



# UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

## GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 8 July 2015

*Sandra welcomed everyone including new members. 34 people attended.*

*Lilian told us about her visit to the USA. Whilst there she visited Gertrude Jekyll Garden and told us how it came to be created. Glebe House was the birthplace of the Episcopal Church and was also where the Pilgrim Fathers stayed.*

*Jenny told the group about a recent visit to Lake Maggiore and the gardens she visited including Isola Bella, Isola Madre and Taranto Villa. The latter two were botanical gardens and very English in design with many specimen trees. The first was very Italian and ornate.*

*It was very wet, particularly on the Saturday, for the open gardens weekend whilst the group was in Norfolk. Wynn visited the Beeston/Chilwell gardens and enjoyed them despite the weather. It was a shame for all the effort the gardeners had put in, but apparently they were pleased with the number of visitors.*

*Lillian visited No 7 Collygate, part of the NGS scheme, telling us that although only a small garden it was brim full with unusual things to buy. The owner is a member of the Hemlock Garden Group, who recently made an evening visit there, so we have a contact for future visits.*

*Sandra visited Wirksworth Open Gardens, 7 out of the 22. She particularly liked two of the smaller gardens. One was a courtyard, very simple but effective and the other was a rectangular garden with lots of plants and sculptures created by a garden designer, Mary Wardle.*

*Glenis enjoyed the evening visit with Hemlock Garden Group. The garden was a long narrow strip set out in rooms with hidden corners and she also saw another garden which was more of a wild garden with fruit bushes and chickens.*

*Joyce went with Hemlock to Batsford Arboretum and enjoyed her visit. They stopped at Moreton in the Marsh on the way.*

*Some members went with Sheila to Newstead for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the WI and had a good day.*

*The weekend to Norfolk went really well. Although we had some rain it was nowhere near as bad as in Nottingham. The bus driver was a real asset, very obliging and knew the area.*

*Sandra emailed Lesley about our visit to The Plantation Garden and has been asked if her comments could be used to advertise the garden. Sandra put it to everyone and we agreed it was OK.*

*Joy thanked Sandra again for the trip on everyone's behalf  
Sandra has sent a birthday card to Mona from the group.*

*Considering Cardiff trip with Skills next year. Perhaps customising the trip.*

*Debate about the Norwell visit for September. Sandra had heard conflicting reports about Pure Lands Japanese Garden. Margaret had been disappointed on her visit. It was smaller than expected, tricky walking with narrow, winding paths in parts and*

limited facilities. Pat had enjoyed the atmosphere and the quiet saying it was about landscape rather than flowers.

As an alternative Sandra had heard about Winterbourne House and Botanical gardens, Birmingham. A couple of members had been and Lynn said it was one of the nicest gardens she had been to. Entrance is £5

There is a horticultural show, and community food festival which is free at the weekend Sept 12<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>

The majority of members would prefer to go on a different day rather than the special weekend.

Sandra will contact Skills to get a quote for a coach.

Baddesley Clinton and Packward House, both NT Warwickshire are being considered for next Autumn.

## JULY



**July 5<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>**

**EASTON WALLED GARDENS** – 100 varieties of sweetpeas  
11am-4pm £6.95 01476530063 Near Grantham NG33 5AP

**Tues July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**JAN'S OPEN GARDEN** - private visit.  
3 Troutbeck Crescent, NG9 3BP 2pm Phone 9251492

**Tues/Wed July 21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup> SUMMER GRADUATION PLANT SALE** – 10:30 – 2:30

The Greenhouses, Keighton Hill, University Park, NG7 2RD  
Parking - use main visitors car park and charges will apply.

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>-Sun July 26<sup>th</sup>**

**TATTON PARK RHS FLOWER SHOW** – For Info -  
08445810769

## AUGUST



**Sat/Sun Aug 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>**

**FUSCHIA SHOW** – Attenborough Village Hall, £1  
Sat. 1:30-5:00, Sun. 9:00-4:00

**Wed Aug 12<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING**-10am Social Morning Coffee and Cakes

**Sun Aug 16<sup>th</sup>**

**SUMMER SPECTACULAR NGS** – the gardens of University Park  
1:30-5pm £3 Charity donation Free Parking

**Wed Aug 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sat Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**SHEILA'S OPEN GARDEN** - private visit, 64A Beeston Fields Drive, 2pm  
**SKILLS** – Southport Flower Show 1Nt DBB £99 (£16 single supp)

**Wed Aug 26<sup>th</sup>**

**HEMOCK GARDEN GROUP** - visit to Coton Manor Gardens, Northants  
Coach £14; Admission £6 A few spaces left.



## SEPTEMBER

**Sat/Sun Sept 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>** **LONG EATON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SHOW** –  
Coronation Hall, Portland Road, Toton Good Raffle  
Sat – 2pm-4:30pm, Sun – 10am-4:30pm Auction of produce on Sun.

**Thurs-Sun Sept 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>** **HERITAGE WEEKEND**- South Broxtowe, Wollaton, Strelley,  
Bilborough, University. Brochures – Barbara Selwood

**Wed Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB** – visit to Powis Castle, Welshpool  
Coach £16.50; Admission £7.50 Waiting List



## OCTOBER

**Thurs Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**- Mon 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sat Oct 24<sup>th</sup>**

**SOUTHWELL APPLE DAY**

### Future Plans:

- Westonbirt Arboretum
- Dorothy Lovell Quinta Arboretum at Swettenham Cheshire
- Next spring 2 U3A members have offered to open their gardens for the group
- A possible Skills visit to Wales staying in Cardiff