

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 13th January 2016

*Sandra welcomed everyone including 4 new members (Caroline, Joan, Linda & Robert and wished everyone a Happy New Year
49 people attended*

Next meeting will be a joint one with the Practical Gardening Group and speaker Chris Margrave from Clumber Park. Jane recommended a guided visit later. She had been on one previously with the Hemlock group and said how good it was.

*Several members attended the **University Plant Sale**. Comments were made about the standard of the plants not being so good this year. Some people had trouble with the coleus and cyclamen. Margaret recommended coming to the Practical Gardening meeting next Monday where they are tackling how to keep indoor plants.*

Cardiff Visit in June:

Staying at The Park Inn by Radisson, Cardiff North.

The balance of the cost will be collected at the March meeting. £100 pp if sharing and £140 for single rooms.

The plan is to visit Dyffern Gardens (NT) on the journey down. £6.25 admission for non members.

Saturday – visit to St Fagin's and the Botanical Gardens

On the return journey – Kiftsgate (£7) and Hidcote NT (£9 non members)

Entrance fees for non NT members approx. £22-£25. This will be finalised and collected before we go.

OPEN GARDEN - Viv Morgan has kindly offered to open her garden in July for us to visit.

Sandra asked if there were any other volunteers willing to open their garden.

COSSALL OPEN GARDENS – tba, dates not out yet

CHILWELL 7 BEESTON OPEN GARDENS – possibly June 1st & 12th

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – Brenda Smith will be organising two trips out this year but as yet we do not know where to.

CIVIC SOCIETY – Barbara was photographed at a tree planting. A lime tree (Cavendish Lodge, off Devonshire Avenue,) is infected and it is being monitored. A silver birch has been planted near in case it doesn't survive. 100 more trees are to be planted in Kimberley, Eastwood, Stapleford and Beeston.

ALREWAS MEMORIAL ARBORETUM – Sandra to get quote for a coach. 30 people minimum required to be viable. Good response from group. Cost could be in region of £12+ depending on numbers.

BARNSDALE GARDEN & GATES NURSERY – October tba.

JANUARY



Mon Jan 18th

PRACTICAL GARDENING GROUP – 10am ‘How to keep Indoor Plants.’

Thurs Jan 21st

HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP – Speaker: John Stirland ‘My Life in Gardening’. Bramcote Memorial Hall, £2.50 for visitors. Annual membership £15

FEBRUARY



Wed Feb 10th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am –Talk on the Walled Garden by Chris Margrave from Clumber Park. Joint meeting with the Practical Gardening Group

MARCH



Wed March 9th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

APRIL



Sun April 3rd

PLANT HUNTERS’ FAIR – at Ness Botanic Gardens

Sat April 9th

PLANT HUNTERS’ FAIR – at Carsington Water

Wed April 13th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Thurs April 14th

ELGAR’S BIRTHPLACE & SPLETCHLEY PARK – U3A trip £45 (inc lunch) Contact Lucy Beardsley

Sat April 16th

SKILLS TRIP KEW GARDENS – Bluebells £39

Sun April 24th

SKILLS HARROGATE FLOWER SHOW - £36

MAY



Wed May 11th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Thurs May 26th

WOLLATON TRAVEL – Chelsea 3:30-8pm £63.50

May 28th–Sept 4th

POPPIES AT LINCOLN – Some of the poppies from the Tower of London display will be in Lincoln during this period

JUNE



Fri-Sun June 3rd-5th TRIP TO WALES – Park Inn by Radisson, Cardiff North

Wed June 8th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Sun June 19th

SOUTHWELL OPEN GARDENS - £1 for plant fair, £6 joint with gardens. Trip by bus

JULY



Fri July 1st

VIV'S OPEN GARDEN – Wollaton Road, 2pm-4pm

Mon July 4th

LINCOLN – trip by train to see the poppies

Wed July 13th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING -10am

Fri July 22nd

WOLLATON TRAVEL – Tatton Park Flower Show £43

AUGUST



Sat Aug 6th

NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM, Alrewas, Staffordshire
& Plant Hunters' Fair, 150 acres of wooded park land.
Ceremonies held daily at 11am in the chapel
Possible coach trip

SEPTEMBER



Sun Sept 11th

PLANT HUNTERS' FAIR – Weston Park, Shifnal, Shropshire
10am-4pm
£2.50 Fair and gardens

Wed Sept 14th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

??? Sept 24th/25th

MALVERN AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW – U3A Trip
£39 includes coach travel and entrance. Contact Lucy Beardsley