

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 13th November
2013

Sandra opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. 42 members attended.

We all spent a lovely morning watching the slide show of our visits in the past years.

Thanks were expressed to everyone for taking the photographs, to Liz for putting the show together and to Steve for his IT support.

Reports since the last meeting:

Nobody attended the Apple Day at Meynall Langley.

Sheila went to the Southwell Apple Day which she said was worth a visit.

Pat went to NT apple day at Beningborough, North of York which was interesting with lots of different types of apples and good explanations.

Linda and Paula stood in for Sandra at the Arnold U3A meeting on Tues 15th October 'Growing Better Plants' at the Methodist Church. The talk was mainly about vegetable growing but was nevertheless interesting and the speaker was entertaining. They said it was a little odd in that they were the first there and helped to put the chairs out. Bearing in mind they had been specifically invited no one greeted them. There is another invite for February.

The Friends of the University programme has now finished for this year. Barbara went to the Autumn Colour Walk at Sutton Bonington. It was really wet and only six people went round with the leader and the walk was to be repeated in two weeks.

Barbara also found the Fungus Foray fascinating on October 18th.

October 23rd Barbara attended the Autumn Tree Walk at the university. A different area from last year was covered this time and she really enjoyed it.

October 17th – Hemlock garden group had a good speaker talking about the Flowers of Madeira with photographs. The speaker has been booked again. The new programme for next year will be out in January.

The new practical gardening group started well and the next meeting is November 16th.

No one went with Wollaton Travel to Batsford Arboretum.

Barbara was collecting gardening magazines for her daughter and thanked people for bringing them.

Norma has about 30 bags of top soil if anyone is interested in collecting them.

5 Chapel Mews Court, Bramcote. Phone 9224468.

Joy offered some red hot poker plants for any members who were interested.

Barbara talked about the big tree plant. Devonshire Avenue has been planted now. They are looking at Chilwell with 14 trees on 5 sites. Tree guardians are needed for watering etc. Application was made to The Woodland Trust for 2 packs of 60 trees, wild cherry, silver birch and rowan. There are plans for Bramcote Hills Park once the rabbit proof fencing is up, perhaps involving school children.

Sandra has written a piece about the U3A Garden Visits. Please do not be offended if you were not specifically mentioned.



NOVEMBER

Wed 21st November **HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP** – AGM and Celebration of 40years. Garden quiz, displays of visits and trips over the 40 years, cheese and wine. Free. 7:30 Bramcote Memorial Hall. Please let Jane Smith know if you intend to go.

Fri 22nd November **HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP** – Christmas outing Peterborough Garden Centre and Gates Garden Centre in pm £12 Return 5pm Phone Brenda Smith 9252507 for a place.



DECEMBER

Wed 11th December **GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am
Fuddle. Please bring a contribution.
Joy will liaise with the church to provide a trolley with drinks.



JANUARY

Wed 8th January **GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am
DVD - Alnwick Gardens

Future Plans:

Wed Feb 12th - Garden Meeting – links with the Practical Gardening Group. Question Time with a panel of 3-4 people. Volunteers required. Email any questions to mrichardson14@hotmail.com or if you have no email give your questions to Sandra.

Wed March 12th - Garden Meeting – Visiting speaker Mo Cooper talking about the Victorian element of the allotments.

