



UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 13th August 2014

Sandra opened the meeting and welcomed everyone including 1 new member. 42 people attended.

Please remember to bring your U3A membership cards next time for checking if you forgot last month.

It would be really helpful, if you are unable to go on a visit for whatever reason, if you could phone Sandra and let her know. This is particularly important for places where teas etc. are on offer.

Sandra's number is: 0115 9285031 Mobile: 07985921927

Many thanks to Viv who worked hard on the trip to Highgrove which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. It was unfortunate that we had a different driver to the one we had asked for and due to a different route we missed our comfort stop. This in no way detracted from the trip which proved very interesting with the innovative ideas as much as the gardens themselves.

Liz came to her last meeting and we send well wishes for her move and hope she will keep in touch....perhaps the December fuddle?

Cautionary reminder to look carefully before parking in Beeston as there are changes and one or two people had suffered fines!

The people who visited Kathy Brown's garden with the Hemlock Garden Group, all had a very enjoyable time on a glorious day. They were split into two groups for the tour and had tea and cakes afterwards on the lawn.

Despite the doubtful weather and a heavy shower at lunchtime, the visit to Penarth Gardens went ahead and a lovely time was had by all on a sunny afternoon!

Several people went to the Fuschia show at Attenborough Village Hall. There were some exceptional plants and on Saturday afternoon the sun shone.

The group hold meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month (except in December) at Wollaton Community Centre on Harrow Road, Wollaton. Membership is £10 for the year and they have visiting speakers.

Jane Smith organised a trip to Bromley House for the book group to which some of us tagged along. It was a fascinating trip to see round the house and the library. The gardens weren't big but were lovely, a 'little oasis.'

Picton: Deposits of £15 were taken at the meeting for the coach fare. £3 will be collected on the bus for entry to the gardens. There are no places to eat there. We shall be stopping at St Peter's Garden Centre first where it will be possible to get a bite to eat. Afterwards we will visit the gardens which will take about 1 1/2 – 2 hours to look round. Finally there will be a visit to The Kettle Sings, a tea shop overlooking the Malvern Hills before travelling back.

Jane mentioned that members of the RHS might be able to use their cards.

Margaret Richardson from the Practical Gardening Group is asking for volunteers to sit on the panel for Question Time at the next joint meeting. Questions will be available in advance so can be researched! Please contact her if you would like to have a go.

Ivor brought in a number of garden pamphlets from his visits in Scotland.

*Dorothy brought in some free house plants.
We also had some jars of red currant jelly for sale. Proceeds were for Macmillan.*

If anyone has a garage to let in Beeston could they contact Sandra.

Norma visited The Vicarage, East Ruston, Norfolk towards Norwich, a garden which Sandra is also fond of. She has been twice and this year there was a wonderful flower meadow. There are lakes and fountains and the gardens are like different rooms. The owners have a lot of money! Tea and cakes available and entry was about £6. Worth a visit if you are in the area but openings are limited so check first. How about a visit for our group? Watch this space!?

We held a fun quiz at the end of the session. Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Austin & Jane Smith plus Margaret Hardy, Valda Peachment & Ivor. Joint winners!



AUGUST

Wed Aug 13th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Sat Aug 16th

PLANT SALE – Central Avenue, West Bridgford. Shire Fairs 9am-4pm

Sun Aug 17th

FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY – ‘Summer Spectacular’ 1:30-5pm
Free bus tours, plant sales, mini walking tours and refreshments
Free parking at Millenium Garden. NGS £3 for charity

