



Oxenhope

Gardening Club News

November 2021

Welcome to November's newsletter

It was so wonderful to see so many of you at the October meeting: Many familiar faces but also some new ones. Thank you all for coming along to support the club. The committee thought long and hard about when was the right time to start again, but in the end we took the decision that as covid was here to stay, it was time to get on with life and start up the club again,

albeit taking all the precautions we could to make your visit safe. We will be offering tea and coffee and a raffle again at the next meeting and our new programme will be launched in January 2022.

Sandra



Making Christmas Arrangements

Annie Milburn from Rosa Rugosa in Haworth will be our speaker in November.

Annie Milburn is a florist based in Haworth who aims to provide floral arrangements which are a little bit out of the ordinary.

Annie will be demonstrating how you can make Christmas arrangements using materials and foliage found in your garden and would welcome any greenery, dried seedheads or grasses members can bring along.

Volunteers will be asked to join in and try their hand at making an arrangement.

Enkianthus cernus rubens: Plant of the month



Enkianthus cernus rubens – the drooping red **Enkianthus** is genus of shrubs or small trees in the **Ericaceae** family. It is a native of Asia as far west as the eastern Himalayas, as far south as Indochina and as far north and east as China and Japan. It has the RHS Award of Garden Merit. I chose this shrub because I was at

Crathes Castle gardens near Aberdeen in late September this year and was impressed by seeing them planted as an avenue on either side of a path. Their autumn foliage of rich purple and red foliage and dark red berries was really striking.



In spring, they have clusters of deep pink, bell shaped flowers. They like soil which is on the acid side and are hardy so should do

well in our area! Stockists include Larch Cottage Nurseries, Penrith.

Gardening news and events

Scampston Hall. Choose your own Xmas tree. Friday November 26-Sunday December 19pm

Scampston Hall. Christmas fair. Saturday, November 27 and Sunday 28.

Harlow Carr. Glow. Magical lighting effects as dusk falls at Harlow Carr: Saturdays November 18 to December 18, Monday -Wednesday, 20 -29 December 4.30pm-8 pm

2022 Membership. If you wish you can pay for next year either in November or January.

Tea and coffee rota

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



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

Or ring Ruth or Sue if you would like to help:

- Ruth Shepley **643437**
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