

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

GARDEN/VISITS Group - Meeting held on 14th August 2013

*Sandra opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. In all 33 attended.
Reports since our last meeting -*

Sandra is going to open the waiting list as she has had a lot of interested people and some of our members only attend occasionally.

14th July - a few people went to Sawley Garden Trail and enjoyed the visit. It was very hot. It was worth paying the extra to see the attic at the The Cottage, Plant Lane. This garden will be open again at the same time as The Sawley Church Flower Festival.

17th July - 21 people visited Fuschia View garden in Carlton on a very hot day. We were well looked after by Mr & Mrs Thorpe. Lovely cakes - Mr Thorpe we discovered was a chef! They have decided they will no longer be opening their garden even for private visits so we were lucky to be able to see it this year.

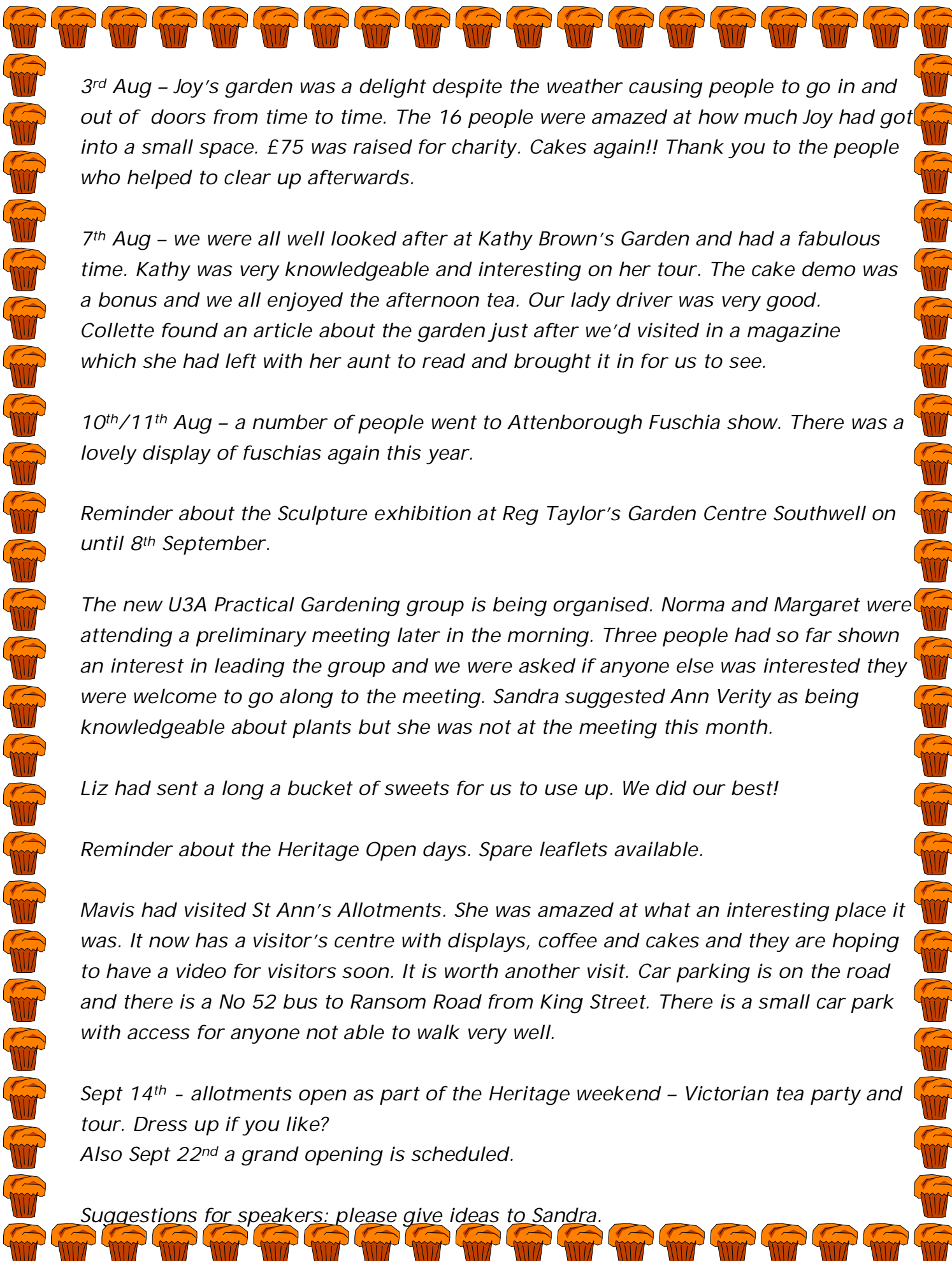
18th July - Ann Verity kindly offered to open her garden again for some of us who were unable to go on the previous visit.. The garden was lovely as was the weather and the cakes! Many thanks to Ann for her hospitality.

