

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 9th April 2014

*Sandra opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
41 people attended.*

Money was collected for Highgrove.

Daily Mail supplements about Highgrove were available for members to look at.

A book may be available about Highgrove which Sandra would consider buying for the group, depending on price and funds.

No one attended the Hardy Plant Society or the Kew photographer of the year.

Jane found the Tom Hart Dyke talk entertaining and interesting.

Some people went to see the daffodils at Shipley Park.

Pat went to Belton House and said what a magnificent display there was.

Kate and Pat went to see the daffodils at Treetops Open Day, Risley.

Jenny went to the Shire Fairs in West Bridgford. Good stall and interesting plants.

Pat: The Notts Garden Trust which finished 5 years ago is hopefully being revived. A meeting is being held on Saturday 26th April at Brackenhurst to see how much interest there would be. Each county group does different things, all useful works.

Joy has a form and details for anyone interested in going as it would be nice to have a representative from our group.

Call 02072512610 to register interest or phone Pat 9229434.

Brenda Smith asked for this to be brought to our attention:

Saturday April 12th - a coffee morning at Beeston Church. 10am-12. £1.50 coffee and biscuits. Books for sale. Proceeds to charity.

Liz has produced a second book of photographs of our garden visits. A token gift has been sent for her daughter's baby. It would be good to know who took which photos so an index could be made.

Joy expressed a thank you from her friend Doreen for the sale of her garden things. £17.50 was raised from our group and a further £10 was raised. Money is going to Haywood House. Doreen came to the main meeting so is getting out now.

Joy told us about the opportunity for small group visits (up to 20 people) to see Bromley House gardens and library for £6. She might be able to organise a visit later in the year.

Alnwick weekend: Wallington have changed their entry prices from March. It will now be £11 for house and gardens with no option to pay just for the gardens. The gardens will be open from 10am and the house from 12 O'clock. NT members free.

Pick up will be from Lace Road near Sainsbury's, Beeston. Arrival about 4pm. Individual eating times for the evening meal have been requested.

Liz had supplied some photos of the hotel. Good position. Costa coffee in the hotel.

Norma suggested Felley Priory for bluebells – 6 acres of woodland. Check dates

Gardener's World magazine next month has 2 for 1 tickets for visits. NGS booklet is apparently available at the library.

APRIL



Wed April 23rd

FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – 'Flowering Cherry Trees of University Park' led by Graham Pearce. 4:30-6:30pm
Booking essential phone: 07825 753993.
Meet at Visitors Car Park, Cut Through Lane. Free.

MAY



Fri May 9th

MALVERN SHOW with main U3A

Sat May 10th

FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK - 'Mayfest' 11am – 5pm

Fri-Mon May 16th-19th **ST BARNABAS FLOWER DISPLAY**, Derby Road, Nottingham
£5 Sandra will going on the Saturday about 11am if anyone is interested and would like to join her.

Sat May 17th

PLANT SALE – Central Avenue, West Bridgford, Shire Fairs, 9-4pm

Thurs May 22nd

CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW 11am start and 3:30 entrance
Wollaton Travel £59. Some places still left. Book direct.

Sat May 24th

BROMLEY HOUSE - Nottingham city centre.
Walled Garden open 1pm-4pm £2pp proceeds for Alzheimer's appeal.
Plant sale. Coffee and Cakes

Wed May 28th

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – George Smith's Garden, Heslington
Depart 10:30am Tour, 3pm Demonstration, £22.50
Deposit £14. Balance to be paid on the coach
Book direct with Brenda Smith 9252507

JUNE



Sat/Sun June 7/8th

BEESTON OPEN GARDENS TRAIL

Mon June 16th

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – David Austin Roses, Wolverhampton
£20.45 includes entrance fee + tea & scone.
Introduction, Informative tour, free time to explore the gardens
Deposit £12.95 Balance payable on coach. Book direct 9252507

Sat June 21st

PLANT SALE – Central Avenue, West Bridgford, Shire Fairs, 9-4pm

Fri- Sun June 27th- 29th

ALNWICK WEEKEND - Northumberland including visits to
Wallington and Belsay
Balance due April meeting £125 shared, £151 single

Thurs June 26th

WOLLATON TRAVEL – Kew Gardens & Kew Palace
£35.90 concessions

Sun June 29th

FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY – ‘Picnic in the Park’ 12-3pm
Activities. Newstead brass band, Venue – Millenium Gardens. Free



JULY

Thurs July 10th

HIGHGROVE GARDENS - £36 Two tours – 12:15 and 12:45pm

Thurs July 24th

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – Kathy Brown’s Garden, Stevington
£24.20 Tour of gardens, tea and cake, No demonstration.
Deposit £15 Book direct 9252507



AUGUST

Wed Aug 6th

PENARTH GARDENS, Penarth Rise, Sherwood Vale
2pm £4

Thurs Aug 21st

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB – Sheffield Botanical Gardens
£11 entrance is free
Deposit £5 Ring Brenda Smith direct on 9252507 for a place.