



GARDEN VISITS GROUP

Meeting held on Wed. 10th May 2017

40 Garden Visits members were welcomed as well as members of the Practical Gardening Group.

Steve Shatwell from the charity 'Reach' gave a very good talk with slide show, about the charity and the work done at Flower Pod. Steve hoped we would be able to visit and Sandra said it had been arranged for the afternoon of Tuesday June 20th. The No 100 bus runs to Brackenhurst or volunteers with cars could leave from the church.

Sandra thanked Steve on our behalf. A raffle was held, the prize being a flower arrangement from Flower Pod.

Norma announced her move to London and invited anyone interested to her house, 5 Chapel Mews Court, Bramcote, next Wednesday (17th) for a tea/coffee and to help her reduce some of her belongings!

Lynn and Jenny were collecting the money for the Essex holiday and Sandringham at the end of the session. People going should fill out a Personal Details Form and take an insurance handout. Details will be announced at next month's meeting.

Tickets for the talk 'Revitalising Rita' May 12th are still available and it would also be possible to pay on the door.

Jenny from Rhubarb Farm will be speaking at the October meeting and will also be at the May meeting of the Hemlock Garden Group.

Hemlock Garden Group are also organizing an evening visit to Felley Priory on Thursday 15th June, £12.50 to include refreshments. There may be some tickets available so contact Jane Smith if you are interested.

Margaret Richardson:

Geranium and Petunia plants have been brought in by Pauline. Please help yourself to them.

Margaret had a phone call from Lynn Golding asking if she would publicise two community allotments, where you are welcome to go along to meet other people, lend a hand etc. One is on Grove Avenue, Chilwell and has been going about a year, the other is The Bore Hole, off Queens Road and Charles Avenue. If anyone is interested Margaret has a contact number.



The Practical Gardening Group have organized a trip to St Ann's Allotments. (Post code NG3 3LH) There is a lot of walking and it is quite steep. The tour is approx. 1h 30 mins and the limit is 25 people. A donation of £3 is requested and there will be refreshments to buy.

Margaret had names of people with cars willing to give lifts. They are to leave from Chilwell church at 12:45pm.

The Wollaton Travel trip to Chatsworth Show on June 8th is departing at 9:30am. As there are two buses running, Sandra suggested people get there early, 9am, in order that they can be on the same bus.

Wollaton Travel are also running another trip to Chatsworth on June 10th.

Sandra had some Beeston/Chilwell Open Gardens leaflets for those interested.

The tickets for the talk at Strelley Hall, (Wollaton Rotary Club) are sold out.

Thursday September 14th – Visit to Biddulph Grange.(NT) - Non Members£7.65. They are unable to take the coach before 2pm due to other visitors so Sandra suggested instead of stopping at Bridgemere Garden Centre, we could visit another NT property, Little Morton Hall instead. The cost for non-members will be £7.65. This met with approval.

Money for the visit to Thornbridge Hall on August 17th will be collected next month. £6 entrance pus coach, stopping at Dobbies on the way for coffee.

Plant Hunters' Fairs:

Sun Sept 3rd – Leicester University Botanical Gardens

Sun Oct 1st - Felley Priory





MAY Lily of the Valley

Thurs May 11th-Sun 14th RHS MALVERN SPRING FLOWER SHOW

Fri May 12th **HARDY PLANT SOCIETY** – Talk by Troy Scott Smith, Head Gardener at Sissinghurst – “Revitalising Vita” 7:30pm
St Paul’s church, Boundary Road West Bridgford. £5
Plant stall and refreshments. Phone 0115 9142474 for tickets

Sat May 13th **PLANT HUNTERS’ FAIR** – at Alrewas

Sat May 13th-20th **DORDOGNE GARDEN TOUR** – See Sandy for details

Thurs May 18th **HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP** – speaker from Rhubarb Farm

Sat May 20th **SHIRES FAIRS** – stalls with unusual plants from different nurseries are set up on the Croquet Lawn in West Bridgford.

Thurs May 25th **WOLLATON TRAVEL** – Chelsea 3:30pm, £78

Wed May 31st **PRACTICAL GARDEN GROUP** – Trip to St Ann’s Allotments.
Meeting at the church with cars for tour 1:30pm.
Voluntary contribution of £3pp. Refreshments to purchase.



