



## UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

### GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015

*Sandra welcomed everyone including two new members, Dana and Jenny. 31 people attended.*

*This was a social morning with coffee, tea, and cakes. Thank you for all the cakes both bought and made.*

*It has been suggested that this year we have a change and instead of the fuddle, we go to a garden centre, possibly, Trowell for the December meeting. We could still have the fuddle in January?*

*Thank you to Jan for her hospitality on a recent visit to her garden. We all had a lovely time and the weather favoured us.*

*Next week is the visit to Sheila Chamber's garden and there are already 31 people down to go so if there are any extras Sheila would need to be contacted to make sure she can cope with more people. Sandra has her phone number.*

*Several people went to the Fuschia Show at Attenborough Village Hall. As usual there was a fabulous display of plants and some for sale at very reasonable prices. One of our members had won a certificate for her entry.*

*Nottingham & Notts Fuschia Society meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month (except December) at Wollaton Park Community Centre on Harrow Road, Wollaton NG8 1FE from 7:30-9:30pm. Membership is £10 per year and there are speakers. For further information contact Jayne Daykin 0115 8758928.*

*Malcolm Brookbanks is unable to go to Coton Manor (Aug 26<sup>th</sup>) so there was a spare place. Ann Verity was interested in going. Those going have all paid £5 deposit so there will be £15 to pay on the coach.*

*Details available from Brenda Smith 9252507.*

*Sandra discussed the trip for September. After costing the NT properties it was decided to leave them this time as the trip was proving expensive.*

*Instead, Sandra has sorted a trip to Winterbourne House & Gardens and Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Thursday Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. The total cost of this trip will be £21. The coach will leave from the carpark near where The Jaguar pub was, now the Coop. At present there are 23 people down on the list but to make the trip viable, Sandra would need 30 people.*

*If anyone is interested please contact Sandra. Sandra will be at Sheila's open garden on Wednesday as well if anyone wants to add their name then.*

*If possible Sandra would like to sort 3 trips out in advance for next year – Spring, Summer and Autumn. She is proposing a 5 day trip with Skills to Wales, staying in Cardiff. Any suggestions for other visits are welcome.*

*The trip to Powis Castle is full. There will be £19 to pay on the coach.*

*Sandra recommended Victoria Park Gardens, Ilkeston for a visit. Small but lovely.*

*There is a children's play park and is near the swimming Baths. There is a brass band on some Sundays.*

*The speaker in November from Woodthorpe Park is involved in the preparation of many plants for Nottingham in Bloom etc. Hemlock Garden Club have booked a demonstration for hanging baskets for next year.*



## AUGUST

- Sat Aug 15<sup>th</sup>** **DERBY & DISTRICT FUSCHIA & GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL SHOW** – Swarkestone Nursery, Lowes Lane Swarkestone, Derby DE73 7GQ 12:30-5:00pm Plants sale, Tombola, Raffle
- Sun Aug 16<sup>th</sup>** **SUMMER SPECTACULAR NGS** – the gardens of University Park 1:30-5pm £3 Charity donation Free Parking
- Sun Aug 16<sup>th</sup>** **OPEN GARDEN, PLANT LANE, SAWLEY** - 12:30-5:30 £3 Victorian Nursery in the attic £2.50. proceeds to charity.
- Wed Aug 19<sup>th</sup>** **SHEILA'S OPEN GARDEN** - private visit, 64A Beeston Fields Drive, 2pm
- Sat Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>** **SKILLS** – Southport Flower Show 1Nt DBB £99 (£16 single supp)
- Wed Aug 26<sup>th</sup>** **HEMOCK GARDEN GROUP** - visit to Coton Manor Gardens, Northants Coach £14; Admission £6 A few spaces left.
- Sun/Mon Aug 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>** **OPEN GARDEN, PLANT LANE, SAWLEY** - 12:00-5:30 £3 Victorian Nursery in the attic £2.50. proceeds to charity.
- Sat-Tues Aug 29<sup>th</sup>-Sept 1<sup>st</sup>** **SAWLEY ALL SAINTS CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL**  
Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 12-5pm, Mon 10am-6pm, Tues 10am-3:30pm



## SEPTEMBER

- Wed Sept 9<sup>th</sup>** **GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am
- Thurs Sept 10<sup>th</sup>** **WINTERBOURNE HOUSE & GARDENS and BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS** – Total Price inc coach £21. Departing from the carpark near the Coop (Old Jaguar Pub) Bramcote
- Sat/Sun Sept 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>** **LONG EATON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SHOW** –  
Coronation Hall, Portland Road, Toton Good Raffle  
Sat – 2pm-4:30pm Sun – 10am-4:30pm Auction of produce on Sun.

**Thurs-Sun Sept 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> HERITAGE WEEKEND-** South Broxtowe, Wollaton, Strelley, Bilborough, University. Brochures – Barbara Selwood  
Sat 9am-4pm – Wollaton Road allotments are open. Stalls, demos, tours  
Sat 9:30-4pm Inham Nook Allotments, Slade Road are open.

