



## UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

### GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014

*Sandra opened the meeting and welcomed everyone including 1 new member. 33 people attended.*

*Generally members were disappointed with the trip to Sheffield's Botanical Gardens. The weather was not great and possibly we were not seeing it at the best time of the year. Joy liked the Prairie Garden which had not suffered with the lack of water. It was felt that it definitely needed some money investing in it.*

*Brenda from the Hemlock Garden Group has had a fall and badly damaged her arm. She is hoping to make Picton depending on her hospital appointments.*

*Linda & Pat had visited Wentworth Garden Centre about an hour up the M1. They said they had enjoyed the visit. The plants were pricey but healthy. There was a lovely restaurant, shop farm shop and deli. Also here was a walled garden which cost them 75p to visit. Again they felt it would have been better to see it in the spring time as it was going over. It was developing and needed time to mature. E.g. a white garden, woodland walk.*

*Some members visited Sawley Church flower festival and couple of people went to Sutton Bonington Arboretum. They enjoyed the visit and said the guide was good.*

*Sandra had contacted David Thornton with regards to a talk but he only does them in the evening.*

*Now Sandra is going to try the speaker on clematis from Taylor's Clematis for Jan/Feb joining with the Practical Gardening Group. Sandra asked us if we thought it would be alright to pay £2 for the session and this was agreed.*

*Picton: Sandra had queried the access in the coach to the tea shop with Skills and they say it is fine.*

*Deposits of £15 were taken at the meeting for the coach fare. £3 will be collected on the bus for entry to the gardens and emergency contact forms were filled out. There are no places to eat there.*

*We shall be stopping at St Peter's Garden Centre first for about an hour and a half, where it will be possible to get a bite to eat. I*

*Inside turn left for café, toilets and patio area. Turn right to the lakeside where coffee and cakes can be purchased but no toilets.*

*Afterwards we will visit the gardens which will take about 1 1/2 – 2 hours.*

*Finally there will be a visit to The Kettle Sings, a tea shop overlooking the Malvern Hills before travelling back.*

*Margaret Richardson from the Practical Gardening Group is still asking for volunteers to sit on the panel for Question Time at the next joint meeting. She has two people from the Practical Gardening group and ideally would like a couple of people from the Garden Visits group. Questions will be available in advance so can be researched! Please contact her if you would like to have a go or if you have any questions.*



*Barbara Selwood told us about the planting of trees with the District Civic Society. They are looking for suitable places in Beeston Rylands by the end of September. The places will then be approved by the council and people nearby will be recruited as tree wardens to ensure the trees are kept watered.*

*If anyone has any photos from any of our garden visits this year, could you select some of your best ones and bring them to the next meeting on a stick or disc for collating and possible use in our photo year book.*

*Sandra had been contacted by Heather from the photography group about a visit to Westonbirt to see the autumn colours. People at the meeting were interested in a visit and it was suggested that we could open up to the wider group. Sandra is going to contact Heather.*

*Sandra drew our attention to a leaflet advertising Meynell Langley Gardens in Derby. Two members had been several times and said as well as the Trial Gardens there was a garden centre on the opposite side of the road. The gardens are open until October 12<sup>th</sup> – 10am-5pm Saturdays and weekdays, 11am-4pm Sundays. They are open as part of the NGS on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 11am-4pm £3 admission.*

*Margaret & Peter Gunn have a powerful garden vacuum for sucking up leaves for sale. £25. If anyone is interested please contact Sandra.*

*Sandra asked to see what interest there would be for a three day visit to Norfolk, possibly June next year to include a visit to The Vicarage gardens at East Ruston.*

*Skills are running a trip to see the poppies in London. Pick up is from Broadmarsh Centre at 8am and then onto Derby so it could be a long day. Places are selling quickly. Some people were going themselves on the train.*

*We held the second part of the fun quiz at the end of the session. Congratulations to Liz and Margaret our winners this month.*



## SEPTEMBER

**Thurs Sept 18<sup>th</sup>**

**HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB** – ‘Gardening for Wildlife’ Nigel Slater  
Bramcote Memorial Hall 7:30pm Visitors £2

**Tues Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**

**PICTON GARDENS** – view the michaelmas daisies and asters.  
St Peter’s Garden Centre first stop and The Kettle Sings after the gardens.  
Depart 9am from the ‘Jaguar’ car park, Bramcote.  
Sandra - deposit £15. Entrance of £3 collected on the coach.



