

# Oxenhope

## gardening club news

September 2014



## Welcome back indoors!



**We resume the indoor part of our 2014 programme in the community centre on Thursday, 18 September to hear Timothy Walker from Oxford University Botanic Garden**

**speak on 'From Diaz to Diamonds'.**

Timothy is director of the University of Oxford Botanic Garden and Harcourt Arboretum. He has won four gold medals at Chelsea Flower Show and recently presented 'Botany – A blooming history' on BBC 4.

Our last indoor meeting was the May plant sale, which raised £330 for our funds. In June we have visited Land Farm Gardens, Colden, Hebden Bridge, accompanied by

many thousands of midges. The gardens were a delight despite the midges—it was worth it to see so many *Meconopsis* obviously enjoying their surroundings.

Littlethorpe Manor was the July trip, and one report suggested that it lacked 'heart' and visitors were herded around rather than being able to wander at will.

In August Kath and John Batty opened their beautiful and distinctive Oakworth garden. Occupying a dramatic slope the garden flows from packed flower beds and formal seating areas near the house, to wilder planting and woodland areas where garden merges with fields. No lack of heart here.

Thanks to their hard work and that of the cake-bakers, balloon inflators and other helpers we raised £149.

## Message from the Chair

### Welcome back!

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer and the amazing event that was the Tour de France: Yorkshire people certainly did themselves proud!

I was in France at the time and as soon as my French neighbours and friends realised that this is where I lived, they were keen to tell me, having watched the race on TV, how beautiful Yorkshire was

and what wonderful support Yorkshire people had given to the Tour.

I felt very proud to live in Yorkshire.

### Hirst Wood lock

For those of you who read my article about the garden at Hirst Wood lock and the nature reserve we were hoping to set up, the good news is that we got our BIFA Award funding and works starts at the end of this month!

Further details can be found on [Hirst Wood regeneration group](#) website.

**Sandra Angadi**

## 2014 remaining dates:

### 18 September

Timothy Walker: From Diaz to Diamonds.

Oxford University's Botanic garden.

### 16 October

Chris and Susie Cox from Taylor's Clematis nursery: talk and plant sale.

### 20 November

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

## Unwanted shrubs and bulbs

If you have any unwanted shrubs or bulbs, Sandra would be grateful to take them for her new nature reserve at Hirst Wood lock.

Please see Sandra to make arrangements.

## Tea and coffee rota



We could need helpers for the September meeting as Ruth may not be there.

Please volunteer on the night if you can help serve teas and coffees.

Helpers will always be welcome on the rota for any of our meetings.

All you need to do is set up, serve refreshments and tidy up.

## 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 coccinea* hybrid.

Bought from Stillingfleet Lodge earlier this summer and photographed in Jenny's garden in September.



## Keeping our club printing costs down

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