



GARDEN/VISITS GROUP

Meeting held on 8th February 2017

WELCOME: Sandra welcomed 46 members to the meeting including four new members, Jane, Jo, Mary and Wendy.

MEMBERS: Good news had been received from Liz Barnes daughter who said Liz was responding well to her latest treatment. Sandra said she had seen Pat Firman at the last open meeting and had hoped she would be at today's meeting to update us on the Nottingham Growing Network.

GROUPS FAIR: The March open meeting would be a groups fair enabling members to meet the group facilitators and learn about each group. The Garden Visits group would have four albums available showing the places visited over the past six years. Thanks were extended to Liz Barnes, who compiled the first two albums, and to Jenny Stapleton who is continuing the practise.

VISITS: Sandra had details available of a garden tour in the **Dordogne** from 13th – 20th May for anyone interested.

It is hoped a private visit to **an NGS garden in Mapperley** could be arranged in the summer – details to follow.

Diamond Holidays have a **Secret Gardens of the Lake District** on their itinerary. It was suggested that this could be investigated for the 2018 group holiday.

RHS Chatsworth on 8th June with Wollaton Travel now full.

Kew Gardens on 6th April with Wollaton Travel is now full; however, Beeston Civic Society would also be running a trip on the 29th April and they still have seats available.. They are also having a talk at the Pearson Centre, on 9th June at 7.30pm, by Wolfgang Buttress the Nottingham based designer of the Hive which is currently on tour at Kew.

Sandringham Flower Show: several members had shown an interest in visiting this show on Wednesday, 26th July 2017.

Cossall Garden Trail: usually held on the 1st weekend in June – details to follow.

Nottingham Park Garden Trail – 25th June 2017.

Rhubarb Farm: Sandra is hoping to organise a talk in October.

Other suggestions for day trips were: **Kelmarsh Hall**, Northants and **Thornbridge Hall & Gardens** in Derbys.

The new member, Jane, also offered to open her garden to the group in the summer.

ESSEX TRIP: Still a few places available – details from Sandra.

HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP: Meet on the third Thursday of the month at Bramcote Memorial Hall. The next meeting on 16th February will be a talk on auricular's.



MARCH

Wed 8th GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am



APRIL

Thurs 6th WOLLATON TRAVEL – ‘Kew and Beehive’ £39.50
Two members have visited previously and were impressed.)

Wed 12th GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Sun, 16th FELLEY PRIORY – Daffodil Sunday (in aid of NGS)



MAY

Wed 10th GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Thurs 25th WOLLATON TRAVEL – Chelsea 3:30pm, £78



JUNE

Sunday, 4th FELLEY PRIORY – Plant Heritage Rare Plant Sale

Thurs 8th RHS SHOW - Chatsworth

Wed 14th GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

16th/17th

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



JULY

**Fri-Sun
7th-9th**

GARDENS OF ESSEX - staying at the Novotel, Ipswich.
2nights DBB + coach £159 double room £224 single room
Visiting 5 gardens.

Wed 12th

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