

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 11th February 2015

Sandra welcomed everyone from both groups.

46 people attended.

Thank you to Pam Brown for getting the garden videos put onto DVDs.

Potato Day - Pat went and said there were a good selection of potatoes. A nice occasion with refreshments and the opportunity to buy a small amount and different varieties.

Members said the snowdrops and crocus were out at Attenborough.

Pauline said the same at Shipley when she went with the short walks group, although she felt they would be better in a week's time.

Sandra said there were daffodils out on the roadside on her recent trip to Weymouth and it was reported that Risley also had early ones as well.

Pam mentioned the crocuses on the university campus behind the swimming pool. There are signs from the West Entrance.

Next month is a joint meeting with the Practical Gardening group and a speaker from the Dig In at Stapleford.

There is a Winter Warm Session at the Dig In with a view round, seed sowing and pumpkin soup & apple cake. Takes about 1- 1.5 hours

*Sandra is working on the visit to **Norfolk**, staying in Norwich 12th-14th June.*

*20 is the maximum number of single rooms available this time so anyone interested, who are not on the list, would have to share. It was borderline as to whether the trip would go ahead due to needing a minimum of 33 people but since the meeting more people have come forward so it **will** go ahead.*

£45 deposits were taken at the end of the meeting.

The Holiday Inn on the edge of the city near the football ground on Carrow Road is the proposed venue.

£145pp if sharing a room, £200 for singles.

Suggested visits for the weekend:

- *The Vicarage at East Ruston, approx. £8 entrance - on Friday afternoon on the way to the hotel.*
- *2 inexpensive gardens in Norwich itself – The Plantation Garden & The Exotic Garden £6.50 or £7.50 with refreshments*
- *NT property – Felbrigg or Blickling Estate on return journey*

Possibly about £30 in total for admissions.

Sandra has been investigating Kensington Roof Gardens. A 2 course lunch would cost £24. It would be necessary to book early for a good rail fare price.

Pat mentioned about the St Ann's allotments. A lot more work has been done now.

They have restored one of the gardens as it would have been in the 1940's and there is a brand new visitors' centre with refreshments available. It is a while since the group made a visit so it might be good to arrange a tour and see the difference.

Thank you to Dorothy for bringing in the aloe vera plants.

Hemlock Garden Group have some interesting trips planned and we should be getting the dates soon.

They also have speakers each month on a Thursday evening in the Memorial Hall, Church Street Bramcote at 7:30pm. These will be listed on the calendar.

Sandra welcomed Chris from Taylor's Clematis. Thankfully he arrived in time despite being held up on the M1.

He gave an enjoyable, knowledgeable and interesting talk on the World of Clematis which everyone enjoyed. At the end there was the opportunity to buy clematis!



MARCH

Until Sun March 1st Daily **HOPTON HALL** – Snowdrops 10:30 – 4pm £4
Wirksworth, Derbyshire DE4 4DF

Until March 8th **COTON MANOR** – Snowdrops 11am-4pm £3.50

Wed March 11th **GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am
Joint meeting with the Practical Gardening Group
Visiting speaker from the Dig In at Stapleford

Sat March 14th **SKILLS 'FLORIMANIA'** – Hampton Court Palace
Day trip Depart 8am Seniors £39

Thurs March 19th **HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB** – Talk – 'I've Got a Good Idea – The Trials & Tribulations of Starting a Nursery' – Richard Woods
Bramcote Memorial Hall £2.50



APRIL

Wed April 8th **GARDEN VISITS MEETING** -10am

Thurs April 16th **HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB** – Speaker Caroline Tait – 'The Gardens Of Coton Manor – Past, Present and Future'
Bramcote Memorial Hall 7:30pm

Sat April 18th & 25th **SKILLS – BLUEBELLS & ORCHIDS at KEW**
1 Nt DBB - £99 (£19 single supp)

Sat April 25th **SKILLS – HARROGATE SPRING FLOWER SHOW**
1 Nt DBB – Great Victoria Hotel, Bradford
£89pp (£15 single supp.)

MAY



Wed May 13th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Thurs May 21st

**HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – speaker – Andrew Ward –
‘Scents and Desirability.’
Bramcote Memorial Hall, 7:30pm**

Future Plans:

- Norwell near Newark in the Autumn, perhaps September to see the chrysanthemums and include Doddington Hall for shop and café?
- Hoveringham Open gardens for this year. Recommended in the Evening Post.
- Westonbirt Arboretum
- Kensington Roof Gardens – train trip – include The Garden Museum ? (Norma)
- Hampton Court Flower Show?
- Dorothy Lovell Quinta Arboretum at Swettenham Cheshire

**Mon June 15th
& Aug 17th**

**SKILLS – Wonderful Gardens of Wales, Stay in Cardiff
4Nts DBB from £229 (Nil Single Supp)**

Sat July 4th

SKILLS – Hampton Court Flower Show. 1Nt DBB £109 - 2 coaches

Sat Aug 22nd

SKILLS – Southport Flower Show 1Nt DBB £99 (£16 single sup

**Thurs Oct 15th
- Mon 19th**

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