



UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 8th April 2015

*Sandra welcomed everyone including two new members, Malcolm and Joy
32 people attended.*

*Sandra thanked everyone for their back up and Glenis Fisher has volunteered to take
the minutes for September, October and September and will liaise with Jenny.*

*Moira from the Old Church Tower, Bramcote Trust was welcomed and gave an
interesting talk about the tower and its grounds.*

*Moira asked if anyone would like to donate plants for the plant sale on Sunday, 31st
May at the tower or go along to buy.*

No members visited Florimania or the Hellebore sale at Kinoulton.

*Some went to the talk at the Hemlock Garden Club about starting a nursery. Sandra
said it was interesting but more about plants than the setting up a nursery.*

Individuals can pay £2.50 for each meeting or £15 for yearly membership.

*The Hemlock Garden Club visits lists for this year were available for people to show
their interest. To book will require the entrance fee + £5 towards coach fare.*

Money was taken for Harlow Carr.

The trip in July to Tatton Park has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

April 23rd – Harlow Carr, Harrogate

May 24th – Dorothy Clive Gardens, Market Drayton, Shropshire

June 23rd - Batsford Arboretum, Moreton in the Marsh, Gloucester

Aug 26th – Coton Hall Gardens, Northants,

Sept 23rd – Powys Castle, Welshpool

See future calendar for further details each month.

The Library Club is holding talks at different venues re gardens:

Basford Library – April 14th – Britain Beautiful

Meadows Library – April 22nd – Gardeners Question Time

Main Library – Historic Gardens of Nottinghamshire

*Glenis recommended Wentworth Castle Gardens - easy walking. Open daily in the
summer from 10am – 5pm. Adults £6.95, Concessions £5.95. About 40mins away -
M1 Junction 37.*

May 1st – May 31st – Gardens in Bloom Month. See calendar for further events.

*Sandra continues to work on the visit to **Norfolk**, staying in Norwich 12th-14th June. At
The Holiday Inn on the edge of the city near the football ground on Carrow Road.
£145pp if sharing a room, £200 for singles. 2nts DBB*

Visits for the weekend include:

- The Vicarage at East Ruston, approx. £8 entrance - on Friday afternoon on the
way to the hotel. This garden is featured in the Garden Answers Magazine.*
- 2 inexpensive gardens in Norwich itself – The Plantation Garden, which is in
the cathedral grounds and run by volunteers, in the morning &*
- The Exotic Garden, a private visit in the afternoon with Will Giles. £7.50 with
refreshments*

- *Oxburgh Hall (NT) and Gooderstone Water Gardens on the return journey. This is a change from the previous suggestion.*
- Payments were taken after the meeting. Rest of payments will be needed next meeting for those who haven't yet paid.*
- Anticipated start from Lace Street at 9am. TBC*

Margaret announced that The Practical Gardening group is on the third Thursday, April 20th. Bring seedlings along to swap if you have any.

Gardeners World Magazine has half price tickets in next month.

After investigations and information from Norma it was decided that a visit to Kensington Roof Gardens was not viable for the group. It is very small and meals were expensive - £28 for 3 courses. Probably more suited to corporate events or for individuals.



APRIL

Tues/Wed April 14th/15th RHS LONDON PLANT FAIR – RHS Horticultural Halls London

Thurs April 16th HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – Speaker Caroline Tait – ‘The Gardens of Coton Manor – Past, Present and Future’
Bramcote Memorial Hall 7:30pm

Fri-Sun April 17th-19th RHS FLOWER SHOW CARDIFF – In advance members £7.50, public £8.50; on the day members £10, public £12

Sat April 18th & 25th SKILLS – BLUEBELLS & ORCHIDS at KEW
1 Nt DBB - £99 (£19 single supp)

Mon April 20th PRACTICAL GARDENING GROUP MEETING – seedlings swap

Thurs April 23rd HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – visit to Harlow Carr, Harrogate.
£15 coach, Admission £7.95; RHS members free

Sat April 25th SKILLS – HARROGATE SPRING FLOWER SHOW
1 Nt DBB – Great Victoria Hotel, Bradford
£89pp (£15 single supp.)

Sat April 25th FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – Heritage Walk 2pm-3:30pm
Meet at the Main Car Park. Call 07825 753993 to book.

Sun April 26th RHS ALPINE GARDEN SHOW –RHS Lindley Hall London £5



MAY

Sat May 9th

FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – ‘Mayfest’ 11am-5pm
Garden Tours. Further information call 0115 8232835

Sat/Sun May 9th/10th

WENTWORTH CASTLE GARDENS – Lectures by Alan Clark
11am – Plant Hunting in East Asia
1pm – Beauty of Rhodendrons
3pm – Propagation
£10 for 1 talk, £15 for 2 and £17 for all 3.
Phone 01226 776040 to book

Sun May 10th

NGS OPEN GARDENS – No 6 & No 10 Moor Lane, Bramcote
1-5pm £4

Tues May 12th

ANNUAL PLANT & SEED SWAP – Hotel Deux, Clumber Ave.(Dig In)

Wed May 13th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

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

Mon May 18th

PRATICAL GARDENING GROUP MEETING

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.



