



GARDEN VISITS GROUP

Meeting held on Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017

*37 members were welcomed as well as Margaret, a new member.*

*Sandra told us about a psychology programme she had received information about from Bryony Maw who is doing a Postgrad course exploring "Mood in older adults over 65". This will involve a short, anonymous questionnaire and watching a short video. Different U3A groups have been approached. People interested in taking part, probably before the start of the session on July 12<sup>th</sup>, gave their names to Sandra.*

*Hemlock speaker from Rhubarb Farm was fascinating and entertaining. We look forward to hearing her later in the year at our meeting.*

*The Practical Gardening group had a super visit to the allotments at St Ann's. The guide gave them a potted history and took them on a different route to the one Margaret had done before. The weather was lovely and they have had good feedback.*

*Margaret visited the open gardens at Bradmore and had a successful afternoon in a lovely setting some gardens with the 'wow' factor.*

*Glenis went to the Bleasby open gardens, a lovely village with well-tended gardens, a school with vegetable plot open and the village hall serving teas and cakes.*

*Several members went to the open gardens in Beeston & Chilwell.*

*Some members went to the open gardens at Cossall. Sandra thought there were fewer people than previous years but enjoyed a little bit of paradise at the cottage next to the church with roses and cream tea!*

*Chatsworth:*

*Comments from group: chaotic, muddy, too many people, not enough seats, queues, map of site had to be purchased and was stuck in the book costing £5, disappointing Formal Gardens, delightful flower bridge, lots of space. Fortunately the weather cleared for the afternoon. Obvious teething problems but lovely setting and no doubt will be much improved next year.*

*Pauline went back on Sunday and they had sorted the entry so no queues and had put bark down in the flower marquees.*





*The Wolfgang Buttress talk about The Hive at Kew at the Civic Society was really good. Sandra suggested recommending him to Lucy for a U3A speaker for a main meeting.*



*27 people are on the list for the visit to Flowerpod at Brackenhurst on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Some people are going by bus (no 100), other people are meeting at the church carpark at 1pm to go by car. Sandra gave out a map and pointed out the carpark near the cricket pitch at Brackenhurst which is the nearest for those making their own way there. Cost £6 which includes a guided tour, chat and slides in the Confetti Room, and a drink and cake. Finish about 4pm.*



*Mary: A Hardy Plant Society member is opening a private garden in Gedling with proceeds going to Flowerpod. Also a garden opposite is opening with proceeds from entry at £1 going to an Arthritis charity. Further information can be found on the Hardy Plant Society website. Unfortunately they are open on the same day as our visit to Jane's garden on July 16<sup>th</sup>.*



*Ivor has kindly offered to open his garden on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June and will provide tea and coffee. Sandra will buy some cakes to take along.*



*Tickets for the Rotary Club talk are sold out.*



*Sandra sent a list round for members to complete with their home, mobile and emergency contact numbers.*



*Lynn was collecting money for Thornbridge at the end of the meeting or next meeting.*



*Money for Biddulph and Little Moreton will be collected at the next meeting.*



*Sandra read some extracts from a book about the meaning of flowers.*



*Members going on the weekend break were asked to stay behind at the end of the meeting to collect their paperwork and luggage labels. There will be a brief stop en route.*



*Sandra recommended taking a sandwich in case although she said there would be chance to eat at Anglesey Abbey.*



*There is a 10minute walk from the coach park to Bridgend Gardens. Dinner at the hotel is 7pm.*



*Starts on Saturday and Sunday will probably be 9am.*



*Food available at Mark's Hall Gardens*



*Return on Sunday round 6:30-7pm*



*Details of gardens being visited are on the sheet.*





## JUNE



**Wed June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**FRIENDS OF NOTTS WILDLIFE TRUST** – Jubilee Campus  
Martin Willis – 2 hour walk. Meet at Starbuck’s coffee shop on  
Triumph Road at 5:30PM

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

**HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP** – evening visit to Felley Priory  
£12.50 inc refreshments. For availability contact Jane Smith

**Fri/Sat June 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>**

**BLenheim PALACE** - entrance to Palace and gardens,  
designed by Capability Brown.  
Staying at the Holiday Inn Reading. Cost £90.  
Contact Lucy Beardsley - Phone: 9397230

**Fri-Sun June 16<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>**

**ORCHID SHOW** – Royal Three Counties Showground, Worc.

**Sat June 17<sup>th</sup>**

**SHIRES FAIRS** – stalls with unusual plants from different  
nurseries are set up on the Croquet Lawn in West Bridgford.

**Sat June 17<sup>th</sup>**

**UNIVERSITY PARK ‘WONDER’** – Discovery Day with hands on  
activities

**Sun June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**ANNUAL PLANT FAIR** – Culland Hall, Brailsford. £6 for charity.  
Unusual plants for sale. In a parkland setting, roses, white  
garden, walled gardens and woodlands.

**Tues June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**FLOWERPOD** – at Brackenhurst in the afternoon.  
£6 with tea and biscuits. 100 bus or by car.

