

# Oxenhope

## Gardening club news

November 2018



### Message from the Chair

#### Welcome to November's newsletter.

In September I was lucky enough to be able to visit South Africa. It was the perfect time of year to see the wonderful spring wild flowers that grow in the Cederberg Mountains, which lie a three hour drive to the north of Cape Town.

So many of these flowers are the varieties we grow in our gardens in the UK, so it was wonderful to see them growing in the wild. It was also the perfect time of year to visit the amazing botanical gardens at Kirstenbosch to see South Africa's magnificent national flower, the Protea flowering in all its glory, pictured in the mast head.

**Sandra**

### November's speaker

The speaker for the evening will be **Mark Jackson, Head Gardener at Newby Hall.**

Mark will be talking about the recent replanting of the famous double herbaceous borders and the radical changes to the original colour palate. '



### What's on in 2019?

We have planned what we hope is a varied and stimulating selection of speakers, subjects and visits. We start the programme in January with our keynote speaker, Anna Pavord. Anna is a contributing editor to *Gardens Illustrated*. For 30 years, she was *The Independents* gardening correspondent.

### Membership 2019

Because we want to be able to continue to offer members a quality programme, we have had to raise our subscription this year to £20, which equates to £2.85 per meeting, which we hope you will feel is a pretty good deal! Please bring your cheques to the November meeting. We won't cash your cheques until January, for accounting reasons.

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# AGM 2019

The January meeting will also be the club's AGM where, amongst other things, we will be reviewing the past programme. We will also be asking members to vote in a new committee.

The committee always welcome member's feedback and suggestions. The present committee would warmly welcome anyone who would like to join the committee in 2019.

The committee meets during the months of January to May and then again from September to November

The meetings are in the evenings lasting approximately 90 minutes with mouth-watering cakes to help move along informal but garden-focused discussions!

**A big thank you** from the committee to all members who have been so good during the past year in supporting the plant sale, the raffle, the teas and coffees and helping with the chairs.

## Tea and coffee rota

Thank you to those of you who have recently volunteered to help with the rota.



This gives our usual stalwarts a chance to chat to friends or browse the plants.

If you can help please sign the rota sheet on the refreshment counter.

Or ring Ruth or Sue if you can help:

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

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