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

Wed June 10th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

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

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
 (& Aug 17th)

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

Thurs June 18th

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – Evening garden visit at Kingston on Soar. Meet at the garden.

Tues June 23rd

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB - Visit to Batsford Arboretum, Moreton in the Marsh, Gloucestershire. Coach £14.50; Admission £5.70

Sun June 28th

FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – ‘Picnic in the Park’ 12-3pm
 Millenium Garden. Newstead Brass Band. Take a picnic.

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

Sat July 4th

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

Wed July 8th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

AUGUST



Wed Aug 12th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

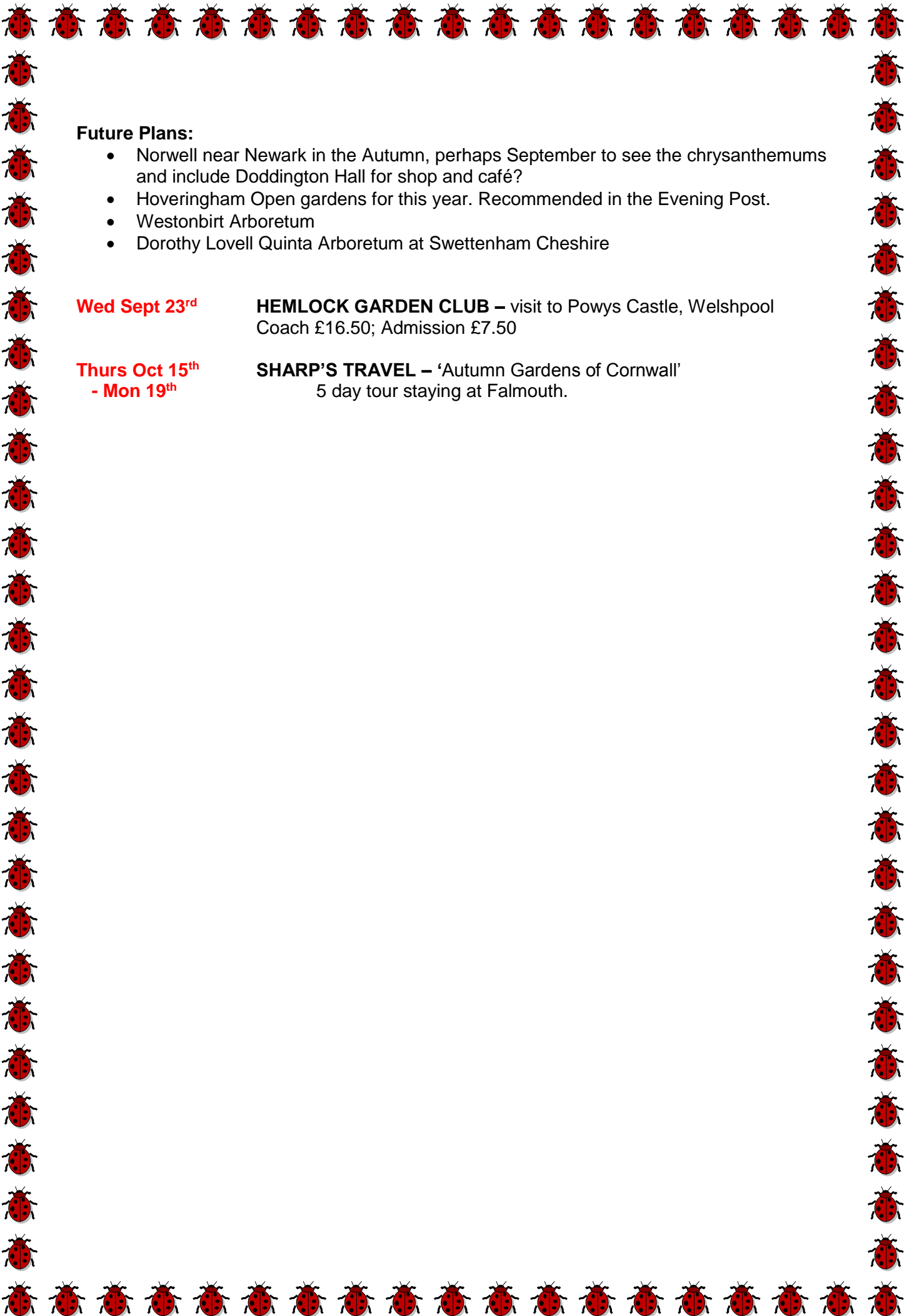
Sat Aug 22nd

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





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
- Dorothy Lovell Quinta Arboretum at Swettenham Cheshire

Wed Sept 23rd

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

Thurs Oct 15th
- Mon 19th

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