

Oxenhope

Gardening Club News

February 2019



Welcome to spring in the garden

Welcome to February's newsletter. I hope you are all enjoying this spring-like weather we are having at the moment!

I spent January in the southern states of the US where I visited a wonderful garden – Bellingrath Gardens, Alabama.

The garden, which is famed for camellias and azaleas, was designed and planted in the 1930s by the wife of the first person in the USA to bottle Coca Cola! Bessie Bellingrath was much influenced by the gardens she had seen on her 1920s tour of Europe.

Sandra

The garden at Adel

The speaker for February will be Ben Preston.

Ben is the Head Gardener at York Gate, Adel, Leeds and was previously Head Gardener at Goldthorpe Hall. Ben will

be sharing his passion for creating gardens with year-round interest by incorporating perennials and annuals with interesting shrubs. Club members will be able to see this in practice when the club visits York Gate in the summer.

Scent in February

Daphnes are beautiful shrubs to have in the garden at this time of year, filling the air with their wonderful scent.

They can flower from as early as mid-January (depending on the weather) until April. Daphne bholua `Jacqueline Postill` is a



wonderful variety, having an incredibly strong scent. A great place to see (and smell) this shrub right now is by visiting the Winter Walk at Harlow Carr where it has been planted near to the path edge so that their stunning scent can be fully appreciated.

Committee news

Once again, we have had to postpone the AGM until the March meeting, I hope you all won't be too disappointed!

Maybe in the intervening time, some of you might like to consider joining the committee; we would welcome new members.

Raising the Club's profile!

Sue Gibson, our treasurer, has spoken twice on the Sunday gardening programme on Radio Leeds, publicising the talks for January and February.

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 Kath if you can help:

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