

## UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

### GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015

*Sandra welcomed everyone and was pleased how many people came despite there being a main U3A trip to The Potteries.*

*31 people attended.*

*Sandra thanked the helpers who had decorated the Christmas tree in the church and those who had taken it down. There had been some great ideas and Jane's allium seed heads were much appreciated and enjoyed and Linda and Brenda's lights set the tree off beautifully. It was definitely a worthwhile event and something to do again. Over the weekend £1005 profit was made!*

*Barbara Selwood is asking for people to nominate grassy areas which would be suitable for trees. 7 trees were planted in Beeston 2013, 15 were planted in Chilwell 2014 all with tree guardians. Please contact her if you have any suggestions for other spots which would benefit from a tree.*

*Pat Firman: Potato Day on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at the United Reform Church on Edward's Lane, Sherwood, 10am-2pm. £1*

*40+ varieties of seed potatoes sold by individual tubers.*

*No parking at the church so use local car parks or Buses 56,57,58,59,88,89, Get off at Sherwood shops.*

*The Hemlock Garden Club hold their meetings on the third Thursday of the month at Bramcote Memorial Hall, £2.50*

*Visiting Speakers:*

***Thurs January 15<sup>th</sup>** – 'Adventurous Gardener' – Hillary Hutson*

*See calendar for next 2 months.*

*Hemlock Garden Group trips for next year may include:*

*Powys Castle and Gardens*

*Tatton Park Flower Show*

*Dorothy Clive Garden*

*Harlow Carr RHS in Spring*

*Coton Manor*

*Sandra and Margaret Richardson have arranged a joint March meeting with a speaker, Karen, from the Dig In at Stapleford. She will give a slide show.*

*Organic fruit and veg are produced and at the end of a shift if there is surplus volunteers are able to take it home. Thanks to Pauline for organising a projector.*

*Sandra suggested Norwell near Newark for an Autumn (September?) visit to see the chrysanthemums perhaps with a stop at Doddington Hall for the shop and coffee.*

*Jane says Dr Andrew Ward from Norwell is booked as a speaker for Hemlock Garden Group, possibly April*

*Shirley recommended the garden at Bannut, across the road from Brockhampton (NT) not far from Picton. A small family run place originally with heathers. Nice tea rooms!*

*Joy recommended a TV Programme – Glorious Gardens from Above with Christine Walkden. 15 programmes. Repeated on BBC2 at 7:15 on Sunday mornings. Also recommended Back Gardens on ITV and Great British Garden Revival on BBC2. Ivor suggested The Shrewsbury Flower Show in the centre of the town. Friday & Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> August.*

*Suggestions for visits to see Snowdrops – see Calendar*

*Sandra is working on the visit to Norfolk, staying in Norwich 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> June. Single rooms can be difficult to arrange but Sandra will make enquiries to see how many she can get. (15 allocated at the moment). The Holiday Inn on the edge of the city near the football ground on Carrow Road is the proposed venue. Majority of members were ok with this.*

*£145pp if sharing a room, £200 for singles.*

*Suggested visits for the weekend:*

- *The Vicarage at East Ruston, approx. £8 entrance - on way?*
- *2 inexpensive gardens in Norwich itself – The Plantation Garden & The Exotic Garden*
- *NT property – Felbrigg or Blickling Estate on return journey*

*Possibly about £30 in total for admissions.*

*Names were taken of members who were interested in going. Bring Deposits of £45 next meeting.*



## FEBRUARY

**Sat Jan 31<sup>st</sup>- Sun March 1<sup>st</sup> HOPTON HALL** – Snowdrops 10:30 – 4pm £4  
Wirksworth, Derbyshire DE4 4DF

**Wed Feb 11<sup>th</sup>** **GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – Joint meeting with Practical Gdn Group  
Speaker from Taylor's Clematis. Plants will be on sale  
10am £1.50 (instead of the usual £1) Group to cover travel expenses.

**Sat/Sun Feb 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> PONTIN HALL** – Snowdrops 11am-4pm £5  
2miles SE of Grantham NG33 5BS

**Sun+Wed Feb 15<sup>th</sup>+18<sup>th</sup> THE BEECHES** – Snowdrops 11am-4pm £3  
The Avenue, Milton, Tuxford NG22 0PW Phone: 01777870828  
1 acre, 250 named snowdrops, and hellebores

**Sundays from Feb 15<sup>th</sup> DODDINGTON HALL** – Snowdrops 11am-4pm £6

**Thurs Feb 19<sup>th</sup>** **HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB** – Talk - 'Gardens of the NT – In Safe Hands' - Stuart Dixon  
Bramcote Memorial Hall £2.50

**Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – March 8<sup>th</sup> COTON MANOR** – Snowdrops 11am-4pm £3.50

## MARCH



**Wed March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**  
Joint meeting with the Practical Gardening Group  
Visiting speaker from the Dig In at Stapleford

**Sat March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**SKILLS ‘FLORIMANIA’ – Hampton Court Palace**  
Day trip Depart 8am Seniors £39

**Thurs March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – Talk – ‘I’ve Got a Good Idea – The Trials & Tribulations of Starting a Nursery’ – Richard Woods**  
Bramcote Memorial Hall £2.50

## APRIL



**Wed April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING -10am**

**Sat April 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

**SKILLS – BLUEBELLS & ORCHIDS at KEW**  
1 Nt DBB - £99 (£19 single supp)

**Sat April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**SKILLS – HARROGATE SPRING FLOWER SHOW**  
1 Nt DBB – Great Victoria Hotel, Bradford  
£89pp (£15 single supp.)

### Future Plans:

- Norwell near Newark in the Autumn, perhaps September to see the chrysanthemums and include Doddington Hall for shop and café?
- Hoveringham Open gardens for this year. Recommended in the Evening Post.
- Westonbirt Arboretum
- Kew Gardens with the Family History Group – next spring
- Kensington Roof Gardens – train trip – include The Garden Museum ? (Norma)
- Hampton Court Flower Show?
- Dorothy Lovell Quinta Arboretum at Swettenham Cheshire

**Mon June 15<sup>th</sup>  
& Aug 17<sup>th</sup>**

**SKILLS – Wonderful Gardens of Wales, Stay in Cardiff**  
4Nts DBB from £229 ( Nil Single Supp)

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

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

**Sat Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**SKILLS – Southport Flower Show 1Nt DBB £99 (£16 single sup**

**Thurs Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**

**SHARP’S TRAVEL – ‘Autumn Gardens of Cornwall’**

**- Mon 19<sup>th</sup>**

5 day tour staying at Falmouth.