JUNE

Sat June 3rd **BRADMORE OPEN GARDENS** – 6 gardens 1pm-5pm
Roaming Barber Shop singers. NG11 6PE £4

Sun June 4th **PLANT HUNTERS’ FAIR** – Felley Priory 11am-4pm £5

Thurs June 8th **RHS SHOW** – Chatsworth with Wollaton Travel.
Departing 9:30am. Leaving Chatsworth at 4:30pm

Thurs June 8th + 7weeks **POPPIES AT THE SILK MILL, DERBY**
‘The Weeping Window’ By the river behind the cathedral.

Fri June 9th **BEESTON CIVIC SOCIETY** – Talk about the Hive at Kew
by Wolfgang Buttress, Nottingham based designer of the Hive
at The Pearson Centre 7:30pm, Non Members -,£2 Pay on door

Sat June 10th **WOLLATONTRAVEL** - Chatsworth RHS Show £47.50





Sat/Sun June 10th/11th BEESTON & CHILWELL OPEN GARDENS

£3.50 1pm-5pm

Sun June 11th

COSSALL GARDEN TRAIL – 1pm-5pm £3.50

Sun June 11th

BLEASBY OPEN GARDENS – 10 gardens 1pm-6pm £5

Wed June 14th

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**FRIENDS OF NOTTS WILDLIFE TRUST – Jubilee Campus
Martin Willis – 2 hour walk. Meet at Starbuck’s coffee shop on
Triumph Road at 5:30PM**

Thurs June 15th

**HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP – evening visit to Felley Priory
£12.50 inc refreshments. For availability contact Jane Smith**

Fri/Sat June 16th/17th

**BLenheim PALACE - entrance to Palace and gardens,
designed by Capability Brown.
Staying at the Holiday Inn Reading. Cost £90.
Contact Lucy Beardsley - Phone: 9397230**

Fri-Sun June 16th/18th

ORCHID SHOW – Royal Three Counties Showground, Worc.

Sat June 17th

**SHIRES FAIRS – stalls with unusual plants from different
nurseries are set up on the Croquet Lawn in West Bridgford.**

Sat June 17th

**UNIVERSITY PARK ‘WONDER’ – Discovery Day with hands on
activities**

Sun June 18th

**ANNUAL PLANT FAIR – Culland Hall, Brailsford. £6 for charity.
Unusual plants for sale. In a parkland setting, roses, white
garden, walled gardens and woodlands.**

Tues June 20th

**FLOWERPOD – at Brackenhurst in the afternoon.
£6 with tea and biscuits. 100 bus or by car.**

Thurs June 22nd

**WOLLATON PARK ROTARY CLUB – Talk by Steffie Shields on
‘Capability Brown’ – his life and work. Strelley Hall (NG8 6PE)
6:30pm, Tickets from Mike Lucas – 0115 8081356
£13 including refreshments provided by Mulberry Tree Café.
Raffle. Proceeds to Clic Sargent, Billy’s House Nottm and The
Gardens Trust**

Sun June 25th

**NOTTINGHAM PARK GARDEN TRAIL - £5 1pm-6pm
20 gardens**

Sun June 25th

**HOVERINGHAM OPEN GARDENS – 7 gardens 1pm-5pm
£5 The Courtyard Garden was runner up in The Times small
Gardener of the year award.**

Sun June 25th

KINOULTON OPEN GARDENS – 1pm-5pm £5



JULY

Sat/Sun July 1st/2nd NEWSTEAD FLOWER FAIR - 10am-4pm

Tues July 4th- Sun 9th RHS HAMPTON COURT PALACE SHOW

Fri-Sun July 7th-9th GARDENS OF ESSEX - staying at Copdock, near Ipswich.
2nights DBB + coach £159 double room £224 single room
Visiting 6 gardens.

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Sun July 16th JANE'S OPEN GARDEN – 25, Allison Gardens Chilwell,
£1 for NSPCC Refreshments for sale. 2pm-5pm

Wed July 19th-Sun 23rd RHS TATTON PARK FLOWER SHOW

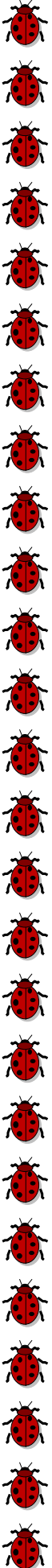
Wed July 26th SANDRINGHAM FLOWER SHOW - £33 Depart
8:20am from Lace Road. Stop at a farm shop on the way.



AUGUST

Thurs Aug 17th THORNBRIDGE HALL – Stop at 'Dobbies' on the way.
Entry £6 + coach

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SEPTEMBER

Thurs Sept 14th

BIDDULPH GRANGE GARDENS & LITTLE MORTON HALL
NT or £7.65 (Biddulph) NT or £8.50 (LMorton Hall)
+ coach approx. £13

