

## GARDEN VISITS GROUP

Meeting held on Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017

*43 members were welcomed.*

*Ivor told us about his mimosa tree which is now nearly as tall as the house. Good growth in 4 years!*



*Jo Young also gave a short talk about keeping begonias and how she became involved with showing them. She is also a member of the fuschia society.*

*Four of our members went with Wollaton Travel to Kew Gardens and the Hive. They were disappointed to find the hive was closed for maintenance but they enjoyed Kew itself.*

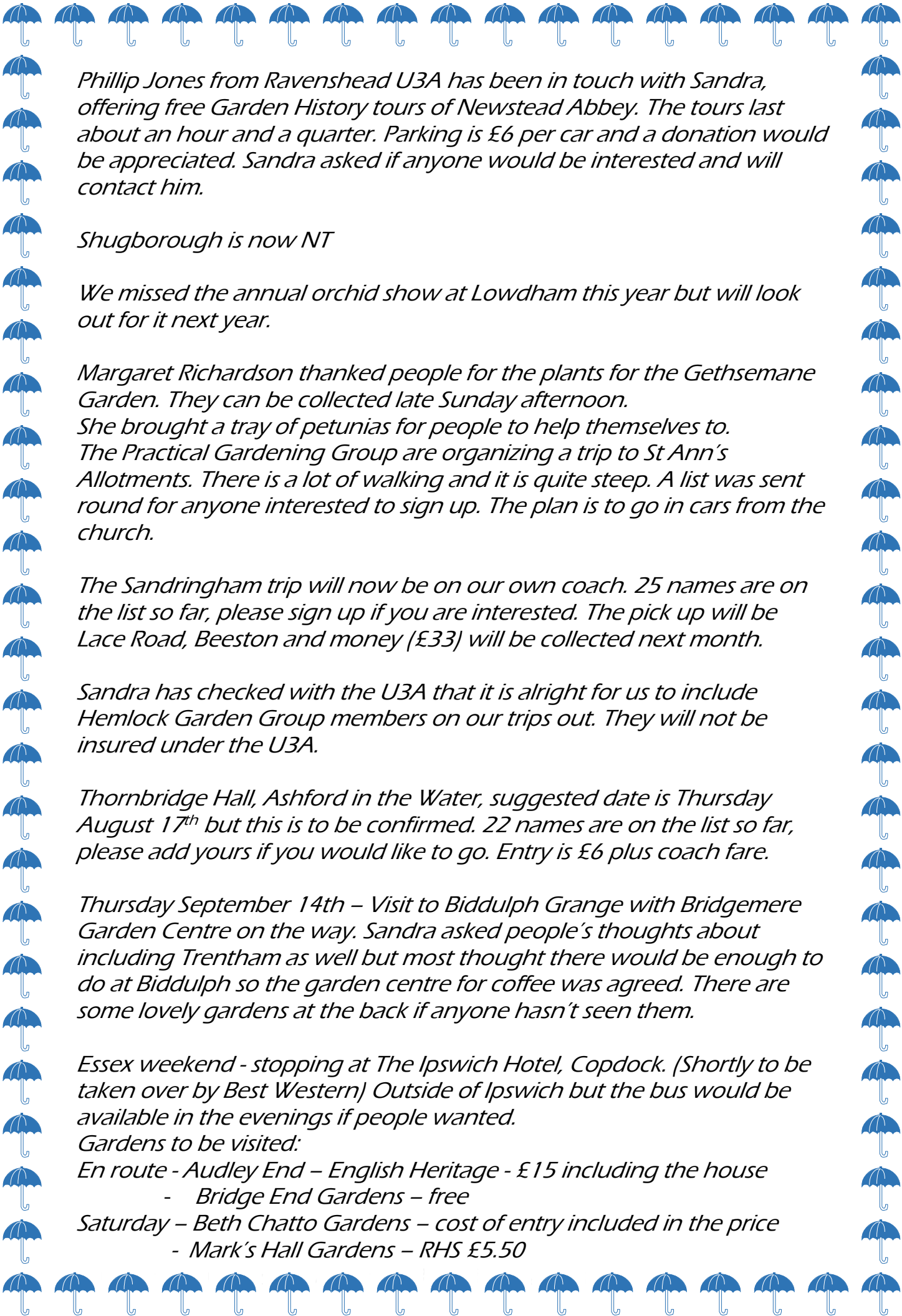
*Sandra mentioned how lovely the daffodils were outside the sunken church in Bramcote.*