## OCTOBER

**Wed Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am Question Time with the Practical Gardening Group

**Thurs Oct 16<sup>th</sup>**

**HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB** – ‘Six of the Best’ - Andrew Sankey  
Bramcote Memorial Hall 7:30pm Visitors £2

**Wed Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

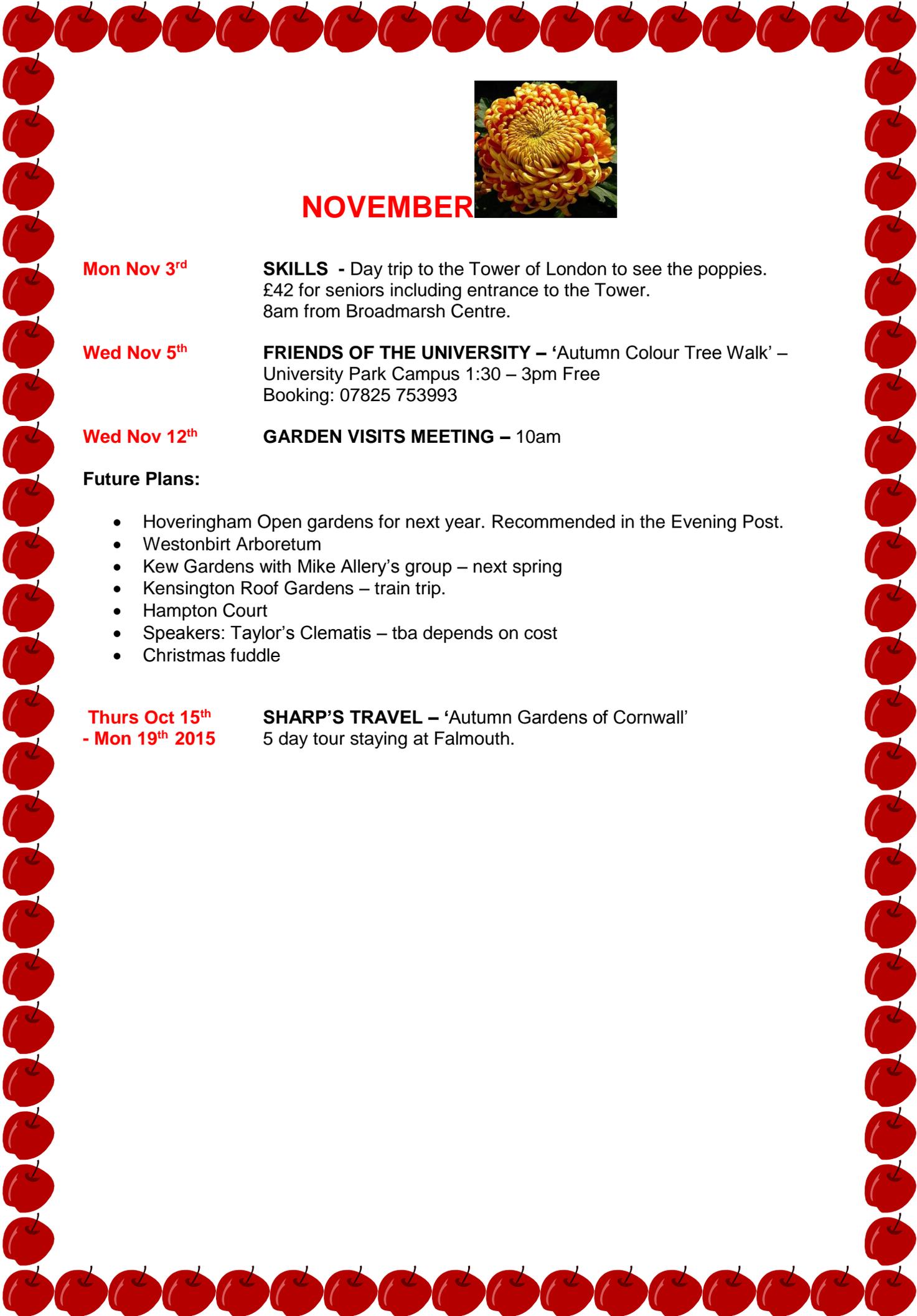
**FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY** – Illustrated talk ‘City of Bees’ by  
beekeeper Sandra Hart 7pm-8pm Admission £2.50  
To book – 07825 753993

**Sat Oct 25<sup>th</sup>**

**SOUTHWELL APPLE DAY** – Identification of apples in the Minster  
Shops decorated with apples. Walks around the area.  
More information from Tourist Information 01636879038 or from  
Southwell Library 0163681248

**Wed Oct 29<sup>th</sup>**

**FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY** – ‘Autumn Colour Tree Walk’ –  
Sutton Bonington 1pm-3pm Free  
Booking essential – 07825 753993



## NOVEMBER

**Mon Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**SKILLS** - Day trip to the Tower of London to see the poppies.  
£42 for seniors including entrance to the Tower.  
8am from Broadmarsh Centre.

**Wed Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**

**FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY** – ‘Autumn Colour Tree Walk’ –  
University Park Campus 1:30 – 3pm Free  
Booking: 07825 753993

**Wed Nov 12<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am

**Future Plans:**

- Hoveringham Open gardens for next year. Recommended in the Evening Post.
- Westonbirt Arboretum
- Kew Gardens with Mike Allery's group – next spring
- Kensington Roof Gardens – train trip.
- Hampton Court
- Speakers: Taylor's Clematis – tba depends on cost
- Christmas fuddle

**Thurs Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**- Mon 19<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**SHARP'S TRAVEL** – ‘Autumn Gardens of Cornwall’  
5 day tour staying at Falmouth.