

GARDEN/VISITS GROUP
Meeting held on 11th May 2016

*Sandra welcomed everyone.
35 people attended.*

Unfortunately the microphone has still not been returned. It has been reported to the committee.

Where were the best bluebells? Colwick and Felley Priory named as places visited.

Lucy told us that the trip to Elgar's Birthplace and Splechley Park was favourably received by all who went. She has had some very positive feedback...magical...delightful, fabulous day out. The journeys there and back were also good.

Jane said the daffodils at Felley Priory were lovely.

The Hemlock trip to Wentworth Gardens was another good day out despite the weather in the afternoon. Some people braved the rain and snow to have a wander round the village and to see the house.

Sandra told us to look in the magazine 3rd Age Matters for a competition to win tickets for flower shows.

Nobody had been on the Medicinal Plants walk but Pam said she had heard it was good.

Joy said that if anyone was 'gardened out' on the weekend 25th/26th June, then on the Sunday there is a concert at the Albert Hall 3:30pm, 'Music for Everyone.'

*There is still availability for trips with the Hemlock Garden Group. The lists were opened at the end of the meeting and deposits taken.
Notice the change of date for the Castle Howard trip.*

*Only 21 names on the list for the trip to Alrewas National Memorial Arboretum.
More people needed to make the trip viable.*

We had a mini flower quiz, won by Jane and Joy.

Sandra met with the members going on the weekend to Wales at the end of the meeting. An information sheet and luggage labels were given out. Money was collected for those interested in going to the theatre for the choir concert on the Saturday evening. Tickets in Tier 11 - £10 & £20.

MAY



Sun May 22nd

NGS OPEN GARDENS – Nos 6 &10 Moor Lane 1pm-5pm £4
Sandra will be going at 2pm

Thurs May 26th

WOLLATON TRAVEL – Chelsea 3:30-8pm £63.50

Thurs May 26th

WESTONBURY MILL WATER GARDENS – Pembridge, Hereford
HEMLOCK GDN GROUP Coach £14.30 Entrance £5

May 28th–Sept 4th

POPPIES AT LINCOLN – Some of the poppies from the Tower of London display will be in Lincoln during this period

JUNE



Fri-Sun June 3rd-5th

TRIP TO WALES – Park Inn by Radisson, Cardiff North
Depart 9:15 Lace Road, Beeston
Visiting on outward journey - Dyffern Gardens – NT or £6.50
Visiting on Saturday - St Fagins & Botanical Gardens adm included
Visiting on homeward journey – Hidcote – NT or £9.45
- Kiftsgate £7.50
Total £23.50 payable on the bus.

Sun June 5th

COSSALL OPEN GARDENS

Tues June 7th

FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – GUIDED WALK

Professor John Beckett leads a 1.5 – 2 hour circular walk from the Trent Building via Florence Boot Hall, Hugh Stewart Hall and The Downs. Meet in the Quad of the Trent Building. Free
To book Phone 07825 753993

Wed June 8th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Sat/Sun June 11th-12th

BEESTON & CHILWELL OPEN GARDENS 1pm-5pm
£3.50 for both days

Sun June 19th

SOUTHWELL OPEN GARDENS - £1 for plant fair, £6 joint with gardens. Trip by public bus No 100 or car for those who prefer to drive. Sandra will be there at 2pm at the Minster bus stop.

Sat June 25th

FLORABUNDANCE – CHATSWORTH – Flower festival
Jonathan Moseley – floral designs to impress, workshops
Normal entrance fees. Contact: 01246 565430

Sat/Sun June 25th/26th

EAST MIDLANDS FLOWER SHOW –

Newstead Abbey 10am-4pm
Gardens designed by local nurseries, colleges, landscapers,
Home & garden marquees, expert talks: John Stirland, Sean
Murray. £8 early bird book by 10th June, £10 on the day.
Contact: 0115 9895555

Sun June 26th

CASTLE HOWARD & YORK FLOWER FESTIVAL
HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP Coach £14.30 Entrance £13.50

Sun June 26th

FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK ‘PICNIC IN THE PARK’
Live music from Newstead Brass Band and family activities.
In The Millennium Garden. Free. Bring a picnic, parking
available

Sun June 26th

OPEN GARDENS GONALSTON – 1pm-5pm £5

Sun June 26th

OPEN GARDENS MAPPERLEY PARK – 1:30pm-6pm £4

Sat/Sun June 25th/26th

OPEN GARDENS FLINTHAM (nr Newark) – 1pm-5pm £4



JULY

Fri July 1st

VIV’S OPEN GARDEN – 158, Wollaton Road, 2pm-4pm

Sat/Sun July 2nd/3rd

OPEN GARDENS LADY BAY – 25 gardens, 2pm-6pm £3

Mon July 4th

LINCOLN – trip by train to see the ‘wave’ of poppies originally
displayed in London. Leaving Nottingham round 10:00am, and
departing Lincoln round 3:30pm, times to be confirmed later

Wed July 13th

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Fri July 22nd

WOLLATON TRAVEL – Tatton Park Flower Show £43



AUGUST

Sat Aug 6th

NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM, Alrewas, Staffordshire
& Plant Hunters’ Fair, 150 acres of wooded park land.
Ceremonies held daily at 11am in the chapel

Depart 9:15am Return 3:30pm. Cost approx. £13

Wed Aug 10th

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Sun Aug 21st

FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – ‘Summer Spectacular’

NGS Millennium Garden, Walled Garden, Jekyll Garden.

Free bus tours, plant sales, mini walking tours and refreshments

£3 charity donation. Parking at the Millennium Garden.



SEPTEMBER

Sun Sept 11th

PLANT HUNTERS' FAIR – Weston Park, Shifnal, Shropshire

10am-4pm

£2.50 Fair and gardens

Wed Sept 14th

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Sun Sept 25th

MALVERN AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW – U3A Trip

£39 includes coach travel and entrance. Contact Lucy Beardsley

Wed Sept 28th

TRENTHAM GARDENS – HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP

Coach £12.40 Entrance £8