



# Oxenhope

## Gardening Club News

November 2023

### Welcome to the November newsletter.



At the end of last month, some members of the gardening club committee were able to finally plant the **Amelanchier Lamarckii** tree that had been donated by the club's members to **commemorate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. Oxenhope Millennium Green Committee gave permission for the tree to be planted on an agreed site on the Millennium Green in Oxenhope. The tree was chosen for its many fine qualities, which you can read all about later in the newsletter, as I have chosen it as plant of the month! I'm sure that as it grows it will give much pleasure for years to come to both the inhabitants

of Oxenhope, and to the many visitors who come to travel on the Worth Valley Railway.

This month's meeting will be the last meeting this year and members can bring their subscription for next year's programme to the meeting, which remains at £25, working out at the bargain price of £3.57 for each meeting! The next meeting will be in February.

**Sandra.**

### Japanese Gardens: Speaker for November: Will Tomson.



After studying at the Royal Botanic Gardens of Edinburgh, Will worked with a design and build company constructing gardens, which **blended creativity and the environment**. In 2018 Will was accepted on the TRIAD Great Gardens of the World fellowship programme, working in Japan, America and the UK. This experience ignited his interest and passion for Japanese gardens, which then greatly influenced his horticultural and design inspiration. On

returning to England in 2019, he worked with renowned garden designer Chris

Beardshaw helping plant his Chelsea Gold medal garden, before returning to his home town of Sheffield and establishing his Creative Cultivation business.

## Plant of the Month: Amelanchier Lamarckii- Snowy Mespil.



*In Spring*

This is certainly a tree with plenty of interest and its small size (up to 7m) makes it a great choice for a wide range of planting schemes. It can be grown as a small specimen tree in the lawn, or when pruned as a shrub, to add spring and summer interest to a mixed border. It begins to look attractive in bud, just as the silvery leaves unfold in April. Then, a mass of tiny, snow white, star-shaped flowers smother the tree while the leaves unfold a pale copper-bronze in a wonderful spring display.

By June, small pinky-red berries become edible (if you can pick them before the finches and blackbirds do), hence its other name, 'Juneberry'. During the summer the small oval leaves become a mid-green then in autumn develop all shades of dazzling orange and red.



*In Autumn*

The branches twist, bend and interweave, perhaps part of the reason why this tree does not look out of place on a woodland edge or as part of a 'wild' garden. It can be grown either as single-stem tree or as multi-stemmed plant with a bushier appearance. It grows in any fertile, well-drained soil in sun or partial shade.

## Gardening news and events:

**RHS Garden Harlow Carr:** Winter Illuminations at RHS Garden Harlow Carr. From November 22 Wed, 16:30

**RHS Garden Harlow Carr:** Handmade Christmas at RHS Harlow Carr: Sarah Harris Prints. 26 Oct – 19 Nov

**Tea and Coffee: We always welcome volunteers to help with teas and coffees!**

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