

# Oxenhope

## Gardening club news

September 2017



### Summer fades into autumn

**Welcome to September's issue of the newsletter. I hope you all had wonderful holidays and many enjoyable and productive hours in the garden.**

Many of you will have enjoyed the summer events we organised for you at Slack Top Nursery, Linden Lodge and Breezy Knees during June and July.

And I gather that the visit to Jenny and

Steve's allotment at Cottingley Bridge in August was also interesting and enjoyable. I'm sure you found much to inspire and enthuse you on those visits.

I hope you find much to inspire and enthuse you in the programme we have planned for this autumn. I look forward to seeing you all at the September meeting.

**Sandra**

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### Autumn season begins with cut flowers

**We look forward to welcoming Gill Hodgson from the national organisation – Flowers from the Farm – to speak about growing flowers for cutting.**



Gill began by selling flowers at the gate of her farm in the East Riding of Yorkshire, then after a couple of years took a stall at Driffeld farmers' market.

Gill said: "People queued up to smell my flowers and to buy them: customers reminisced about gardens they had known. It was immediately obvious that seasonal flowers went straight to the heart of everyone who saw them.

"I wanted to join an association of other growers, and having searched for such an organisation without success I decided to form one myself."

Gill will tell us more of her story on Thursday.

## Bring a friend for free

As part of our drive to keep the club lively and refreshed, the committee has decided to open up September's meeting to guests who can come along free of charge.

Why not make the most of this chance to invite as many gardening friends along as you can.

We would like to boost our membership for next year, and this is a good opportunity for potential members to find out about the club without making a commitment.

Tell everyone about it – you never know who just might be interested.

## Diary dates 2017

- 21 September: Gill Hodgson, Flowers for Cutting
- 19 October: Sarah Hopps, Late Summer Border.
- 16 November: Clifford Cain, Fruit Growing in the north of England.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at future meetings.

## What's on in 2018?

The committee is already working to plan next year's talks and events.

Don't forget you would always be welcome to join the committee and help us take the club forward.

We have already booked a very exciting key-note speaker for next year – but you will have to wait to find out who it is!

## 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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