Sun Aug 17th

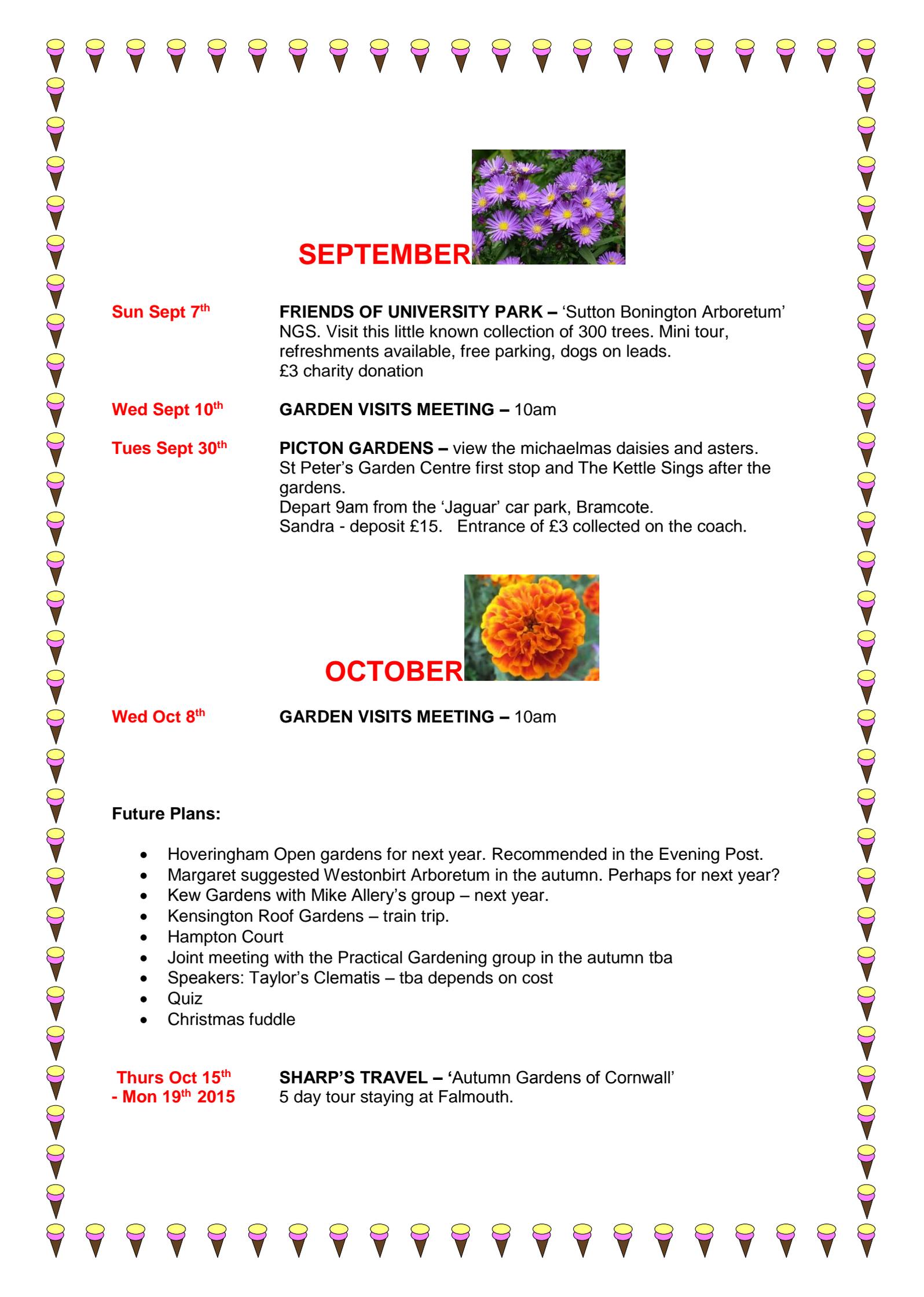
NOTTINGHAM ROAD & DISTRICT ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION
Highfield Road 11am-4pm
View the allotments, cream teas and bouncy castle.

Thurs Aug 21st

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – Sheffield Botanical Gardens
£11 entrance is free
Deposit £5 +£6 to be collected on the bus.
Ring Brenda Smith direct on 9252507 for a place.

**Sat Aug 23rd-
Tues 26th**

ALLSAINTS CHURCH SAWLEY, FLOWER FESTIVAL
Sat. 10am-6pm 7:30 Long Eaton Silver Prize Band concert - £6
Sun 12 – 5pm
Mon 10am-6pm 2:30 + 3:30 2195 Long Eaton Squad ATC
Tues 10am-3pm
Refreshments, tombola. Some Parking outside.



SEPTEMBER

Sun Sept 7th

FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – ‘Sutton Bonington Arboretum’ NGS. Visit this little known collection of 300 trees. Mini tour, refreshments available, free parking, dogs on leads. £3 charity donation

Wed Sept 10th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Tues Sept 30th

PICTON GARDENS – view the michaelmas daisies and asters. St Peter’s Garden Centre first stop and The Kettle Sings after the gardens.
Depart 9am from the ‘Jaguar’ car park, Bramcote.
Sandra - deposit £15. Entrance of £3 collected on the coach.



OCTOBER

Wed Oct 8th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Future Plans:

- Hoveringham Open gardens for next year. Recommended in the Evening Post.
- Margaret suggested Westonbirt Arboretum in the autumn. Perhaps for next year?
- Kew Gardens with Mike Allery’s group – next year.
- Kensington Roof Gardens – train trip.
- Hampton Court
- Joint meeting with the Practical Gardening group in the autumn tba
- Speakers: Taylor’s Clematis – tba depends on cost
- Quiz
- Christmas fuddle

Thurs Oct 15th
- Mon 19th 2015

SHARP’S TRAVEL – ‘Autumn Gardens of Cornwall’
5 day tour staying at Falmouth.