



GARDEN VISITS GROUP

Meeting held on Wed. 12th July 2017

36 members were welcomed as well as one new member.

Sandra gave feedback about the weekend to Essex Gardens and the breakdown of the coach. Skills are very apologetic and would be willing to send a written apology to each person but Sandra felt this would make more work having to provide addresses.

Skills have offered £1000 compensation.

Discussion followed as to whether this was acceptable. Opinions varied but all felt they didn't want to make more work for Sandra. As a result Sandra was going to go back to Skills to increase the amount.

Sandra was not happy with the coach at the start having asked for a new coach and a driver who hadn't done the school run.

One of the members noticed the driver with a watering can before we set off!

Big question mark as to whether to use them again.

Sandra has been approached re the Christmas tree at the church which is usually every two years so may not be this year, the committee asked if we wanted to continue to decorate the tree or for the craft group to make decorations. If it is this year it was thought that we would like to decorate it ourselves.

Jane reported that the evening with Hemlock group at Felley Priory was very good and an enjoyable evening was had.

Some people went on Lucy's trip to Blenheim. The weather was good.

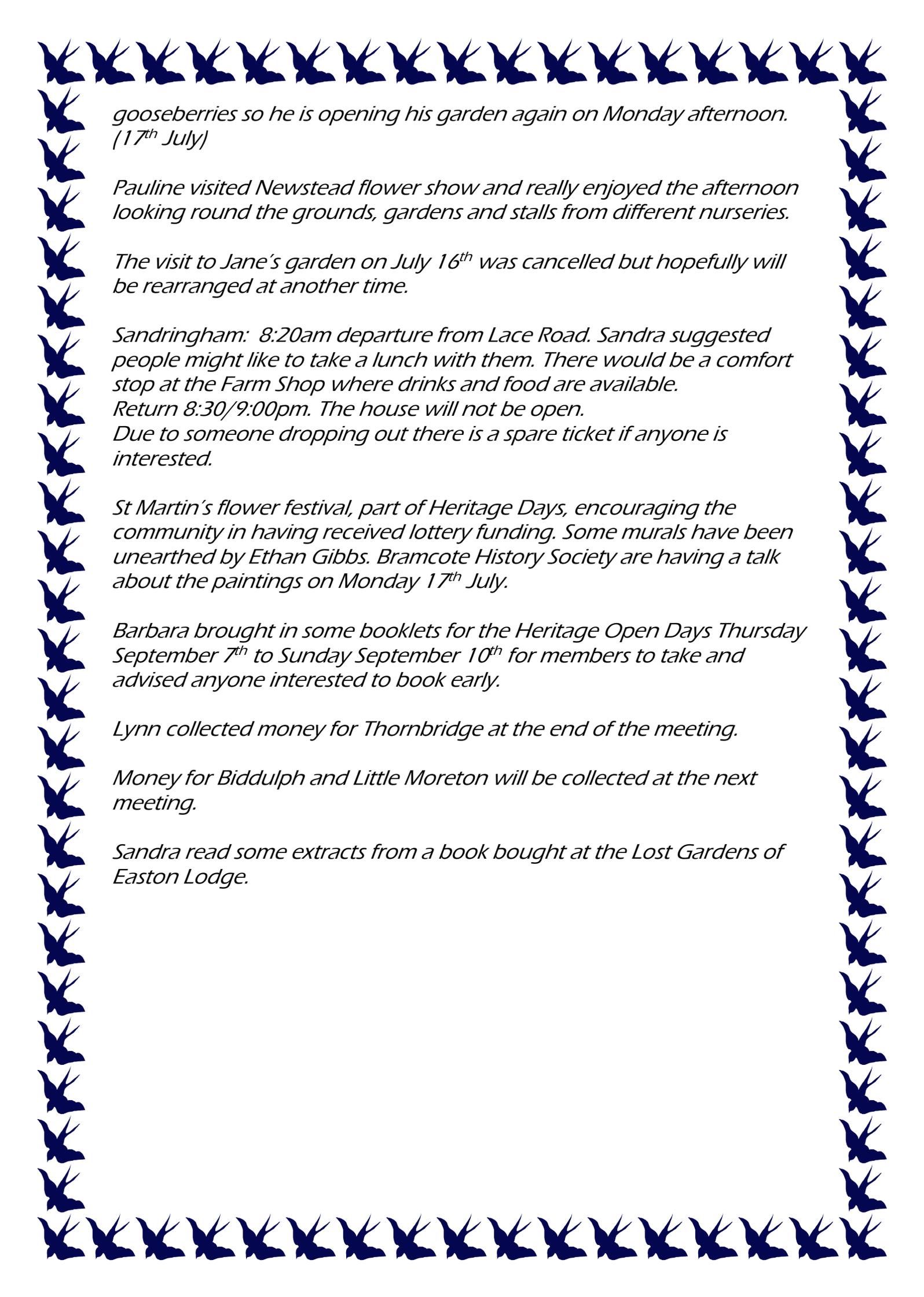
Flowerpod: Sandra had received a thank you for the money donated. The flowers were beautiful and it was a delightful visit.