Thurs May 8th - Malvern Show with main U3A

Fri May 9th – Malvern Show with Wollaton Travel

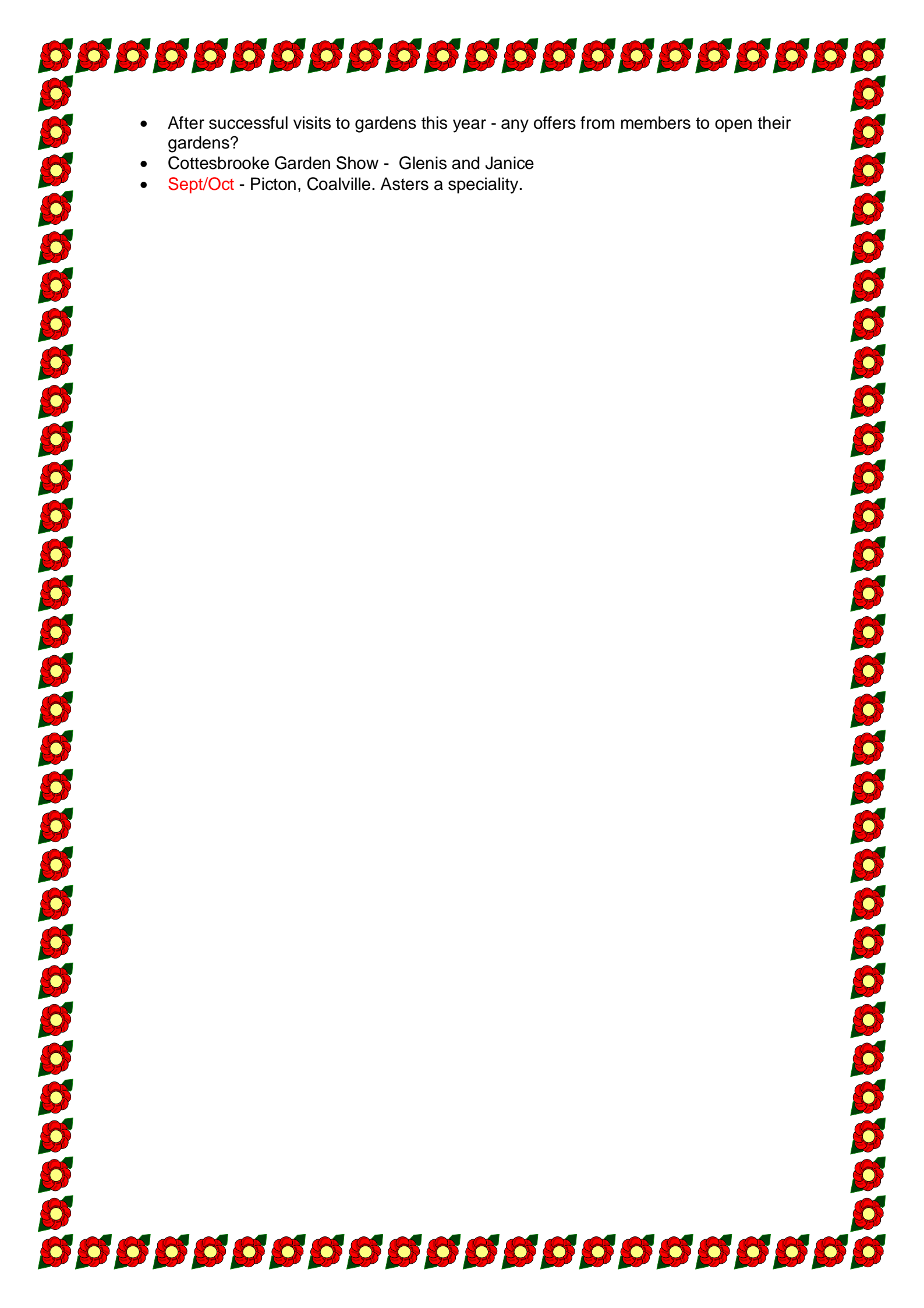
Thurs May 22nd – Chelsea Flower Show 11am start and 3:30 entrance Wollaton Travel £59

Fri- Sun June 27th - 29th – Northumberland – Alnwick Weekend
More single rooms available. Linda willing to share.
Deposits £45
Conditions to conform to for rebates etc.
40 people required.

Thurs June 26th – Wollaton Travel – Kew Gardens & Kew Palace £35.90 concessions

Other possibilities:

- NGS – private visit to garden with train in Beeston
- Visit to Sandra Hart's (Bee Lady) garden

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- After successful visits to gardens this year - any offers from members to open their gardens?
 - Cottesbrooke Garden Show - Glenis and Janice
 - **Sept/Oct** - Picton, Coalville. Asters a speciality.