

Oxenholme Gardening Club Newsletter

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TONIGHT WE WELCOME TIMOTHY WALKER

Message from the Chairman

As you may or may not know your committee meet every month to plan the meetings and events throughout the year. The committee feels that it would be of great benefit to the club if we had some new members. As a result I am asking if there are any of our membership who have one evening a month to spare and would like to put themselves forward as a committee member. If you are willing to help please speak to myself or any other committee member after tonights meeting.

Nigel and I collected a cheque last week from Bradford Council to the value of £200 which we, as a club, are going to use to plant daffodil bulbs in and around the village. Volunteers are now needed to help with the planting. Frank advised us that the bulbs should already have been planted, but we havnt got them yet! So, if you have a little time to spare please speak to me at the end of tonights meeting.

Those of you who came to our garden will have heard me complaining about the lack of flowers on the dahlias, well that was August. For the last month they have been flowering their heads off! Sorry, you cant see them from the road, but I can as I sit and eat my breakfast. It sets me up for the day.

Richard Berry.

A Visit to Harrogate Autumn Show

There were some fantastic displays of flowers, particularly of note were gladioli, orchids, fuchsias, streptocarpus and carnivorous plants. The colours were amazing. I bought a very pretty blue and white streptocarpus.

The Alpine Nurseries put on a very good show, one super one of gentians in every shade of blue and some white ones. Our local nursery at Slack Top, Hebden Bridge, got a well deserved Gold Award. Hartside Nursery from Alston had a very good display as usual. I met Peter Foley from Holden Clough Nursery, some of you will remember him. He is now fit and well and introduced me to his fiancée. His son has taken over the nursery.

Amongst the roses we spotted one named Chris Beardshaw our special speaker of a few months ago.

The Bonsai stands had some beautifully trained trees. They inspired me to have another go with some starter trees I already have.

I bought a Lespedeza which I was assured will be hardy. Previously I had grown one in the greenhouse. I have planted it outside, with fingers crossed! It has purple pea flowers, grows about 3 feet and then weeps over.

I noticed a plant new to me Caryopteris Dark Knight. I tried Caryopteris Clandonensis some time ago without success and would like to have tried again with this one. It was only on display on one stand and in rather a large pot.

I should mention the vegetable stands. They really were very impressive both for colour and layout.

In the competition section for vegetables the leeks and onions get bigger and bigger. I can never really see the point.

We had a most enjoyable day, a good lunch, and later a huge ice cream.

Hazel Belsey *Planting bulbs & 200. Rd Com. Centre & marbles stones*

Rockery in the Garden ¹ Timothy Walker

Yosemite

HOKKAIDO N Japan.

Subtropical forest

Flora Grisea Bl 18th, *beautiful illustrations*
by Ferdinand Bauer.

Alpines grow in tenacious pots in dry sand

leaves evap faster than air other species