

## **GARDEN/VISITS GROUP**

### **Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

*37 people attended from the Garden Visits group + some members from the Practical Gardening Group. All were welcomed and wished a Happy New Year.*

*Sandra thanked everyone who brought an offering for the December 'Fuddle'. Again there was such variety and a good time was had by all.*

*Sandra thanked the volunteers who decorated the Christmas Tree in the church before Christmas and those who helped to dismantle it. It looked lovely and one member said she was very impressed on her visit. Lots of people visited and Brenda sent her thanks. £1002.13 was made.*

*A few members went to the Graduation Plant Sale at the University before Christmas. Pauline said the plants were superb, back up to their usual standard.*

*The trip to Chatsworth RHS in June is all sorted. Seems that it is going to be a very popular day.*

*Lucy Beardsley – visit to Hodsock, - a Tour and Taste package costing £24.50. Full but if people are still interested it may be possible to take a larger coach. Contact Lucy directly on 9397230.*

*The weekend trip to Essex, 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July – doubles and twins still available, singles all taken. Please let Sandra know if there are any members who would like to go whose names are not on the list. Deposits of £45 will be collected at the end of the meeting or at the next Garden Visits meeting.*

*Sandra hopes to arrange another date for Anna Joyce to visit and speak and also a visit to Brackenhurst later in the year.*

*Sandra welcomed and thanked Sandra Hart for stepping in to speak at the meeting with a talk on 'The History and Folk Lore of Bees'. Everyone enjoyed the informative and amusing talk and we were able to buy honey and other products at the end of the session.*

#### **RHS shows for 2017**

*7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April - Cardiff Flower Show*

*11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> May – Malvern Spring Festival*

*23<sup>d</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> May – Chelsea Flower Show*

*7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June – Chatsworth Flower Show*

*4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July – Hampton Court Palace Flower Show*

*19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>d</sup> July – Tatton Park Flower Show.*

*RHS members' days at the start. Some early booking discounts. Check on line.*

*June 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 2018 - Ely Cathedral – flower display - 'Kaleidoscope of Life'*



## FEBRUARY

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

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**

**Fri Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**

**HODSOCK PRIORY – Taste and Tour Package to see the Snowdrops £24.50 Contact Lucy Beardsley Phone: 9397230**



## MARCH

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

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**



## APRIL

**Thurs April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**WOLLATON TRAVEL – ‘Kew and Beehive’ £39.50  
(Two members have visited previously and were impressed.)**

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

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**



## MAY

**Wed May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**

**Thurs May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**WOLLATON TRAVEL – Chelsea 3:30pm, £78**

## JUNE



**Thurs June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**RHS SHOW - Chatsworth**

**Wed June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**

**Fri/Sat June 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> BLENHEIM PALACE** - entrance to Palace and gardens,  
designed by Capability Brown.  
Staying at the Holiday Inn Reading. Cost £90.  
Contact Lucy Beardsley - Phone: 9397230

## JULY



**Fri-Sun July 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> GARDENS OF ESSEX** - staying at the Novotel, Ipswich.  
2nights DBB + coach £159 double room £224 single room  
Visiting 5 gardens.

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

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**