**Wed Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB** – visit to Powis Castle, Welshpool  
Coach £16.50; Admission £7.50      Waiting List

## OCTOBER



**Wed Oct 14<sup>th</sup> GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am

**Thurs Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - Mon 19<sup>th</sup> SHARP'S TRAVEL** – 'Autumn Gardens of Cornwall'  
5 day tour staying at Falmouth.

**Sat Oct 17<sup>th</sup> FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK** – 'Fungus Foray' 10am-12noon  
A guided walk by fungus expert Lee Scudder. Meet at Main Visitors' Carpark, Cut Through Lane. To book call 07825 753993

**Sat Oct 24<sup>th</sup> SOUTHWELL APPLE DAY** – lots of activities, shops are all decorated with apples and The Minster has a display and apple identification. Bus to Southwell from Queens Street. Well worth a visit.

## NOVEMBER



**Wed Nov 11<sup>th</sup> GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am – Visiting Speaker from Woodthorpe Park.

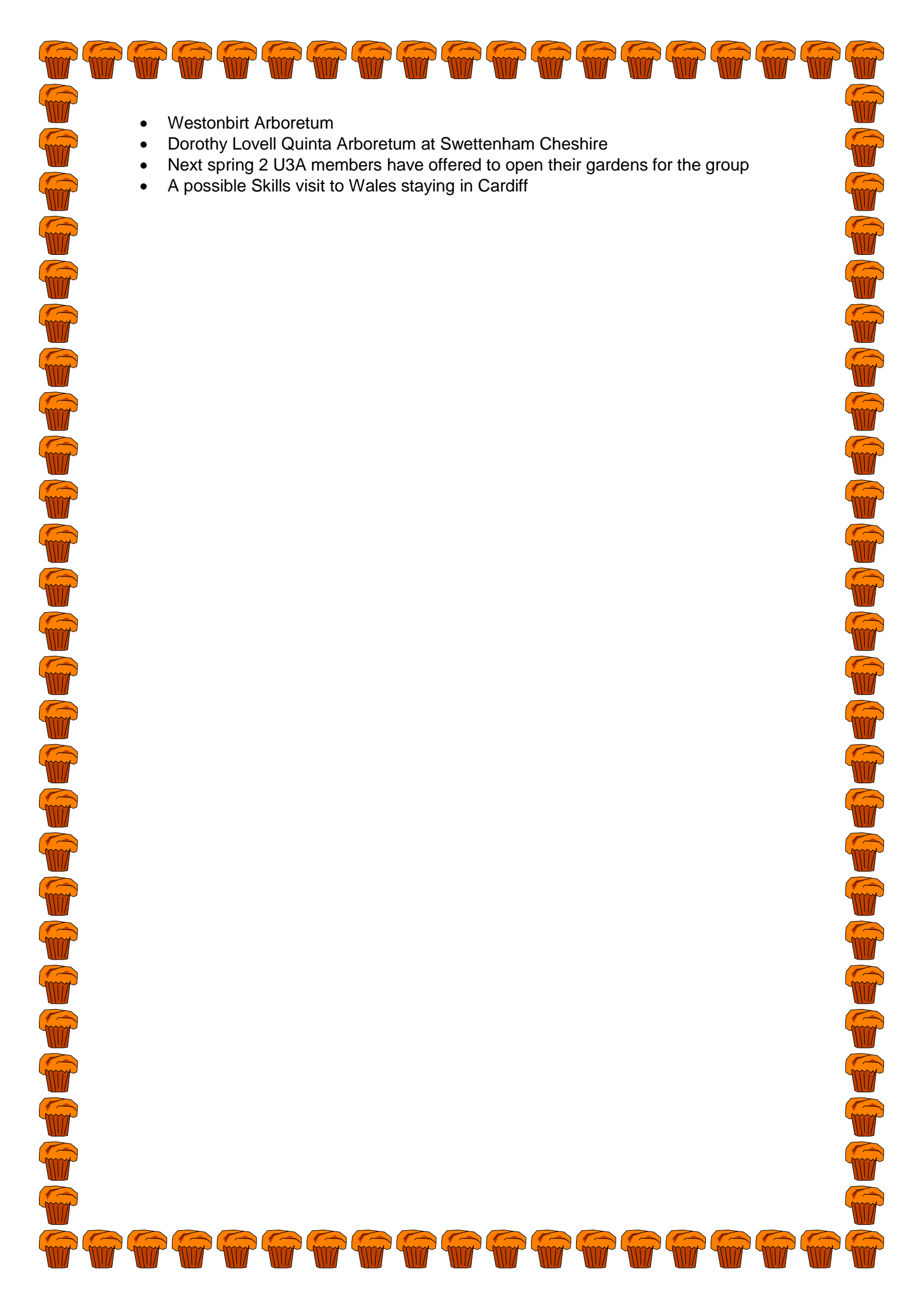
## DECEMBER



**Wed Dec 9<sup>th</sup> GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am - To be decided

### Future Plans:

- February Garden Visits Meeting – Speaker from Clumber Park Walled Kitchen Gardens

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- Westonbirt Arboretum
  - Dorothy Lovell Quinta Arboretum at Swettenham Cheshire
  - Next spring 2 U3A members have offered to open their gardens for the group
  - A possible Skills visit to Wales staying in Cardiff