



UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 13th May 2015

*Sandra welcomed everyone including one new member, Roberta.
42 people attended.*

Barbara told us that The Square Phase 2 consultation would take place on Saturday May 16th at The White Lion, 10:30am and on Saturday 30th in the Square, Beeston, 10:30-2:00.

The visit to Harlow Carr was a fabulous day, a real treat with hot sunny weather.

Some members had been to see the bluebells at different venues. Mentioned were: Attenborough had pockets of them, Wollaton, and Bluebell Hill at Bramcote.

No members made it to the May Fest at the university this year.

Sandra had hoped to visit the open gardens at Moor Lane but hadn't got there so would bear in mind for next year to arrange a visit. They are open again on June 14th between 1 pm and 5pm but it clashes with the Norfolk visit.

Norfolk Visit:

Glenis queried u3A insurance cover for holiday. Sandra said it was the responsibility of individuals to get their own.

Lace Road, Beeston is the departure point.

Forms needed to be filled out if not already done.

Money/cheques for trips to be put in envelope and will be collected by Sandra on the bus.

Take bus passes.

Comfort stop on route.

Evenings free.

Leaving 10am for Gooderstone Water Gardens and Oxburgh, arriving back about 7pm.

Sandra had stayed at the hotel and reported that rooms were nice, clean bathrooms.

There is a bowling alley and cinema next to hotel, a few minutes walk to the riverside gardens, Morrison's store nearby, uphill walk to town, taxis reasonable, buses are available. Three course menu in the evening with 3 choices for each course.

Steep steps at the Plantation Garden. Café at the RC cathedral serves light lunches and in lovely spot.

Lynn thanked Sandra for her efforts in organising the trip and research.

Gardeners World Magazine has half price tickets in this month's issue. Sainsbury's copy includes gardening gloves and 5 packets of seeds. £5.99.

A tree had to be felled on Bramcote Lane after the storms and the owner is left with a stump. Sandra asked for suggestions of what could be done with it for the owner. Suggestions included removing it with a grubbing machine, a stumpery, grow fungus or ferns, build an insect house on the top.

Sandra displayed the books from our 'library' collection.

Sandra has a DVD about Powys Castle for September.

Ann recommended Ashford in the Water, Derbyshire for a visit. Open Thursdays, £5 entry.

Sandra asked if any members would like to open their garden for a visit. Sheila volunteered. Date to be arranged.



MAY

Thurs May 14th

WENTWORTH CASTLE GARDENS – Walk & Talk 1:30 – 3:30
£10 including garden admission, coffee & cake
Rhododendron Walk 1pm-3pm

Fri May 15th

PRATICAL GARDENING GROUP MEETING

Mon May 18th

Thurs May 21st

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – speaker – Andrew Ward –
'Scents and Desirability.'
Bramcote Memorial Hall, 7:30pm

Sun May 24th

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – visit to Dorothy Clive Garden, Market Drayton, Shropshire. Coach £14; Admission £6

Sun May 24th

WENTWORTH CASTLE GARDENS - Concert in the Conservatory-
Take 2 Swing Band – 6:00-8:30pm. £15. **Gardens open till 9:15.**

Sun May 24th

BEESTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY – a conducted walk of Highfields Park by park ranger, Steve Clarke to celebrate the award of a Heritage Lottery Fund grant. Meet at Lakeside Arts Centre at 2:30pm. Walk will take 1.5 – 2 hours
Contact Barbara Selwood 9178488 for further information

Sun May 31st

SUNKEN CHURCH BRAMCOTE - Plant Sale teas, money towards the upkeep of the church tower



JUNE

Sat June 6th

FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – Native & Naturalised Trees of Highfields Park 1pm-3pm Phone: 07825 753993 to book.

Sun June 7th

NOTTINGHAM PARK GARDEN TRAIL – 22 gardens 1pm-6pm

£4 in advance £5 on day

Sun June 7th **BLEASBY OPEN GARDENS** – 1pm-6pm £5 10 gardens.

Wed June 10th **GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am

Sat June 13th **BRADMORE OPEN GARDENS** -1pm-5pm £3 Teas

Sat/Sun June 13th/14th **BEESTON & CHILWELL OPEN GARDENS**–1pm-5pm £3.50 2 days

Fri-Sun June 12th-14th **GARDEN VISITS TRIP** – Norfolk, £145pp £200 singles; visits extra
2nts DBB at Holiday Inn, Carrow Rd, Norwich
Visits to The Vicarage, East Ruston, on outward journey
The Plantation Garden in the grounds of the catholic cathedral - am
The Exotic Garden – pm
Gooderstone Water Gardens – am, Oxburgh Hall – pm

Sun June 14th **HOVERINGHAM OPEN GARDENS** – 1pm-5:30pm £5 7 gardens
Refreshments and plant sales in the Village Hall.

Sun June 14th **COSSALL OPEN GARDENS** - 1pm-5pm £3.50 15 gardens
Some new gardens, includes the grounds of St Catherine's church
and a scarecrow festival. Theme 'Waterloo'

Sun June 14th **CULLAND HALL** – Brailsford, Derbyshire DE6 3BW. 4 acres of
gardens, 11am-4pm £5. Home-made refreshments available
Open only for one day.

Mon June 15th **SKILLS** – Wonderful Gardens of Wales, Stay in Cardiff
(& Aug 17th) 4Nts DBB from £229 (Nil Single Supp)

Sat/Sun June 20th/21st **SUTTON BONINGTON & KINGSTON ON SOAR OPEN GARDENS**
2pm-6pm £4 35 gardens

Sat/Sun June 20th/21st **ORSTON OPEN GARDENS** – Near Bingham, Includes village
allotments 2pm-6pm £4

Tues June 23rd **HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB** - Visit to Batsford Arboretum, Moreton in
the Marsh, Gloucestershire. Coach £14.50; Admission £5.70
Contact Brenda if you are interested.

Sun June 28th **FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK** – 'Picnic in the Park' 12-3pm
Millenium Garden. Newstead Brass Band. Take a picnic.

Sun June 28th **NORWELL OPEN GARDENS** - 1pm-5pm £4



JULY

Wed July 1st

FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK - New Landscapes of Jubilee Campus 6:45pm – 8:30pm Meet at Wollaton Road Car Park.
Phone 07825 753993 to book

Wed July 1st

NORWELL OPEN GARDENS – 6:30-9pm £4

Sat July 4th

SKILLS – Hampton Court Flower Show. 1Nt DBB £109 - 2 coaches

Sat/Sun July 4th/5th

LADY BAY OPEN GARDENS – 2pm-6pm £2.50 15 gardens

Wed July 8th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

AUGUST



Wed Aug 12th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Sat Aug 22nd

SKILLS – Southport Flower Show 1Nt DBB £99 (£16 single supp)

Wed Aug 26th

HEMOCK GARDEN GROUP - visit to Coton Manor Gardens, Northants
Coach £14; Admission £6

SEPTEMBER



Wed Sept 23rd

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – visit to Powis Castle, Welshpool
Coach £16.50; Admission £7.50

Future Plans:

- Norwell near Newark in the Autumn, perhaps September to see the chrysanthemums and include Doddington Hall for shop and café?
- Westonbirt Arboretum
- Dorothy Lovell Quinta Arboretum at Swettenham Cheshire

**Thurs Oct 15th
- Mon 19th**

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