**Thurs June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**WOLLATON PARK ROTARY CLUB** – Talk by Steffie Shields on  
‘Capability Brown’ – his life and work. Strelley Hall (NG8 6PE)  
6:30pm, Tickets from Mike Lucas – 0115 8081356  
£13 including refreshments provided by Mulberry Tree Café.  
Raffle. Proceeds to Clic Sargent, Billy’s House Nottm and The  
Gardens Trust

**Sun June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**NOTTINGHAM PARK GARDEN TRAIL** - £5 1pm-6pm  
20 gardens

**Sun June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**HOVERINGHAM OPEN GARDENS** – 7 gardens 1pm-5pm  
£5 The Courtyard Garden was runner up in The Times small  
Gardener of the year award.

**Sun June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**KINOULTON OPEN GARDENS** – 1pm-5pm £5

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

**IVOR’S OPEN GARDEN** – 2pm Tea& coffee  
87, Sunnyside Road, Chilwell NG9 4FQ





**JULY**



**Sat/Sun July 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> NEWSTEAD FLOWER FAIR - 10am-4pm £10**

**Tues July 4<sup>th</sup>- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> RHS HAMPTON COURT PALACE SHOW**

**Fri-Sun July 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> GARDENS OF ESSEX - staying at Copdock, near Ipswich.**  
2nights DBB + coach £159 double room £224 single room  
Visiting 6 gardens.

**Sat/Sun July 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> LADY BAY OPEN GARDENS** West Bridgford, 20 gardens  
2pm-6pm £3 Tree lined Victorian setting by River Trent & canal

**Wed July 12<sup>th</sup> GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**

**Sat July 15<sup>th</sup> SHIRES FAIRS – stalls with unusual plants from different nurseries are set up on the Croquet Lawn in West Bridgford.**

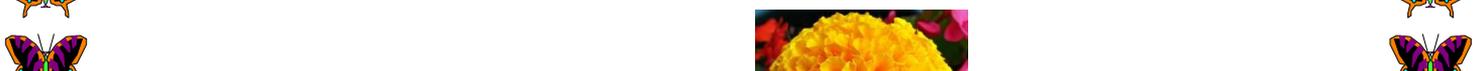
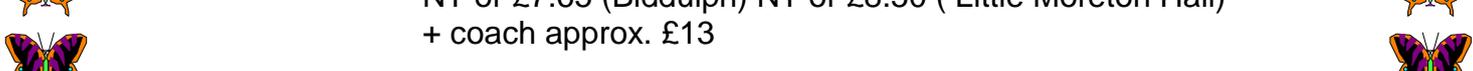
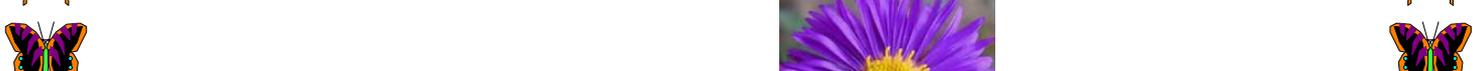
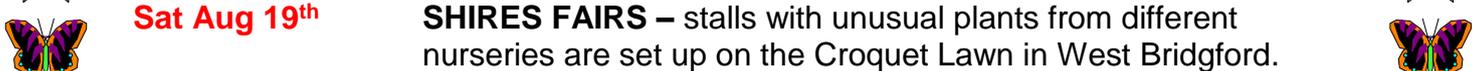
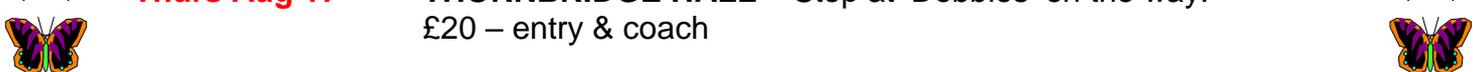
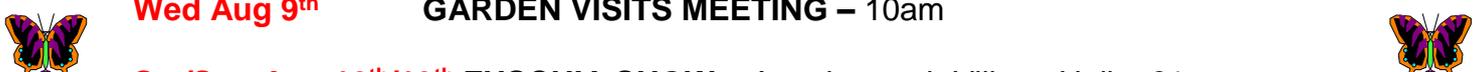
**Sun July 16<sup>th</sup> JANE BLAKE'S OPEN GARDEN – 25, Allison Gardens**  
Chilwell, NG9 5DG  
£1 for NSPCC Refreshments for sale. 2pm-5pm

**Sun July 16<sup>th</sup> HARDY PLANT SOCIETY MEMBER'S OPEN GARDEN**  
Jed & Barbara Riley at 6, Tennyson Avenue, Gedling NG4 3HJ  
Reached on No 44 bus. Proceeds to Flowerpod  
Also garden opposite open - £1, proceeds to Arthritis Charity

**Wed July 19<sup>th</sup>-Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> RHS TATTON PARK FLOWER SHOW**

**Wed July 26<sup>th</sup> SANDRINGHAM FLOWER SHOW - £33 Depart**  
8:20am from Lace Road. Stop at a farm shop on the way.  
House will not be open.

