



UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 12th November 2014

*Sandra opened the joint meeting and welcomed everyone.
31 people attended.*

Many thanks to the panel for the last meeting with the Practical Gardening Group.

Meynall Langley Trial Gardens - no members visited.

A few members went to the Apple Day at Southwell and had a lovely trip. All apples were on display in the shop windows and the Minster was a focal point with lots of stalls and sampling! Jose said she would return and others might like to go next year.

*Hemlock Garden Group met at the Bramcote Memorial Hall. October meeting for a talk - 'Six of the Best'. Jane reported back that there were a number of visitors and he was a good entertaining speaker. He spoke about the gardens which were outstanding in his opinion, one being Powys Castle. (possible visit?)
AGM for the group is this month with wine and nibbles.*

Caroline Tate from Coton Manor is going to be one of Hemlock's speakers next year and Brenda has mentioned a trip to Coton Manor. It would be nice if it was at a different time to our visit so the garden could be seen with different planting, e.g. spring.

Friends of the University: No takers for the Autumn Walks but Pam went to the talk on 'The City of Bees' which she found interesting.

Sandra and Jan went with Skills to see the poppies in London. Other people in the group had also visited. It was a very long day but they were there when they were floodlit and it was well worth the visit.

Sandra had heard how good the speaker from Hodsock Priory was. Queried whether it was worth asking him for next Autumn to speak to our group. Other people, who had heard him before, felt the talk would be the same. There are conducted tours. Beryl emailed Lucy to say how good he was and asked if it would be put to the committee for a visit to Hodsock by the Main USA.

Glenys brought in a leaflet about a Christmas Floristry Demonstration by Ian Lloyd, a top florist at Trowell Garden Centre this month. See calendar for details.

For the fuddle next month, remember to bring a plate, along with anything towards the food. Joy volunteered to set up the drinks trolley with Ann offering to help as well.

Sandra asked for volunteers to help with areas of running the group to spread out the load particularly the finance part of the sessions. Lyn Horton volunteered for the treasury side and Jenny will liaise and pass on the information.

Sandra is going to contact Mike Allery with regards to a visit to Kew with his group in May.

Brenda Smith - Christmas Tree Appeal – 18th – 22nd December in St John's Church. Sandra asked if we were in favour of a garden group tree and it was agreed that we would go ahead. Brenda apparently organises the trees from Hallam's and then bills the group - £35.

Sandra has some baubles and volunteers to decorate the tree will be needed on the 16th – 17th December. Anyone having any decorations can bring them along to the next meeting.

Sandra is working on the visit to Norfolk, staying in Norwich possibly June time. Single rooms can be difficult to arrange. The Vicarage at East Ruston, Mannington Gardens and Wollerton, plus The Exotic Gardens and Plantation Gardens are suggestions of places to visit whilst there. The latter two are within walking distance in Norwich.

Jane Smith had theatre tickets for The Rise and Fall of Little Voice at Derby on Thursday 20th November, 2:30. Price £12.50 if anyone was interested.

Jan had a ticket for Matthew Bourne's Edward Scissorhands on January 21st at 7:30pm. Price £36.50. Norma accepted.

We finished the meeting with a presentation of photographs from some of our visits this year.

Many thanks to the people who supplied the photographs.

Also a big thank you to Steve for his support with the technology!

Sandra thanked Jenny for the presentation.



NOVEMBER

Fri Nov 28th

CHRISTMAS FLORISTRY DEMONSTRATION – Ian Lloyd

Trowell Garden Centre

10:30 - 12:00 – 40 people £10 sandwich, mince pie, bucks fizz

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7:30 - 10:00 - 80 people £25 wine and 2 course meal

Raffle of one of Ian's creations. £5 for charity.

Booking essential.

DECEMBER



Wed Dec 10th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Bring along some food and a plate.
Any decorations for the Garden Visits tree at the church.

Tues/Wed Dec 16th/17th CHRISTMAS GRADUATION PLANT SALE

10:30am – 2:30pm – The Greenhouses, Keighton Hill, University Park
Poinsettias and cyclamen usually
If going by car use the Main Visitors' Car Park on Cut through Lane.
Parking charges may apply.



JANUARY

Wed Jan 14th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am



FEBRUARY

Wed Feb 11th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Speaker from Taylor's Clematis. Plants will be on sale

Future Plans:

- Hoveringham Open gardens for next year. Recommended in the Evening Post.
- Westonbirt Arboretum
- Kew Gardens with Mike Allery's group – next spring
- Kensington Roof Gardens – train trip.
- Hampton Court Flower Show?
- Dorothy Lovell Quinta Arboretum at Swettenham Cheshire

Sat April 18th 2015 SKILLS – Bluebells and Orchids 2days Holiday Inn, Maidenhead. £99

Sat July 4th 2015 SKILLS – Hampton Court Flower Show. DBB £109 - 2 coaches

**Thurs Oct 15th
- Mon 19th 2015 SHARP'S TRAVEL – 'Autumn Gardens of Cornwall'
5 day tour staying at Falmouth.**