

# Oxenhope

## Gardening Club News

October 2021

### Welcome back!

**It's been a difficult and stressful time for the world since I wrote the last newsletter way back in March 2020.**

We had no idea the devastating effect covid would have on our lives and that it would be 19 months before the committee could contemplate resuming our programme. However, I am delighted to tell you that our programme will resume at 7.30 on October 21<sup>st</sup>. We will have covid precautions in place to keep everyone safe and your 2020 membership covers entry.

We hope you will feel able to join us to hear about the wild flower meadows and castles of Transylvania.

November's speaker will be Annie Milner from Rosa Rugosa who will be demonstrating some wonderful seasonal arrangements. Our 2022 programme will be announced in December. The committee and I are so looking forward to seeing you all again! Sandra.



### **Wild Flowers and Castles of Transylvania: The speaker for October will be Razvan Chisu.**

Razvan is a garden designer, editor of the Saxifrage Magazine and writes for various other gardening magazines. Razvan grew up in Transylvania in a town surrounded by vast woodlands and species-rich wildlife meadows. After gaining a BSC and MSc in Horticulture he went on to work in the Herbarium of the Botanical Garden in Cluj in Romania and then to create gardens in Transylvania and the UK.

## Rudbekia

Rudbekia are a great late summer flower to have in the garden as they keep flowering well into October, usually until the first frost giving wonderful autumn colour.

There are so many wonderful varieties to choose from. They look wonderful combined with Echinacea and grasses like Stipa and Calmagrostis which are also at their best at this time. Some are perennials and are usually yellow like Rudbekia Goldsturm and some are biennials like Rudbekia Hirta Cappuccino and are in a variety of shades of orange, dark red or brown.



I have these growing in well-drained soil in France and they re-appear every year. Now is the time to order seeds for sowing next spring for wonderful autumn colour next year.



## Gardening news and events

**Scampston Hall until Sun 31 Oct 2021.** 'Inside:Outside' showcases artist Isobel Rooke's landscape and wildlife pieces that are inspired by her home in Yorkshire

**Harlow Carr; 23-31 October,** Half Term Family Activities

**Harewood House. October 23 .**Wild life talk and tour.

## Tea and coffee rota

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



Or ring Ruth or Sue if you can help:

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