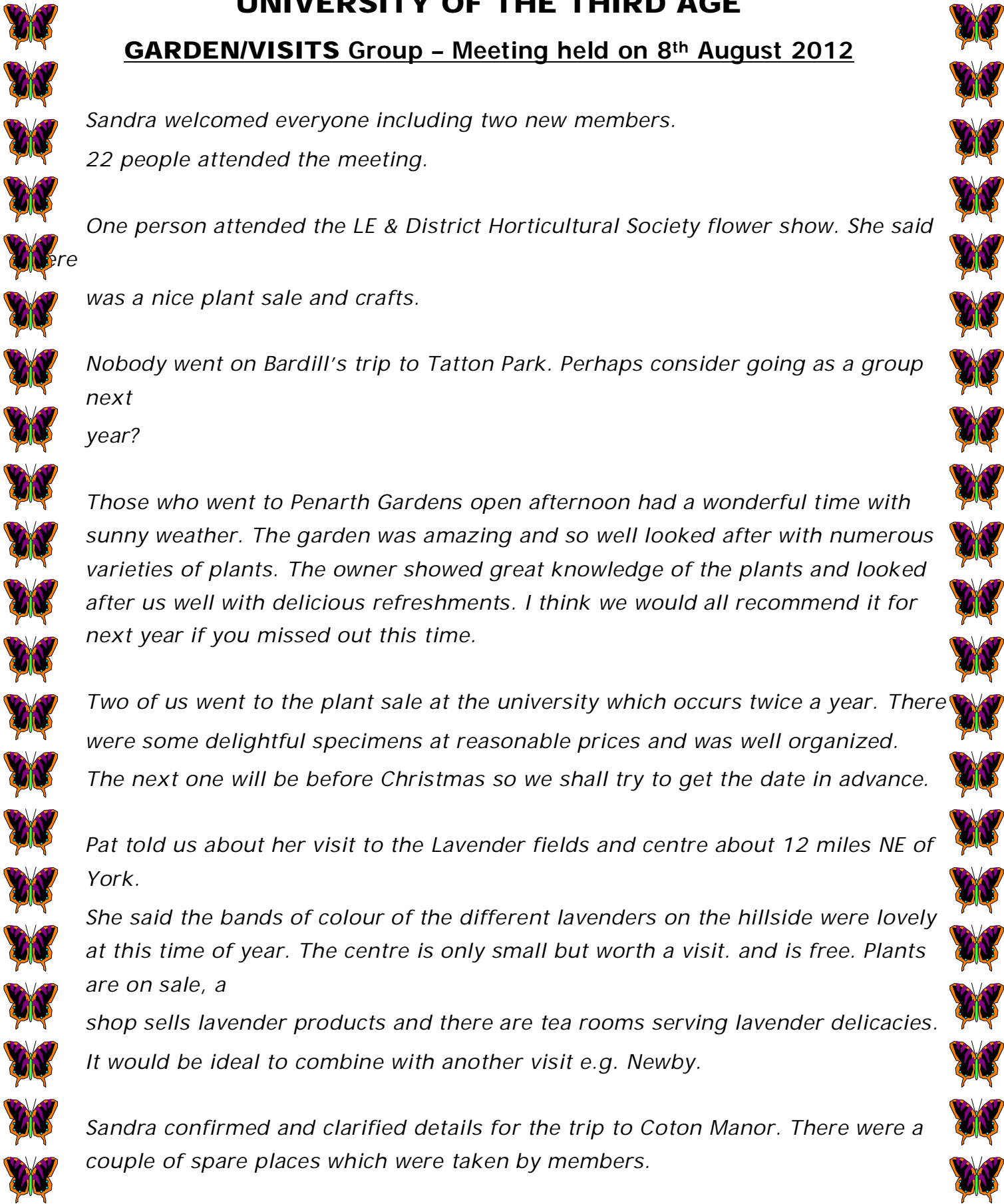


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GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 8th August 2012



*Sandra welcomed everyone including two new members.
22 people attended the meeting.*

*One person attended the LE & District Horticultural Society flower show. She said
there
was a nice plant sale and crafts.*

*Nobody went on Bardill's trip to Tatton Park. Perhaps consider going as a group
next
year?*


*Those who went to Penarth Gardens open afternoon had a wonderful time with
sunny weather. The garden was amazing and so well looked after with numerous
varieties of plants. The owner showed great knowledge of the plants and looked
after us well with delicious refreshments. I think we would all recommend it for
next year if you missed out this time.*

*Two of us went to the plant sale at the university which occurs twice a year. There
were some delightful specimens at reasonable prices and was well organized.
The next one will be before Christmas so we shall try to get the date in advance.*

*Pat told us about her visit to the Lavender fields and centre about 12 miles NE of
York.*

*She said the bands of colour of the different lavenders on the hillside were lovely
at this time of year. The centre is only small but worth a visit. and is free. Plants
are on sale, a
shop sells lavender products and there are tea rooms serving lavender delicacies.
It would be ideal to combine with another visit e.g. Newby.*

*Sandra confirmed and clarified details for the trip to Coton Manor. There were a
couple of spare places which were taken by members.*



Norma told everyone a bit about her favourite place to whet our appetites!

