

# Oxenhope Gardening Club Newsletter

MARCH 2010

## TONIGHT WE WELCOME CHRIS CHADWELL

### Thoughts from the (Arm)Chair:

It has been decided that we will carry out a planting scheme in the border at the front of the Community Centre in memory of Jack Holdsworth and Pam Greenwood. There is a box on the table at the front of the hall for donations towards the planting scheme. The box will be at the next meeting as well for those who wish to contribute.

At last weeks committee meeting we talked about a number of things one of which was membership and the publicity surrounding it. Numbers are on the decline at the moment and it is our intention to put up posters in the local area to raise our profile. It was also suggested that we should consider having a Gardening Club Web-Site. Are any of you computer literate enough to undertake that function or do you know someone who would like to do it on our behalf? If so, can you please speak to me?

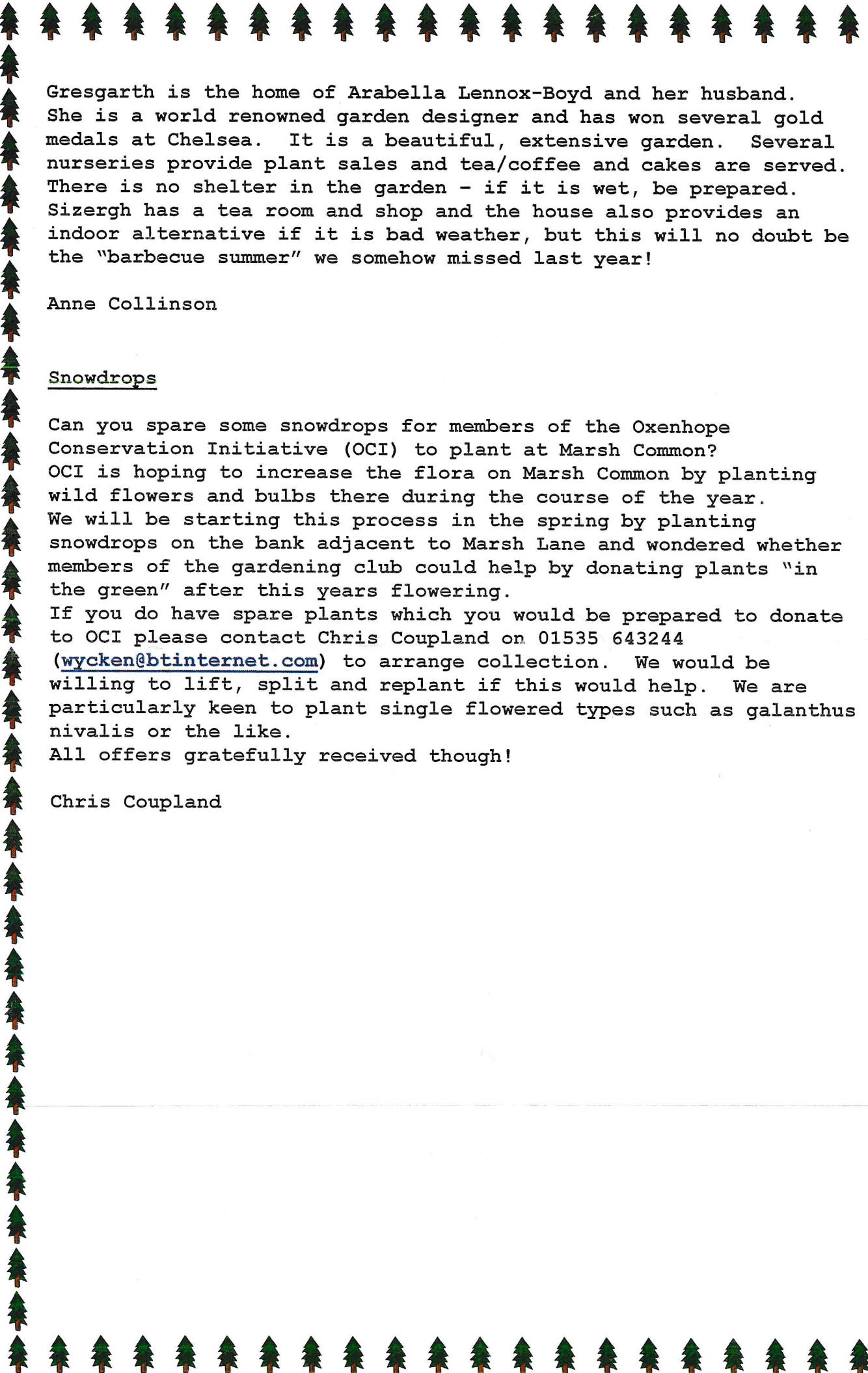
If you are intending to go on the Gardening Club trip to Gresgarth on 13<sup>th</sup> June please put your name on the list tonight.

Richard Berry

### Club Outing to Gresgarth and Sizergh Castle

The booking fee for this trip is £16. This includes admission to Gresgarth Gardens and travel to and from Gresgarth and Sizergh. Sizergh Castle is a National Trust property near Kendal. Admission to Sizergh Castle and Gardens is £6.75 (group admission) and £4.00 for the gardens only. This will be due on the day preferably by cheque payable to Oxenhope Gardening Club. National Trust members have free admission using their current membership card.

A minimum of 45 people is needed to make the trip viable. If 45 people have not signed up by April 20<sup>th</sup> it will be cancelled. It would be especially helpful if payment is made by cheque as in the event of cancellation cheques can be returned.



Gresgarth is the home of Arabella Lennox-Boyd and her husband. She is a world renowned garden designer and has won several gold medals at Chelsea. It is a beautiful, extensive garden. Several nurseries provide plant sales and tea/coffee and cakes are served. There is no shelter in the garden - if it is wet, be prepared. Sizergh has a tea room and shop and the house also provides an indoor alternative if it is bad weather, but this will no doubt be the "barbecue summer" we somehow missed last year!

Anne Collinson

#### Snowdrops

Can you spare some snowdrops for members of the Oxenhope Conservation Initiative (OCI) to plant at Marsh Common? OCI is hoping to increase the flora on Marsh Common by planting wild flowers and bulbs there during the course of the year. We will be starting this process in the spring by planting snowdrops on the bank adjacent to Marsh Lane and wondered whether members of the gardening club could help by donating plants "in the green" after this years flowering. If you do have spare plants which you would be prepared to donate to OCI please contact Chris Coupland on 01535 643244 ([wycken@btinternet.com](mailto:wycken@btinternet.com)) to arrange collection. We would be willing to lift, split and replant if this would help. We are particularly keen to plant single flowered types such as galanthus nivalis or the like. All offers gratefully received though!

Chris Coupland