*Some of the group also enjoyed an evening at the Hemlock Garden Group meeting where people were asked to bring along 5 daffodils. It was amazing how many different varieties there are and 29 were presented on the night.*

*Edinburgh Royal Collection Trust are redoing the gardens of Holyrood House, including medicinal and exotic plants. It will be opening in Spring 2019.*

*Sandra found an advert for a RHS holiday, "Private Gardens of East Anglia" which included Mark Hall, Beth Chatto which we are visiting on our holiday! Good choices?!*

*Evolution in Gardens at Eden Project – aerial rope bridge and new 109 bedroom hotel on site for 2018.*



*Phillip Jones from Ravenshead U3A has been in touch with Sandra, offering free Garden History tours of Newstead Abbey. The tours last about an hour and a quarter. Parking is £6 per car and a donation would be appreciated. Sandra asked if anyone would be interested and will contact him.*

*Shugborough is now NT*

*We missed the annual orchid show at Lowdham this year but will look out for it next year.*

*Margaret Richardson thanked people for the plants for the Gethsemane Garden. They can be collected late Sunday afternoon. She brought a tray of petunias for people to help themselves to. The Practical Gardening Group are organizing a trip to St Ann's Allotments. There is a lot of walking and it is quite steep. A list was sent round for anyone interested to sign up. The plan is to go in cars from the church.*

*The Sandringham trip will now be on our own coach. 25 names are on the list so far, please sign up if you are interested. The pick up will be Lace Road, Beeston and money (£33) will be collected next month.*

*Sandra has checked with the U3A that it is alright for us to include Hemlock Garden Group members on our trips out. They will not be insured under the U3A.*

*Thornbridge Hall, Ashford in the Water, suggested date is Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> but this is to be confirmed. 22 names are on the list so far, please add yours if you would like to go. Entry is £6 plus coach fare.*

*Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> – Visit to Biddulph Grange with Bridgemere Garden Centre on the way. Sandra asked people's thoughts about including Trentham as well but most thought there would be enough to do at Biddulph so the garden centre for coffee was agreed. There are some lovely gardens at the back if anyone hasn't seen them.*

*Essex weekend - stopping at The Ipswich Hotel, Copdock. (Shortly to be taken over by Best Western) Outside of Ipswich but the bus would be available in the evenings if people wanted.*

*Gardens to be visited:*

*En route - Audley End – English Heritage - £15 including the house  
- Bridge End Gardens – free*

*Saturday – Beth Chatto Gardens – cost of entry included in the price  
- Mark's Hall Gardens – RHS £5.50*

- Anglesey Abbey, gardens house and mill – NT £11.15 or  
Lode Mill gardens only £7.20

**Entrance prices approximate.**

**Forms to complete for the holiday were handed out. Sandra asked that people put on if they were National Trust and/or English Heritage members. Trip money will be collected in cash in an envelope on the bus.**

**Balance of the money for the trip will be collected next month.  
£114 for those sharing a room and £179 for a single room**

**Plant Hunters' Fairs:**

*Sun Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> – Leicester University Botanical Gardens*

*Sun Oct 1<sup>st</sup> - Felley Priory*



## APRIL

**April 9<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**DODDINGTON HALL – Cherry blossom walk**

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

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**

**Sat April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**“GROWING VEG ALL YEAR ROUND” – Talk by Nick Hamilton  
At the Friends Meeting House, 25 Clarendon Street.  
2pm-4pm doors open 1:30pm, £7 Concessions £5**

**Sun April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – Wildlife round the lake and  
Gardens, walk starts 10:30am, meet at Lakeside Carpark**