18th July - visit to Nunnington Hall with Felix coaches - no one went.

20th/21st July - some people attended the open gardens at Lady Bay and enjoyed them. There was an interesting mix of gardens and activities.

21st July - Waddesdon Manor with Hemlock Garden group. Those who went had a good time. It was more for going round the house but there was a formal garden and a lot of parkland. Easy journey.

23rd/24th July - University plant sale. Some good bargains at £1.50. Keep eye open for Christmas plant sale.



3rd Aug – Joy’s garden was a delight despite the weather causing people to go in and out of doors from time to time. The 16 people were amazed at how much Joy had got into a small space. £75 was raised for charity. Cakes again!! Thank you to the people who helped to clear up afterwards.

7th Aug – we were all well looked after at Kathy Brown’s Garden and had a fabulous time. Kathy was very knowledgeable and interesting on her tour. The cake demo was a bonus and we all enjoyed the afternoon tea. Our lady driver was very good. Collette found an article about the garden just after we’d visited in a magazine which she had left with her aunt to read and brought it in for us to see.

10th/11th Aug – a number of people went to Attenborough Fuschia show. There was a lovely display of fuschias again this year.

Reminder about the Sculpture exhibition at Reg Taylor’s Garden Centre Southwell on until 8th September.

The new U3A Practical Gardening group is being organised. Norma and Margaret were attending a preliminary meeting later in the morning. Three people had so far shown an interest in leading the group and we were asked if anyone else was interested they were welcome to go along to the meeting. Sandra suggested Ann Verity as being knowledgeable about plants but she was not at the meeting this month.

Liz had sent a long a bucket of sweets for us to use up. We did our best!