Sandra made available leaflets about forthcoming activities at Chilwell Road Methodist Church (Information from CRMC - 0115 9431164) and for the Heritage Open Days.

Sandra mentioned to look out for The Nottingham RC cathedral flower festival for next year. They are held every 2 years and worth a visit.

It was decided to keep the present room for our meetings as there are usually round 25 people attending. It's quite cosy but we do all fit in and it's less costly. Also no larger

rooms are available at present. At times when we have a speaker it might be possible to swap to a larger room for the occasion.

Sandra asked us all to think about who we would like to invite as a speaker for the winter.

AUGUST



Sat/Sun Aug 11th/12th FUSCHIA SHOW 1:30-5:00 (Sat) 9:00-4:00 (Sun)
Attenborough Village Hall Admission £1

FELIX COACH TRIPS:

Tues Aug 7th Ness Botanic Gardens £21.30 – consider for another time
Fri Aug 10th Shrewsbury Flower Show £32.30
Sun Aug 19th Southport Flower Show £31.90

Sat Aug 18th **LOWES COACHES** – Southport Flower Show £28- inc ticket. Pick up Beeston

Sun Aug 19th **FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY** – Millenium garden, Walled garden etc.
Mini bus access, mini garden walking tours, plant sales, free parking.
£2.50 to NGS 1:30-5:00pm



Mon Aug 20th

LONG EATON NATURAL HISTORY SOC - Derby Arboretum Tour

7pm from Grove Lodge. Free after 6 car park – junction Normanton Rd and Grove Street. DE23 8FN Quite small – short walks. Leader Mick McNaught

Mon Aug 20th

LINCOLN FLOWER FESTIVAL in the cathedral - Hemlock Garden Group

9am pick up at Star Pub in Beeston, 12:00 at cathedral, 3:15pm depart

£11 coach + £7.20 cathedral admission

Contact Brenda 9252507 for a place

Sat Aug 25th-27th

SAWLEY FLOWER FESTIVAL

Sat – 10am – 6pm

- 3pm Tug of War competition

- 7:30pm Gilbert & Sullivan Evening £6 inc refreshment

Sun – 12 – 5pm

Mon – 10am – 6pm Long Eaton Silver Prize Band playing at 2pm

Fri Aug 31st

BARDILL'S - Meal and Talk by John Stirland – 'The World of Bulbs'



SEPTEMBER

Sun Sept 2nd

LEICESTER UNIVERSITY BOTANIC GARDEN, Glebe Road, Oadby

Plant Fair - £3

10am-4pm

Wed Sept 5th

COTON MANOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Open 12-5:00 £5 entrance fee (collect on bus) £10 Coach fee.

Rowena Garden Centre, Rothley in the morning

9am start – Stapleford Park – near The Jaguar Pub - Return approx 5pm

Thurs - Sun Sept 6th-9th HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Thursday – MOD tour 2pm (book by Aug)

Saturday - Inham Nook Allotments Open Day & Talk- Eating Healthily

Sunday – walk from Greenwood centre across fields to proposed site of high speed train station.

Details from Civic Society website or contact Barbara

Sat Sept 8th

SUTTON BONINGTON ARBORETUM – first ever opening to the public

2pm – 5pm Admission £3 Free Parking via West Entrance off College RD

Mini walking tours of arboretum and campus, café, picnic area

Wed Sept 12th

GARDEN VISITS GROUP MEETING 10am Wesley Room - **Plant Swap**



Sat/Sun Sept 29th/30th – MALVERN AUTUMN SHOW – at the Three Counties Showground Malvern

OCTOBER



Wed Oct 10th

GARDEN VISITS GROUP MEETING 10am Wesley Room

Thurs Oct 25th

BATSFORD ARBORETUM – Moreton in the Marsh. Wollaton Travel £24.95
Departs 9am Contact Sandra 9285031
Expanded gardens, Autumn Colours, Tree and shrub sales, Terrace Cafe

NOVEMBER



Fri Nov 9th

BUNNY GUINNESS TALK 'Transforming Your Garden'

Nottingham Hardy Plants Society

West Bridgford Community Hall, Church Drive. 7:30pm Tickets £5

Tickets available from Carol Jones - 30 North Road West Bridgford NG2 7NH

Phone 9142474

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