



UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 10th June 2015

Sandra welcomed everyone. 33 people attended.

Hemlock garden group is expanding with some of our members joining and there are some good speakers. The latest person was Andrew Ward from Norwell who had great knowledge about his subject.

The visit to Dorothy Clive Garden was delightful and we had great weather. A booklet was bought for the group's 'library'.

Norma had been to Chelsea and recommended it to anyone who had not yet been. It is relatively small and easy to get round being all on the same level. There is a large marquee should it rain. Coaches tend to arrive later when it is cheaper so it can get crowded. This year the 'in' things are purple, orange and anything rusty.

Viv had visited Lavenham, Suffolk and said how surprised she had been with the open gardens because the houses didn't seem very big.

Barbara had been on the Highfield Park walk with Steve Clark. It was an interesting walk and they were told about what new things were planned putting it back to how it used to be with lottery money. E.g. the old boat house as a visitors' centre.

The plant fair at the sunken church - the plants were reasonably priced and although it rained in the morning it was fine in the afternoon. Strawberry Fair coming shortly.

Nottingham Park Open Gardens - interesting houses as well as varied gardens. A lovely afternoon but very busy and not easy walking. 22 gardens in all as well as a Farmers' Market.

Beeston and Chilwell Open Gardens Trail is the same weekend as the Norfolk visit. Sandra asked if anyone was interested in organising a meet up.

Unfortunately quite a few of the open gardens are on the same weekend as the Norfolk Visit.

Batsford with Hemlock Group – if anyone is interested in going they can ring Brenda Smith on 9252507. We have been as a group but this visit is at a different time of year.

Sandra asked for £5 deposits for the Hemlock trips to Coton Manor and Powis Castle.

Norfolk Visit:

Lace Road, Beeston is the departure point.

Forms needed to be filled out if not already done.

Money/cheques for trips to be put in envelope and will be collected by Sandra on the bus.

Take bus passes and NT cards

Comfort stop on route.



Evenings free.



Leaving 10am for Gooderstone Water Gardens and Oxburgh, arriving back about 7pm. Sandra had stayed at the hotel and reported that rooms were nice, clean bathrooms.



There is a bowling alley and cinema next to hotel, a few minutes walk to the riverside gardens, Morrison's store nearby, uphill walk to town, taxis reasonable, buses are available. Three course menu in the evening with 3 choices for each course.



Steep steps at the Plantation Garden. Café at the RC cathedral serves light lunches and in lovely spot.



June 26th-28th – Inspiring Women – craft and flower festival at Newstead Abbey with the WI. £7



Sheila has a bus going with about 4 spaces left if anyone is interested on the Saturday. Cost £5 for bus plus £7 entry.



July 1st – Aug 19th - Bromley House in Nottingham – library open Wednesday afternoons 12:30-4:30, no booking required.

Exhibition and talks - £3.50, booking required, phone: 9473134



July 5th - Felley Priory closed



We had a look at some photographs from The Park open gardens at the end of the session.



JUNE



Sat June 13th BRADMORE OPEN GARDENS -1pm-5pm £3 Teas



Sat/Sun June 13th/14th BEESTON & CHILWELL OPEN GARDENS—1pm-5pm £3.50 2 days



Fri-Sun June 12th-14th GARDEN VISITS TRIP – Norfolk, £145pp £200 singles; visits extra

2nts DBB at Holiday Inn, Carrow Rd, Norwich

Visits to The Vicarage, East Ruston, on outward journey

The Plantation Garden in the grounds of the catholic cathedral - am

The Exotic Garden – pm

Gooderstone Water Gardens – am, Oxburgh Hall – pm



Sun June 14th HOVERINGHAM OPEN GARDENS – 1pm-5:30pm £5 7 gardens

Refreshments and plant sales in the Village Hall.



Sun June 14th COSSALL OPEN GARDENS - 1pm-5pm £3.50 15 gardens

Some new gardens, includes the grounds of St Catherine's church and a scarecrow festival. Theme 'Waterloo'



Sun June 14th CULLAND HALL – Brailsford, Derbyshire DE6 3BW. 4 acres of

gardens, 11am-4pm £5. Home-made refreshments available

Open only for one day.



Mon June 15th SKILLS – Wonderful Gardens of Wales, Stay in Cardiff





(& Aug 17th) 4Nts DBB from £229 (Nil Single Supp)

Sat/Sun June 20th/21st SUTTON BONINGTON & KINGSTON ON SOAR OPEN GARDENS
2pm-6pm £4 35 gardens

Sat/Sun June 20th/21st ORSTON OPEN GARDENS – Near Bingham, Includes village allotments 2pm-6pm £4

Sun June 21st KINOULTON OPEN GARDENS

Tues June 23rd HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB - Visit to Batsford Arboretum, Moreton in the Marsh, Gloucestershire. Coach £14.50; Admission £5.70
Contact Brenda if you are interested. 9252507

Sun June 28th FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – ‘Picnic in the Park’ 12-3pm
Millenium Garden. Newstead Brass Band. Take a picnic.

Sun June 28th NORWELL OPEN GARDENS - 1pm-5pm £4

Sun June 28th WEST HALLAM OPEN GARDENS - £2.50 Small and first opening was last year. 12:00-6:00. Plant sales in the village hall

Sat/Sun June 27th/28th WIRKSWORTH OPEN GARDENS 12:00-5:00



JULY

Wed July 1st FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK - New Landscapes of Jubilee Campus 6:45pm – 8:30pm Meet at Wollaton Road Car Park.
Phone 07825 753993 to book

Wed July 1st NORWELL OPEN GARDENS – 6:30-9pm £4

Sat July 4th SKILLS – Hampton Court Flower Show. 1Nt DBB £109 - 2 coaches

Sat/Sun July 4th/5th LADY BAY OPEN GARDENS – 2pm-6pm £2.50 15 gardens

Wed July 8th GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Tues July 14th JAN’S OPEN GARDEN - private visit. 3 Troutbeck Crescent, 2pm





AUGUST

Sat/Sun Aug 8th/9th **FUSCHIA SHOW** – Attenborough Village Hall, £1
Sat. 1:30-5:00, Sun. 9:00-4:00

Wed Aug 12th **GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am

Wed Aug 19th **SHEILA'S OPEN GARDEN** - private visit, 64A Beeston Fields Drive, 2pm

Sat Aug 22nd **SKILLS** – Southport Flower Show 1Nt DBB £99 (£16 single supp)

Wed Aug 26th **HEMOCK GARDEN GROUP** - visit to Coton Manor Gardens,
Northants Coach £14; Admission £6



SEPTEMBER

Wed Sept 23rd **HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB** – visit to Powis Castle, Welshpool
Coach £16.50; Admission £7.50



OCTOBER

Thurs Oct 15th **SHARP'S TRAVEL** – 'Autumn Gardens of Cornwall'
- **Mon 19th** 5 day tour staying at Falmouth.

Future Plans:

- Norwell near Newark - September w/c 14th? to see the chrysanthemums (£5 for guided visit) and include a visit to Pure Land Japanese Gardens, 6 miles away. (£6) + cost of coach
- Westonbirt Arboretum
- Dorothy Lovell Quinta Arboretum at Swettenham Cheshire
- Next spring 2 U3A members have offered to open their gardens for the group
- A possible Skills visit to Wales staying in Cardiff.