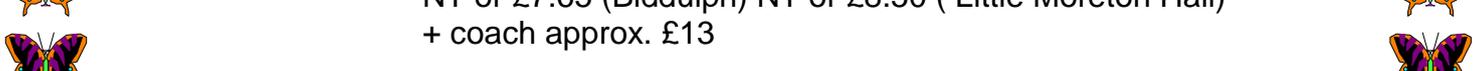
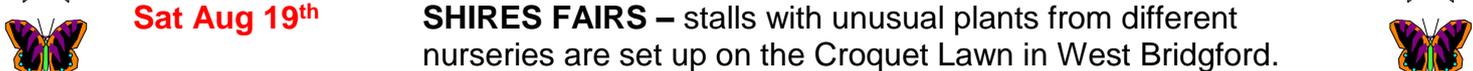
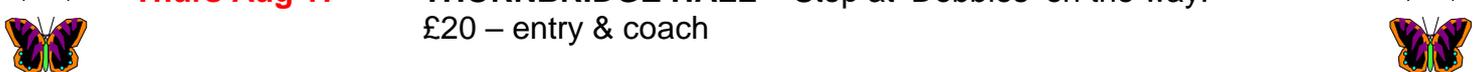
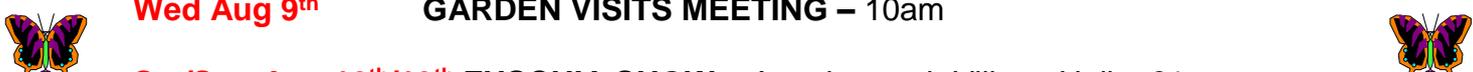




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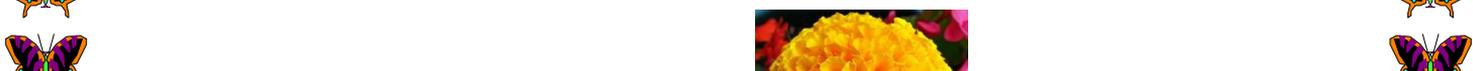
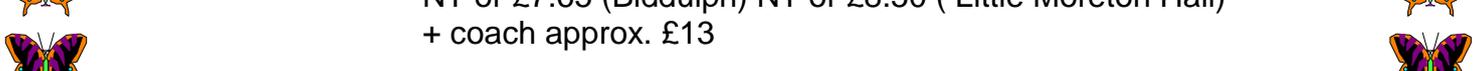
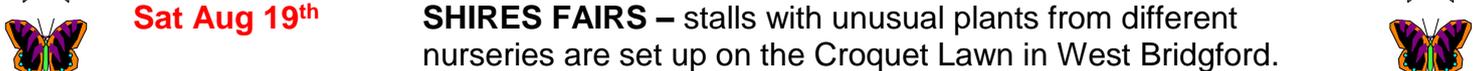
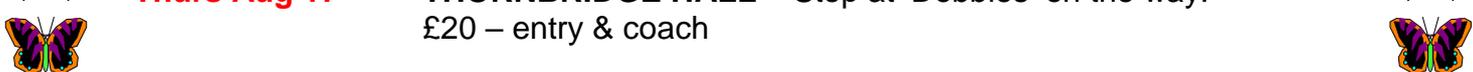
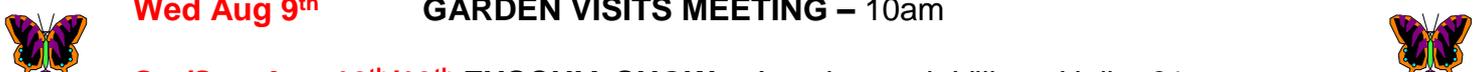
- Wed Aug 9<sup>th</sup>**      **GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**
- Sat/Sun Aug 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>**      **FUSCHIA SHOW – Attenborough Village Hall    £1**
- Thurs Aug 17<sup>th</sup>**      **THORNBRIDGE HALL – Stop at ‘Dobbies’ on the way.  
£20 – entry & coach**
- Sat Aug 19<sup>th</sup>**      **SHIRES FAIRS – stalls with unusual plants from different  
nurseries are set up on the Croquet Lawn in West Bridgford.**



## SEPTEMBER



- Sun Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **PLANT HUNTERS’ FAIR - Leicester University Botanical  
Gardens**
- Wed Sept 13<sup>th</sup>**      **GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**
- Thurs Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**      **BIDDULPH GRANGE GARDENS & LITTLE MORETON HALL  
NT or £7.65 (Biddulph) NT or £8.50 ( Little Moreton Hall)  
+ coach approx. £13**



## OCTOBER



- Sun Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**      **PLANT HUNTERS’ FAIR – Felley Priory**
- Wed Oct 11<sup>th</sup>**      **GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**