

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 12th February
2014

Sandra opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. We had a joint meeting with the Practical Gardening Group. There were two new members.

54 people attended.

Norma has managed to off load all her top soil now.

Pam went with the U3A short walks group to Shipley Park on Tuesday 11th February. It was very wet and it snowed but she did see some snowdrops.

Sandra asked if anyone was interested in visiting Penarth Gardens again this year. There was a good response with the suggestion of visiting at a different time of year perhaps. Sandra will look into it.

Liz will go ahead with the production of another book of photos from our visits in 2013.

Joy will be at St Mary's Church Attenborough on Thursday 13th February, if anyone would like to join her for a walk to see the snowdrops and crocuses followed by a coffee at the Visitor's Centre. Weather permitting.

Hopefully the date for the visit to Kew with the group going to the Archives should be finalised by the next meeting.

The balance for the money for Alwick will be collected in April. £151 single, £125 sharing.

Viv - still waiting for the release of tickets to Highgrove which should be on February 17th. She is hoping for a slot in mid July. It will be an early start from Beeston approx. 8am and the tours should be 11:15 and 12:15. The cost will be £22.50 + coach and will need to be paid 6 weeks before the visit. The places will be allocated to our group first but any vacancies can be filled by the Practical Gardening Group before it is opened to the main U3A.

A very enjoyable and informative session followed the announcements led by Margaret Richardson and her team from the Practical Gardening group who

managed to answer a number of gardening questions which had been supplied by members. Many thanks to them all for their knowledge and research. Hopefully we will be able to repeat the joint session in the future.



FEBRUARY

Tues Feb 18th

ARNOLD U3A – Clematis talk at the Methodist Church, Arnold
1:30-3:30pm £4

Thurs Feb 20th

HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP – Talk by Sandra Hart (the 'bee lady')
The History and Folklore of Bees at Bramcote Memorial Hall
£2 for visitors. Annual membership £11

Sat Feb 22nd

COTON MANOR – open for two weeks to see the snowdrops and hellebores. £3.50



MARCH

Wed March 12th

GARDEN MEETING – Visiting speaker Mo Cooper talking about the Victorian element of the allotments.

Fri March 14th

HARDY PLANTS SOCIETY – The concert hall at Rushcliffe School,
Boundary Road, West Bridgford.
'From Captivity to a Castle' – talk by Tom Hart Dyke
Cost Members £1, Non Members £5 Phone Carol Jones 9142474

Sat March 15th

PLANT SALE – Central Avenue West Bridgford. Shire Fairs hold a monthly sale with a variety of 'companies' selling plants.

Mon March 17th

PRACTICAL GARDENING GROUP – 10am. Seed & plant swap

MAY



Fri May 9th

MALVERN SHOW with main U3A

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MALVERN SHOW with Wollaton Travel

Thurs May 22nd

CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW 11am start and 3:30 entrance
Wollaton Travel £59

JUNE



Fri- Sun June 27th - 29th

ALNWICK WEEKEND - Northumberland
Balance due April meeting

Thurs June 26th

WOLLATON TRAVEL – Kew Gardens & Kew Palace
£35.90 concessions

Other possibilities:

- NGS – private visit to garden with train in Beeston
- Visit to Sandra Hart's (Bee Lady) garden
- After successful visits to gardens this year - any offers from members to open their gardens?
- Cottesbrooke Garden Show - Glenis and Janice
- **Highgrove - Thursday July 10th**
- **Sept/Oct** – Picton, Colwell, Malvern - Asters a speciality.
- **June?** - Kew Gardens with Family History Group