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

*Sandra welcomed everyone from both groups.
35 people attended.*

Sandy said she felt everyone had appreciated the speaker last month, Chris from Taylor's Clematis, which although a bit of an indulgence was worth it. She has a book on Clematis as part of our group's 'library' if anyone wanted to borrow it.

Members told about their snowdrop visits.

Hodsock – Joy - beautiful and well organised, Pat – went a bit too early but said the paths had been improved for this year which meant getting round easier.

Attenborough – Joy – snowdrops and crocus are out now

Coton Manor – Ann – lovely place any time of year. Enjoyed seeing the hellebores as well.

Little Ponton Hall – Jenny - lovely place with the stream and snowdrop banks, also a walk through to the church with aconites and hellebores as well as the snowdrops.

ShIPLEY Park – Jenny – good displays, also seen by the walking group.

RHS Gardens are opening for a free day on Friday 17th April, during National Gardens Open week 13th-19th April. They include:

Ryton Gardens, Coventry,

Minterne, Dorset

Dundee University Botanical Gardens

Thorpe Perrow, North Yorkshire

Eden Project, Cornwall.

For further information: www.nationalgardeningweek.org.uk

The Hemlock Garden Club have now decided on their visits for this year. Lists were available for people to show their interest. To book will require the entrance fee + £5 towards coach fare.

April 23rd – Harlow Carr, Harrogate

May 24th – Dorothy Clive Gardens, Market Drayton, Shropshire

June 23rd - Batsford Arboretum, Moreton in the Marsh, Gloucester

July 23rd – Tatton Park Flower Show,

Aug 26th – Coton Hall Gardens, Northants,

Sept 23rd – Powys Castle, Welshpool

See future calendar for further details each month.

Sandy mentioned about The Living Threads Exhibition – 'Textile Treasures'

April 8th – 17th 10am – 5pm Admission £4

Obolensky Building, Trent College, Long Eaton

*Sandra continues to work on the visit to **Norfolk**, staying in Norwich 12th-14th June. At The Holiday Inn on the edge of the city near the football ground on Carrow Road.*

£145pp if sharing a room, £200 for singles. 2nts DBB

Visits for the weekend include:

- *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, which is in the cathedral grounds and run by volunteers, in the morning &*
- *The Exotic Garden, a private visit in the afternoon. £7.50 with refreshments*
- *Houghton Hall towards King's Lynn on the return journey*

*Possibly about £30 in total for admissions.
£45 Deposits were taken after the meeting.*

*Jan brought in scilla bulbs for anyone who wanted to take them.
Margaret displayed packets of seeds for people to help themselves to.*

Margaret announced that The Practical Gardening group would be 'back to normal' next month on the third Thursday, April 20th. Bring seedlings along to swap.

Margaret Richardson introduced the speaker, Karen Fry from the Dig In, Pastures Road, at Stapleford. These are community allotments which are run by volunteers. At the end of the session, Margaret thanked Karen for her interesting talk and presented her with a potted plant as a thank you.



MARCH

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 – Moira will be talking about the Sunken Church at Bramcote and ways to improve the grounds. If you are driving passed you can see the crocuses.

Thurs-Sun 9th-12th

RHS EUROPEAN ORCHID SHOW – RHS Lindley Hall & Lawrence Hall, London, Prices Members in advance £12, on the day £16
Non members in advance £14, on the day £18
See RHS website for more information.

Tues/Wed April 14th/15th RHS LONDON PLANT FAIR – RHS Horticultural Halls London

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

Fri-Sun April 17th-19th RHS FLOWER SHOW CARDIFF – In advance members £7.50, public £8.50; on the day members £10, public £12

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

Mon April 20th PRACTICAL GARDENING GROUP MEETING – seedlings swap

Thurs April 23rd HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – visit to Harlow Carr, Harrogate.
£15 coach, Admission £7.95; RHS members free

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

Sun April 26th RHS ALPINE GARDEN SHOW –RHS Lindley Hall London £5



MAY

Wed May 13th GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Mon May 18th PRATICAL GARDENING GROUP MEETING

Thurs May 21st HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – speaker – Andrew Ward –
‘Scents and Desirability.’
Bramcote Memorial Hall, 7:30pm

Sun May 24th HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – visit to Dorothy Clive Garden, Market Drayton, Shropshire. Coach £14; Admission £6



JUNE

Wed June 10th GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Fri-Sun June 12th-14th GARDEN VISITS TRIP – Norfolk, £145pp £200 singles; visits extra
2nts DBB at Holiday Inn, Carrow Rd, Norwich
Visits to The Vicarage, East Ruston, on outward journey

The Plantation Garden in the grounds of the catholic cathedral - am
The Exotic Garden – pm
Houghton Hall, near King's Lynn on return journey

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

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

Thurs June 18th

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – Evening garden visit at Kingston on Soar. Meet at the garden.

Tues June 23rd

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB - Visit to Batsford Arboretum, Moreton in the Marsh, Gloucestershire. Coach £14.50; Admission £5.70

JULY



Sat July 4th

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

Wed July 8th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Thurs July 23rd

HEMLOCKGARDEN CLUB – Visit to Tatton Park Flower Show
Coach £15; Admission £21.50

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)
- Dorothy Lovell Quinta Arboretum at Swettenham Cheshire

Sat Aug 22nd

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

Wed Aug 26th
Northants

HEMOCK GARDEN GROUP - visit to Coton Manor Gardens,
Coach £14; Admission £6

Wed Sept 23rd

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – visit to Powys Castle, Welshpool
Coach £16.50; Admission £7.50

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

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