



# UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

## GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013

*Sandra welcomed everyone .*

*34 people attended.*

*The group is full at the moment so is closed to new members for the time being.*

*Sandra's email address is alright now.*

*Joy was unable to attend but said that a pleasant morning was had at Attenborough looking at the snowdrops. 7 people went and the sun was shining!*

*Sandra told us that the Hemlock Garden Group charged £11 for the year in membership and met monthly on Thursday evenings. It's £2 for visitors.*

*Our garden group is joining with the Hemlock group for trips. Quite a number of us went to Easton Walled Gardens to see the snowdrops. Despite the cold day, people had a good time. The lady who gave the snowdrop talk was very knowledgeable and Sandra felt it could have been longer. She has purchased a book on snowdrops for the group. We finished the day with a visit to Downtown.*

*Sandra reminded us about the Main U3A meeting speaker, Geoff Smith, in April just before Chelsea.*

*Barbara reported that there had been an interesting talk at Bardill's. They have introduced a new system for the meal which took a bit longer. The meetings are held each month on a Friday.*

*Ten seats remain for anyone interested in the Thriplow Daffodil weekend with Swiftsure.*

*Bluebell walks: Brenda suggested Stanley Common. Out past The Bottle Kiln and Dino's restaurant, turn left into Andrew Drive and then immediately right down a small lane to the car park. The walk takes you across a field, over a brook with stepping stones (wellies??) There is a proper path round the woods. Best not on Mondays as the Bottle Kiln and Dino's are shut!. If you go at dusk you might see the deer.*



*Ann suggested a visit to the bluebells near Lea Gardens in the Secret Valley*



*To be discussed at the next meeting when we will have a clearer idea of the stage of the bluebells.*



*I had a contact email from the Friends of the University asking if we could publicize their events at our meetings. They have forwarded a calendar for the year so they will be included on the 'dates' sheet.*



*Sandra has been contacted by the Beeston & Chilwell Garden Trail to see if anyone is interested in opening their garden this year as one or two people have dropped out this time. Please contact Sandra for the phone number if you are interested.*



*Ely Trip - £8pp will be collected at the next meeting. You will be issued with an arm band when you go so you can come and go as you like. Coffee stop - there is a coffee stop in Long Sutton where lots of coaches stop. However about ½ mile further on in the village there is another garden centre which might be preferable. Peter is to find out the name.*



*A list was started for the visit to Kathy Brown's Garden. A maximum of 28 people can do the whole package - tour, demo, tea & cake. A further 28 people could have coach travel only and could look round themselves. Picnic lunch in gardens if fine or inside if wet.*



*Viv investigated a possible Highgrove trip. They have changed the system for applying. In February next year they will start releasing dates for visits. There is a limit of 26 for each tour which takes about 2 hours. The cost is £22 plus coach fare. It might be possible to take 2 groups. Discussed payment as Viv would have to pay at time of booking. Perhaps undated cheques? Lunches were available at reasonable prices.*



*Sandra - exclusive trip to Highgrove - Garden holiday and Gloucestershire gardens . 3nts DBB in a Cotswold hotel £435 Includes entrances to Abbey House, Hidcote Manor, Kiftsgate, Milldene, Highgrove and Miserden*





## MARCH



**Wed March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**

**Sat March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**THRIFLOW DAFFODIL WEEKEND – Swiftsure Travel**

Coach and admission £18.80 (10 seats available)

Phone 08000190047 for information

**Thurs March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP – visiting speaker - Andrew Sankey**

‘Colour in the Garden’ - Bramcote Village Memorial Hall 7:30pm Visitors £2

**Fri March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**BARDILL’S GARDEN CLUB - Meal and talk – ‘The Life of a Farmer’s Wife**

**Sat March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – Rock Around the Campus 10:30 – 1:00**

Led by geologist Gerry Shaw

Free. Meet at Main visitors’ car park, Cut Through Lane.

Phone 07825753993 to book

**Sat March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**DAFFODIL WALK – Open day at Strelley Hall in aid of Rainbows**

2pm – 4pm Contact Joy Dixon Smith

## APRIL



**Sat April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**TREETOPS DAFFODIL WALK RISLEY - 10am – 2:30pm**

Admission £3 inc a drink. Bacon Butties on sale.

**Wed April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am – Guild Room**

Visiting Speaker - Mike Willars – Tree specialist

**Sat April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY – Heritage Walk 2pm – 3:30pm**

Led by local historian - Janet Jones £1.50 Phone 07825753993 to book

**Sun April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**HARROGATE SPRING FLOWER SHOW – Sharpe’s coaches**

Concessions £39



**MAY**



**Sat May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**LINCOLNSHIRE CHURCHES FLOWER FESTIVALS**

Seniors - £27.95/£29.95 (depending on lunch chosen) Sharpe's coaches  
Mount Street Pick up. 7:30am First pick up – last drop off

**Sat May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**DUNHAM MASSEY IN SPRING – Sharpe's coaches**

Seniors - £34.50 (inc admission to house and garden)  
£24.75 (NT members with card)

**Sat May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY – MAYFEST – 11am – 5:30pm**

Visit the Walled garden, Millenium garden. Garden tours Free  
Phone 0115 9513296 for further information

**Wed May 29<sup>th</sup>**

**CHATSWORTH FARM SHOP & LEA GARDENS**

Organized by Hemlock Garden Group  
£10.50 on coach £4.50 admission to gardens

**JUNE**



**Sat/Sun June 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> BEESTON & CHILWELL GARDEN TRAIL**

**Fri June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**ELY CATHEDRAL FLOWER FESTIVAL – Little's coaches – 49 seater**

£8 entrance + coach approx £10  
Pick up at park near Jaguar Pub 9am.

**Wed June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISIT – Anne's garden 40, Derby Road, Risley DE72 3SU**

Donation of £4 including tea and cake to Notts Wildlife Trust. 2pm  
On road parking



**JULY**



**Sat/Sun July 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> WISLEY & KEW GARDENS - £103 half board**  
Swiftsure Travel 08000190047 for information

**Wed July 17<sup>th</sup> GARDEN VISIT – FUSCHIA VIEW – Winster Avenue, Carlton**  
2pm £4.50 Plants for sale.

**Sun July 21<sup>st</sup> HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP – Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury**  
£13 House and garden, (NT members free) £13.50 coach

**SEPT**



**Sun Sept 15<sup>th</sup> HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP - Renishaw Hall & Gardens**