

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 13th February 2013

Sandra welcomed everyone .

38 people attended, and there were 3 new members – Ann, Elaine and Betty.

The Guild Room was free so we were able to meet in the larger room.

Liz collected money for the Ely trip.

The Hemlock garden club is organizing a trip to Easton Walled Garden to look at Snowdrops. There were a few places on the coach – £10 for coach and £6.50 entry. Pick up times and payments were sorted.

Pat Firman enjoyed the organic potato day. She made enquiries about a possible speaker – Karen Fry – next winter. 0115 9608357. Also there are allotments at Whitemoor, near the tram depot – Wilkinson Street which she thought might be suitable for a visit. Contact was Ros Pither 07745216543. Query cost?

Sandra reminded us about the Main U3A meeting speaker – Sandra Hart – ‘City of Bees ‘ Sandra has suggested we visit her garden. Also Geoff Smith is the visiting speaker for the main U3A meeting in April just before Chelsea.

The NGS Yellow book will be out shortly.

Barbara said her daughter was at Brackenhurst and helping to design a bee friendly island – Edward’s Lane. She was also helping with the digging for the garden at Chelsea – they are designing a courtyard garden. Anyone visiting Chelsea – Have a look!

Sandra offered a 2 for 1 voucher for the Eden Project. Must be used before March 31st.

Discussed date to visit Anne’s garden.

Joy had been to Shipley Park with the Short Walking Group and saw the snowdrops.

Ann asked if anyone knew of visits to Highgrove. She thought that you had to be part of a group, although Barbara had been herself and made direct contact.

Steve suggested we could organize a trip ourselves. Viv volunteered to make enquiries for one in the future.

Queried when the other shows are on e.g. Tatton – July/Aug?, Harrogate – Spring, Southport – July

Sandra discussed the trip to Kathy Brown's Garden and whether we should leave it till next year due to the small numbers that are accepted at any one time and cost. It was suggested that August would be better than September to see the clematis. Sandra will go ahead with enquiries. If it is oversubscribed then perhaps we could do it again next year.

Sandra suggested a possible bluebell walk April/May time. To be discussed at March meeting Any suggestions of where?– bring ideas.



FEBRUARY

Wed Feb 13th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am –

Mon Feb 18th

ATTENBOROUGH CHURCH - Meet Joy 10:30am at the church to see the snowdrops. Walk to visitors' centre for coffee. On street parking

Wed Feb 20th

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – Easton Hall – snowdrops.
Various pick up points and times £16.50

Thurs Feb 21st

HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP – visiting speaker – Stuart Dixon
Paradise Gardens, Barnsdale

Fri Feb 22nd

BARDILL'S GARDEN CLUB – Illustrated talk – 'The Lost Gardens of Heligan'
Stuart Dixon. Meal £13.99 members/£14.99 non members
7:00pm for 7:30pm.

MARCH



Sat March 16th

THRIPLow DAFFODIL WEEKEND – Swiftsure Travel

Coach and admission £18.80

Phone 08000190047 for information

Thurs March 21st

HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP – visiting speaker - Andrew Sankey

Colour in the Garden

APRIL



Wed April 10th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am – Guild Room

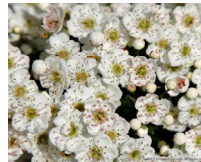
Visiting Speaker - Mike Willars – Tree specialist

Sun April 28th

HARROGATE SPRING FLOWER SHOW – Sharpe's coaches

Concessions £39

MAY



Sat May 4th

LINCOLNSHIRE CHURCHES FLOWER FESTIVALS

Seniors - £27.95/£29.95 (depending on lunch chosen) Sharpe's coaches

Mount Street Pick up. First pick up – last drop off

Sat May 18th

DUNHAM MASSEY IN SPRING – Sharpe's coaches

Seniors - £34.50 (inc admission to house and garden)

£24.75 (NT members with card)

JUNE



Fri June 21st

ELY CATHEDRAL FLOWER FESTIVAL – Little's coaches – 49 seater
£8 entrance + coach approx £10
Pick up at park near Jaguar Pub 9am.

Wed June 26th

GARDEN VISIT – Anne's garden 40, Derby Road, Risley DE72 3SU
Donation of £4 including tea and cake to Notts Wildlife Trust.

JULY



Sat/Sun July 6th/7th

WISLEY & KEW GARDENS - £103 half board
Swiftsure Travel 08000190047 for information

Wed July 17th

GARDEN VISIT – FUSCHIA VIEW – Winster Avenue, Carlton
2pm £4 Plants for sale.