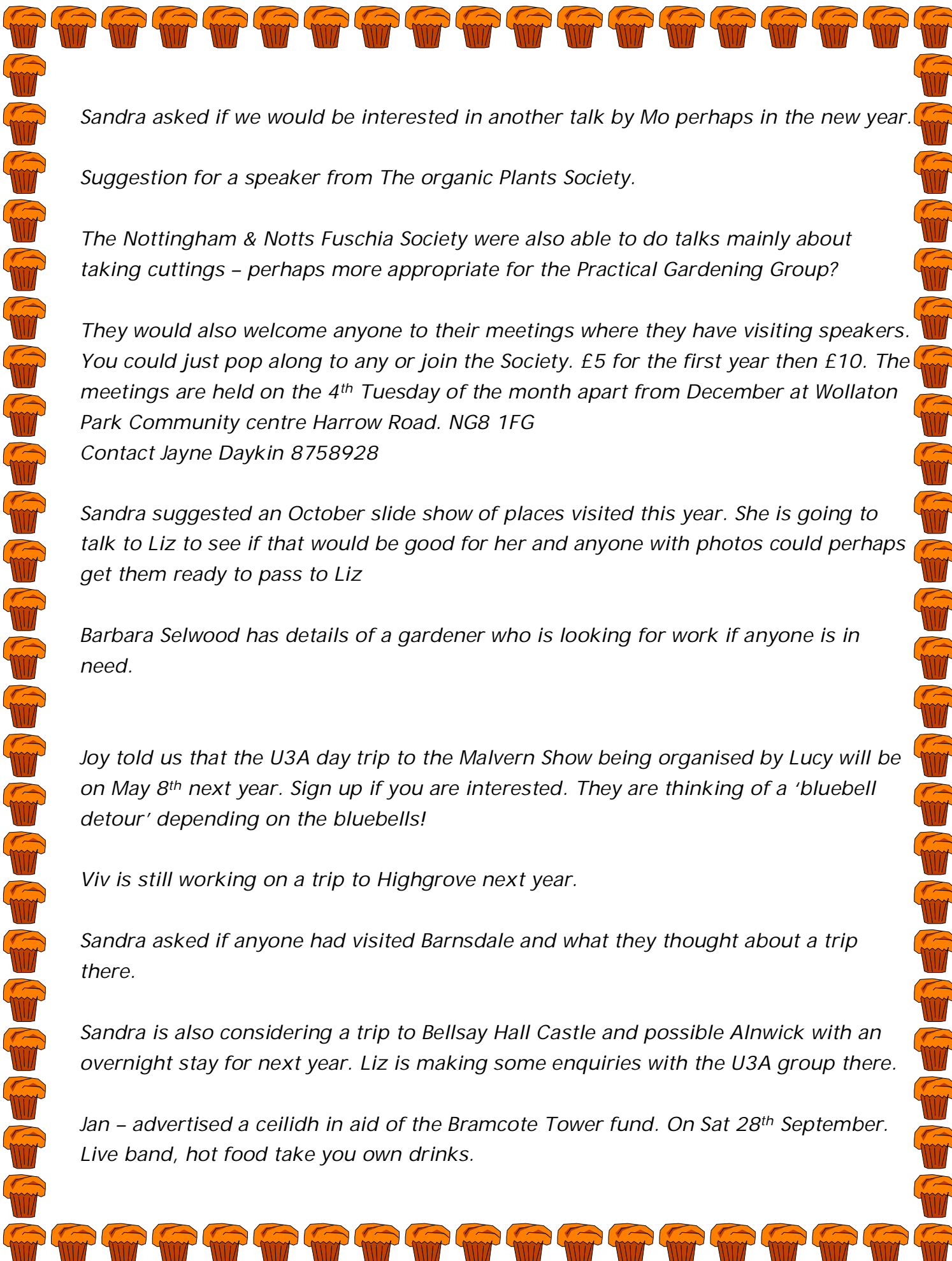
Reminder about the Heritage Open days. Spare leaflets available.

Mavis had visited St Ann’s Allotments. She was amazed at what an interesting place it was. It now has a visitor’s centre with displays, coffee and cakes and they are hoping to have a video for visitors soon. It is worth another visit. Car parking is on the road and there is a No 52 bus to Ransom Road from King Street. There is a small car park with access for anyone not able to walk very well.

Sept 14th - allotments open as part of the Heritage weekend – Victorian tea party and tour. Dress up if you like?

Also Sept 22nd a grand opening is scheduled.

Suggestions for speakers: please give ideas to Sandra.



Sandra asked if we would be interested in another talk by Mo perhaps in the new year.

Suggestion for a speaker from The organic Plants Society.

The Nottingham & Notts Fuschia Society were also able to do talks mainly about taking cuttings – perhaps more appropriate for the Practical Gardening Group?

They would also welcome anyone to their meetings where they have visiting speakers. You could just pop along to any or join the Society. £5 for the first year then £10. The meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month apart from December at Wollaton Park Community centre Harrow Road. NG8 1FG

Contact Jayne Daykin 8758928

Sandra suggested an October slide show of places visited this year. She is going to talk to Liz to see if that would be good for her and anyone with photos could perhaps get them ready to pass to Liz

Barbara Selwood has details of a gardener who is looking for work if anyone is in need.

