
Oxenhope gardening club

Newsletter

September 2013

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Making a garden from scratch

Our autumn season starts with a talk entitled 'A Blank Canvas – making a garden from scratch'. For our September meeting we welcome Susie White who is going to tell us about creating her new garden in Northumberland.



Susie has a lifetime's gardening experience, and writes regularly in the garden press. She spent 23 years at Chesters Walled Garden on Hadrian's Wall where she developed her free flowing planting style, using herbs, wildflowers, childhood plants and unusual perennials.

Now she is creating a new garden in a hidden valley in Northumberland, sharing the process of making a garden from scratch with readers of the English Garden magazine—and Oxenhope Gardening Club members in person.

Susie holds a National Collection of *Sanguisorba*, commonly known as burnet, which flourishes in our northern climate.

Club welcomes new leader

We have a new chair!

Sandra Angadi has stepped in to replace Richard Berry; she was voted in at the September committee meeting.

But the six-strong committee would still welcome any offer of help 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.

Summer of fruitfulness

Our plant sale in May raised £186. The plants looked wonderful, the atmosphere was buzzing and we drew in a few new visitors.

Tatton Park Flower Show on 27 July coincided with one of the hottest days in the year and the show looked stunning. OGC made £18 profit from the trip.

Pippa and Andrew Chapman welcomed us to their hillside smallholding in June. We learned about the principles of permaculture – getting the best returns from as little input as possible – and creating a forest garden. Excellent home-made cakes too.

A rather cool and grey July day failed to mute the party atmosphere at Patricia Day's garden in Pecket Well for our summer garden party. We were impressed by the way such a challenging site had been turned into a varied and well-stocked garden, sitting comfortably in its Pennine surroundings.

2013 dates for your diary:

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.

Near miss with Carol Klein

Sue Gibson and Jenny Hakney went plant-hunting at Dove Cottage nursery and heard that they had missed Carol Klein by just a few hours.



The gardening doyenne had been filming there the day before for a TV programme called British Gardens. We think it is to be screened in December but let us know if you spot when exactly it will be shown.

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.

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 lifts 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.

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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