The members who went to the Capability Brown talk at Strelley had a wonderful evening.

One member visited the Park Garden Trail and enjoyed it although it was tiring...a lot of walking and she didn't see the bus.

No one went to the open gardens at Hoveringham, Lady Bay or Kinoulton this year.

An enjoyable afternoon was had in Ivor's garden by fifteen members and Ivor provided a quiz. He forgot to ask people to pick the



*gooseberries so he is opening his garden again on Monday afternoon.
(17th July)*

Pauline visited Newstead flower show and really enjoyed the afternoon looking round the grounds, gardens and stalls from different nurseries.

The visit to Jane's garden on July 16th was cancelled but hopefully will be rearranged at another time.

Sandringham: 8:20am departure from Lace Road. Sandra suggested people might like to take a lunch with them. There would be a comfort stop at the Farm Shop where drinks and food are available.

Return 8:30/9:00pm. The house will not be open.

Due to someone dropping out there is a spare ticket if anyone is interested.

St Martin's flower festival, part of Heritage Days, encouraging the community in having received lottery funding. Some murals have been unearthed by Ethan Gibbs. Bramcote History Society are having a talk about the paintings on Monday 17th July.

Barbara brought in some booklets for the Heritage Open Days Thursday September 7th to Sunday September 10th for members to take and advised anyone interested to book early.

Lynn collected money for Thornbridge at the end of the meeting.

Money for Biddulph and Little Moreton will be collected at the next meeting.

Sandra read some extracts from a book bought at the Lost Gardens of Easton Lodge.



JULY

Fri-Sun July 14th-16th ST MARTIN'S FLOWER FESTIVAL, Bilborough
St Martin's Road, Off Strelley Road, NG8 3BH
Friday 11am-8pm, Saturday 11am-6pm Sunday 11am-4pm

Sat July 15th SHIRES FAIRS – stalls with unusual plants from different nurseries are set up on the Croquet Lawn in West Bridgford.

Sat July 15th WEST HALLAM WELL DRESSINGS – brass band and gardens open from 2pm
Beer & Hymn service to bless the wells at 5pm in the courtyard

Sun July 16th HARDY PLANT SOCIETY MEMBER'S OPEN GARDEN
Jed & Barbara Riley at 6, Tennyson Avenue, Gedling NG4 3HJ
Reached on No 44 bus. Proceeds to Flowerpod
Also garden opposite open - £1, proceeds to Arthritis Charity

Wed July 19th-Sun 23rd RHS TATTON PARK FLOWER SHOW

Wed July 26th SANDRINGHAM FLOWER SHOW - £33 Depart
8:20am from Lace Road. Stop at a farm shop on the way.
House will not be open.



AUGUST

Wed Aug 9th GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Sat/Sun Aug 12th/13th FUSCHIA SHOW – Attenborough Village Hall £1

Thurs Aug 17th THORNBRIDGE HALL – Stop at 'Dobbies' on the way.
£20 – entry & coach Depart 9am Return 5pm-5:30

Sat Aug 19th SHIRES FAIRS – stalls with unusual plants from different nurseries are set up on the Croquet Lawn in West Bridgford.

Sun Aug 20th SUMMER SPECTACULAR – University Park 1:30 – 5pm
Free parking, bus tours, £3



SEPTEMBER

Sun Sept 3rd

PLANT HUNTERS' FAIR - Leicester University Botanical Gardens

Fri- Sun Sept 8th-10th

ST MARY'S, ATTENBOROUGH – Flower festival – 'Journeys' and Heritage open weekend

Wed Sept 13th

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Thurs Sept 14th

BIDDULPH GRANGE GARDENS & LITTLE MORETON HALL
NT or £7.65 (Biddulph) NT or £8.50 (Little Moreton Hall)
+ coach approx. £13

Fri Sept 15th

WOLLATON TRAVEL- Harrogate Trip.
Book direct with Wollaton Travel



OCTOBER

Sun Oct 1st

PLANT HUNTERS' FAIR – Felley Priory

Wed Oct 11th

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