



UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 11th July 2012

Sandra welcomed everyone including 2 new members.

24 People attended the meeting.

Darby House open garden – weather was rainy and nobody went. Viv looked it up on the net and thought it would be worth going next year.

Bardill's visit to The Grange – no feedback but it was described as the best trip in their news letter.

The evening talk was attended by 4 U3A members and they had a good evening but it was very crowded.

Hebbs Garden at Stoke Bardolph – some people attended on the Thursday evening with the Hemlock Garden Club and some went on the general open day on the Sunday. There were mixed responses about the garden. Some people were disappointed and felt Stuart did not give much information. The weather on the evening visit was not good and probably the garden had suffered as a result.

The Little Hearts Matter fund raising event was well attended and very busy. £3500 was made towards the charity.

Greenways Open Garden – Glenys wasn't at the meeting so no feedback.

The visit to the Nottingham Arboretum was brilliant. Lots of information was given about the trees. More history and heritage information would have been nice. Out of 23 names on the list 18 attended.

Sandra – for future visits it would be a good idea to have the phone number for the visit

so that people who were unable to attend could let the organisers know.

Some members had been to Hampton Court Flower Show and had an enjoyable visit.

Viv felt the gardens were now following trends reverting to natural planting which encourages wildlife. Whilst acknowledging the importance of this, she would like

to see more of a mix. There were some thought provoking gardens and she felt the 'Bridge over Troubled Waters garden had the 'wow factor.'

July 15th Cossall Village open day has been cancelled due to the weather.

July 19th Hemlock Garden Group – trip to Tatton Park cancelled.

Jose brought in leaflets for Barnsdale and Lamport Hall Gdn for future information.

Sandra recommended a nursery at Dale Abbey for good, reasonably priced plants.

Query as to date of The Fuschia Show at Attenborough – recommended.

JULY



Sat July 14th

LONG EATON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOC. – Flower Show, Plant Sale
United Reform Church, nr Asda, Long Eaton 10:00-4:00 Free admission

Wed July 18th

BARDILLS GARDEN CLUB – Trip to Tatton Park

Wed July 25th

48, PENARTH GARDENS - old brickwork quarry – private visit – (NGS No 47)
Sherwood Vale, NG5 4EG - Afternoon visit proposed 2pm Meet
£4 with Coffee and Cake
Sky Blue bus No 45 outside PO King Street. Stops at church, walk down Woodborough Rd.

AUGUST



Wed Aug 8th

GARDEN VISITS GROUP MEETING 10am Wesley Room

Sat/Sun Aug 11th/12th FUSCHIA SHOW 1:30-5:00 (Sat) 9:00-4:00 (Sun)

Attenborough Village Hall Admission £1

FELIX COACH TRIPS:

Tues Aug 7th

NESS Botanic Gardens £21.50

Fri Aug 10th

Shrewsbury Flower Show £32.30

Sun Aug 19th

Southport Flower Show £31.90

Sat Aug 18th

LOWES COACHES – Southport Flower Show £28- inc ticket. Pick up Beeston

Sun Aug 19th

FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY – Millenium garden, Walled garden etc.
Bus tours, plant sales, free parking. £2.50 to NGS 1:30-5:00pm

Mon Aug 20th

LONG EATON NATURAL HISTORY SOC - Derby Arboretum Tour
7pm from Grove Lodge. Free after 6 car park – junction Normanton Rd and Grove Street. Quite small – short walks.

SEPTEMBER



Sun Sept 2nd

LEICESTER BOTANIC GARDEN, Oadby Plant Fair - £3

Wed Sept 5th

COTON MANOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Open 12-5:30 £5 entrance fee (collect on bus) £10 Coach fee.
Rowena Garden Centre, Rothley in the morning
9am start – Stapleford Park. Return approx 5pm

Thurs - Sun Sept 6th-9th **HERITAGE OPEN DAYS**

Thursday – MOD tour 2pm (book by Aug)
Saturday - Inham Nook Allotments Open Day & Talk- Eating Healthily
Sunday – walk from Greenwood centre across fields to proposed site of high speed train station.
Details from Civic Society website or contact Barbara

Wed Sept 12th

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Sat/Sun Sept 29th/30th – **MALVERN AUTUMN SHOW**



OCTOBER

Thurs Oct 25th

BATSFORD ARBORETUM – Moreton in the Marsh. Wollaton Travel £24.95



NOVEMBER

Fri Nov 9th

BUNNY GUINNESS TALK 'Transforming Your Garden'

Nottingham Hardy Plants Society

West Bridgford Community Hall, Church Drive. 7:30pm Tickets £5

Tickets available from Carol Jones - 30 North Road West Bridgford NG2 7NH

Cheque and sae. Selling fast.