**Sun April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**FELLEY PRIORY - Bluebells**

**Sat April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**BEESTON CIVIC SOCIETY – Trip to Kew, Book via Skills**

**Sat April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**TREETOPS HOSPICE – Open gardens 10:30-4pm £3**

**Sun April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**PLANT HUNTERS' FAIR – Aubourn Hall, Aubourn, Lincoln**



## MAY

**Tues May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**ORGANIC SOCIETY – Plant swap, Polish Club, Sherwood Rise  
Meet second Tuesday of the month**

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

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am Joint meeting with the Practical Gardening group. Speaker – Steve Shatwell, chief executive from Reach (Learning Disability) under which Flower Pod is a social enterprise  
Raffle – prize a bouquet

**Thurs May 11<sup>th</sup>-Sun 14<sup>th</sup> RHS MALVERN SPRING FLOWER SHOW**

**Fri May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**HARDY PLANT SOCIETY** – Talk by Troy Scott Smith, Head Gardener at Sissinghurst – “Revitalising Vita” 7:30pm  
St Paul’s church, Boundary Road West Bridgford. £5  
Plant stall and refreshments. Phone 0115 9142474 for tickets

**Sat May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**PLANT HUNTERS’ FAIR** – at Alrewas

**Sat May 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**

**DORDOGNE GARDEN TOUR** – See Sandy for details

**Thurs May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP** – speaker from Rhubarb Farm

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

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

**Wed May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**PRACTICAL GARDEN GROUP** – Trip to St Ann’s Allotments. Meeting at the church with cars for tour 1:30pm.  
Voluntary contribution of £3pp. Refreshments to purchase.

**JUNE**



**Sat June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**BRADMORE OPEN GARDENS** – 6 gardens 1pm-5pm  
Roaming Barber Shop singers. NG11 6PE £4

**Sun June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**PLANT HUNTERS’ FAIR** – Felley Priory 11am-4pm £5

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

**RHS SHOW** – Chatsworth

**Thurs June 8<sup>th</sup> + 7weeks POPPIES AT THE SILK MILL, DERBY**

‘The Weeping Window’ By the river behind the cathedral.

**Fri June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**BEESTON CIVIC SOCIETY** – Talk about the Hive at Kew by Wolfgang Buttress, Nottingham based designer of the Hive at The Pearson Centre 7:30pm, Non Members -,£2 Pay on door

**Sat June 10<sup>th</sup>**

**WOLLATON TRAVEL** - Chatsworth RHS Show £47.50

**Sat/Sun June 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> BEESTON & CHILWELL OPEN GARDENS**

**Sat/Sun June 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> COSSALL GARDEN TRAIL** – 1pm-5pm £3.50



**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

**Fri-Sun June 16<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> ORCHID SHOW** – Royal Three Counties Showground, Worc.

**Thurs June 22<sup>nd</sup> WOLLATON PARK ROTARY CLUB** – Talk by Steffie Shields on ‘Capability Brown’ – his life and work. Strelley Hall (NG8 6PE) 6:30pm, Tickets from Mike Lucas – 0115 8081356  
£13 including refreshments provided by Mulberry Tree Café.  
Raffle. Proceeds to Clic Sargent, Billy’s House Nottm and The Gardens Trust

**Sun June 25<sup>th</sup> NOTTINGHAM PARK GARDEN TRAIL** - £5 1pm-6pm  
20 gardens

**Sun June 25<sup>th</sup> HOVERINGHAM OPEN GARDENS** – 7 gardens 1pm-5pm  
£5 The Courtyard Garden was runner up in The Times small Gardener of the year award.

**JULY**



**Sat/Sun July 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> NEWSTEAD FLOWER FAIR** - 10am-4pm

**Tues July 4<sup>th</sup>- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> RHS HAMPTON COURT PALACE SHOW**

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

**Wed July 12<sup>th</sup> GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am

**Sun July 16<sup>th</sup> JANE’S OPEN GARDEN** – 25, Allison Gardens Chilwell,  
Small charge for charity and refreshments provided.

**Wed July 19<sup>th</sup>-Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> RHS TATTON PARK FLOWER SHOW**

**Wed July 26<sup>th</sup> SANDRINGHAM FLOWER SHOW** - £33