January speaker to wait while everyone pays at the desk. And the new system means you should not have to queue to pay.

If you are already a member you will not need to fill in a joining slip for next year unless your details have changed.

If you need to tell us your new address you will find a re-joining slip on your seat at the November and January meetings.

Please fill a slip in at the meeting or post to the treasurer with a cheque payable to Oxenhope Gardening Club. **Cheques only** please, unless cash is your only option.

Please put the name of the member to be enrolled on the back of the cheque. Do put all names if it is for more than one member.

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 are holding the membership fee at £15 for another year thanks to your support attending events, bringing plants for sale, buying raffle tickets and refreshments.

Membership closes at the February meeting—why not try to bring along a new member or pass on a joining slip to your gardening friends.

Message from the Chair

Welcome to October's newsletter.

Once again, what wonderful gardening weather last month and so many ripe tomatoes; that doesn't happen very often!

I am looking forward to the visit of Taylors Clematis to the club this month. I remember the interesting and informative

talk they gave last time and the wonderful array of plants they had for sale. One of my purchases from that visit has now climbed to the top of the apple tree where its blossom is followed by a wonderful display of white clematis flowers.

I am sure I won't be able to resist buying at least another one!

Sandra Angadi

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2014 remaining dates:

16 October

Chris and Suzy Cox from Taylor's Clematis nursery: Clematis through the seasons, including pruning, planting and propagation, and plants for sale.

20 November

Neil Huntley, Hartside Alpine Nursery of Alston in Cumbria: 'My favourite alpines' and plants for sale.

Tea and coffee rota

We always welcome helpers for the meetings.



Special thanks to those who volunteered on the spur of the moment at our September meeting when Ruth couldn't be there.

Please ring Ruth or Sue if you can help:

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

Sandra's Saltaire nature reserve wins award

The Hirst Wood Regeneration project has been awarded the Duke of York's Community Award.

Our chairman, Sandra Angadi, who also chairs the Hirstwood Regeneration group has been the main instigator (and labourer) at the Hirst Lock garden—which was one of the elements the judges visited when deciding which schemes should win.

If you have any unwanted shrubs or bulbs, Sandra would be grateful to take them to a new home at Hirst Wood.

Please see Sandra to make arrangements.

Need a lift to events?

If you would like help with transport to meetings and trips please tell us.

- Jenny Hakney **610599**
- Ruth Shepley **643437**
- Richard Berry **647974**

Don't hesitate to ask for a lift. We will help if at all possible.



The image at the top of the front page is *Dahlia* 'Flaming torch' photographed in Jenny's garden on 5 October.

I bought an etiolated, weakly-sprouting tuber from Stephen H Smiths for £1.99 two years ago. Last summer it produced one flower. This year the tuber fills a large pot and has produced these spectacular fist-sized blooms for months.

Keeping our club printing costs down

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