Joy told us that the U3A day trip to the Malvern Show being organised by Lucy will be on May 8th next year. Sign up if you are interested. They are thinking of a 'bluebell detour' depending on the bluebells!

Viv is still working on a trip to Highgrove next year.

Sandra asked if anyone had visited Barnsdale and what they thought about a trip there.

Sandra is also considering a trip to Bellsay Hall Castle and possible Alnwick with an overnight stay for next year. Liz is making some enquiries with the U3A group there.

Jan – advertised a ceillidh in aid of the Bramcote Tower fund. On Sat 28th September. Live band, hot food take you own drinks.

One member gave thanks to the group for informing her about the Arboretum walks at Trent College. She had been on a lovely visit with her husband and the Rotary Club.

Thank you to the two members who brought in the geraniums and iris for us.



AUGUST

Sat Aug 17th

SKILLS - SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW – 2days
DBB Holiday inn Preston £89

Sun Aug 18th

‘SUMMER AT ITS BEST’ – NGS - University campus gardens
1:30 – 5:00pm
Walking tours, refreshments, plant sales. Free Parking at Millenium Garden
£3 for charity - NGS, Dogs on leads

Sat/Sun Aug 24/25th **THE COTTAGE** , Plant Lane, Old Sawley – Open Garden £2.50

Saturday - 11am-5pm Sunday - 12-5pm
Old Sawley Church Flower Festival

24th – 27th Aug



SEPT

Thurs Sept 5th

NOTTINGHAM HARDY PLANTS SOCIETY – Wisley gardens and show.
Leaving Mount street at 7:30am returning about 7:30-8pm. £17
For phone number ask Sandra.

Sat Sept 7th

SUTTON BONINGTON ARBORETUM & CAMPUS – 2pm-5pm
Friends of the University
Collection of 300 trees. Refreshments available. Free Parking

Sun Sept 8th

HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP - Renishaw Hall Gardens - Gardens only
Coach £10 Gardens £5 House £10 Contact Brenda 9252507

Wed Sept 11th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – Speaker – Claire ‘Her work experience for Gedling Council’ Donation

Sat Sept 14th

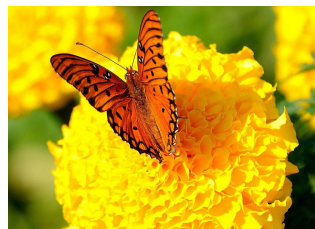
ST ANN'S ALLOTMENTS OPEN – 11am – 3pm Victorian Tea Party
Tours at 12 o'clock Phone 9589225 for information

Sat Sept 14th

SKILLS – HARROGATE FLOWER SHOW – 2days
DBB 4* Huddersfield hotel £89 includes entrance and visit to York

Fri Sept 20th

BAT WALK with expert Paul Stone
Friends of the University
Meet at Lakeside Pavilion, Highfields Park at 7:30pm
Please wear appropriate footwear, bring a torch and insect repellent
Limited numbers. Phone 07825753993 to book.



OCTOBER

Wed 9th October

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Wed 16th October

AUTUMN COLOUR TREE WALK – Sutton Bonington 1pm-3pm
Arboretum and campus. Friends of the University
Free Phone 07825753993 to book
Meet at the Minster Car Park, College Road next to the rugby pitches.

Sat 19th October

FUNGUS FORAY – field fungus walk with lee Scudder
Nottingham University Park Campus 10:30-12:30 £2
Limited numbers Phone 07825753993 to book
Meet at the main visitors car park Cut Through Lane

Wed 23rd October

AUTUMN COLOUR TREE WALK – Nottingham University Park Campus
1:30 – 3pm Free but limited numbers Phone 07825753993 to book
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