

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

2014

*Sandra opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
46 people attended.*

*A warm welcome was given to Mo Cooper and Alison from St Ann's Allotments who gave an interesting and enjoyable talk on the Victorian element of the allotments with slides.
Many thanks to them both.*

Some members had been to see snowdrops in different locations e.g. Mapperley and Norma went to Coton Manor.

Joy had a friend, Doreen, who was clearing things out and which she had brought to see if anyone was interested in giving them a home for a modest donation which would go to Haywood House Day Care. She also has a 6ft tall structure for growing clematis or beans up and an old half barrel stone trough 18inches diameter at home. If anyone is interested please phone Joy: 9722404.

Sandra told us about Garden Photographer of the Year. A display of winners and finalists is at The Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew until March 30th for anyone interested.

Mike Allery from the Family History group only has 10 people at present interested in going to Kew Archives which would be on Tuesday June 10th. Cost for a ticket to Kew is £10.65 if purchased in advance. Several people showed interest. Sandra was wondering who was going to be running it and whether it was going to be viable particularly as our group has a lot going on round the same time. A suggestion was made that people could ring Mike to book a place. Sandra is to contact Mike.

The balance for the money for Alnwick for those who have not yet paid will be collected in April. £151 single, £125 sharing.

Viv - now has a date - Thursday July 10th for Highgrove.

It will be an early start from Ilkeston Road Recreational Ground, near The Jaguar Pub, approx. 8am and the tours will be at 12:15 and 12:45. The cost will be £22.50 entry and with the coach £36 total. There are 26 places for each tour and Viv has a nearly full list.

There will be 15minutes of paperwork to do on the bus on arrival and passports will be required. No food can be eaten on site.

Money can be paid next meeting if you have not already done so.

Hemlock Garden Club. - Brenda would like £5 + entrance fee to book for all trips from now on.



MARCH

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

Fri March 28th

BARDILL'S GARDEN CENTRE – speaker Martin Fish + meal £15



APRIL

Sat April 19th

PLANT SALE – Central Avenue, West Bridgford. Shire Fairs.

Wed April 23rd

FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – 'Flowering Cherry Trees of University Park' led by Graham Pearce. 4:30-6:30pm
Booking essential phone: 07825 753993.
Meet at Visitors Car Park, Cut Through Lane. Free.

MAY



- Fri May 9th** **MALVERN SHOW** with main U3A
- Sat May 10th** **FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK - 'Mayfest'** 11am – 5pm
- Fri-Mon May 16th-19th** **CATHEDRAL FLOWER DISPLAY**, Derby Road, Nottingham
- Sat May 17th** **PLANT SALE** – Central Avenue, West Bridgford, Shire Fairs, 9-4pm
- Thurs May 22nd** **CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW** 11am start and 3:30 entrance
Wollaton Travel £59
- Wed May 28th** **HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB** – George Smith's Garden, Heslington
Depart 10:30am Tour 3pm Demonstration £22.50
Deposit £14.

JUNE



- Mon June 16th** **HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB** – David Austin Roses, Wolverhampton
£20.45 includes entrance fee + tea & scone.
Introduction, Informative tour, free time to explore the gardens
Deposit £12.95
- Sat June 21st** **PLANT SALE** – Central Avenue, West Bridgford, Shire Fairs, 9-4pm
- Fri- Sun June 27th- 29th** **ALNWICK WEEKEND** - Northumberland including visits to
Wallington and Belsay
Balance due April meeting £125 shared, £151 single
- Thurs June 26th** **WOLLATON TRAVEL** – Kew Gardens & Kew Palace
£35.90 concessions
- Sun June 29th** **FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY** – 'Picnic in the Park' 12-3pm
Activities. Newstead brass band, Venue – Millenium Gardens.

JULY



Thurs July 10th

HIGHGROVE GARDENS - £36 Two tours – 12:15 and 12:45pm

Thurs July 24th

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – Kathy Brown's Garden, Stevington
£24.20 Tour of gardens, tea and cake, No demonstration.
Deposit £15



AUGUST

Wed Aug 6th

PENARTH GARDENS, Sherwood Vale

Thurs Aug 21st

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – Sheffield Botanical Gardens
£11 entrance is free
Deposit £5