



GARDEN VISITS GROUP

Meeting held on Wed. 9th August 2017

45 members were welcomed including two new members, Pamela and Ginny.

Sandra has sent a card with our sympathies on the passing of Liz Barnes and thank you to her daughter for the help in producing the early photobooks of our visits.

Sandra and Mary had a brilliant visit to the open garden at Gedling with £450 being raised for Flowerpod.

Ivor has pears and apples available. If anyone is interested in going please ring 8752303 to sort a time and date.

Barbara recommended an open garden from the NGS book. 'Riseholme' 125, Shelford Road, Radcliffe. She said there were masses of flowers and art creations and it will be open again in September. Groups are accepted and tea and cakes available.

*Sandra asked if anyone knew about **Burrows Gardens**, Ashbourne which might be worth keeping in mind for another year.*

*Skills are running a trip to **Wentworth** January 30th 2018. £16. Some of the group have been previously with Hemlock Garden Group. There is a small garden centre and walled garden. Easy to get there by car, Junction 31 M1. £1.50 entry.*

Sandra has been in touch with Michelle, (who is now away for 2 weeks) at Skills and has sent a report in. we still have trips booked with them but Sandra is considering other companies for a weekend away next time. Redferns of Mansfield recommended.

***Thornbridge Hall** – RHS offer on Wednesdays only but they will honour the 2 for 1 offer. Should arrive about 12:30. No picnics allowed but food available at Dobbies Garden Centre.*

***Sandringham** – very busy and unfortunate with the weather although it could have been worse! Lovely place, beautiful church and some of our members really enjoyed the museum as well.*

Jenny requested any photos of our visits this year particularly if anyone had any from Flowerpod, Ivor's Garden or any open garden visits.



Photos can be emailed to jenny_stapleton@hotmail.com or put on a memory stick.

Reminder that there will be no meeting in February but instead we will be joining the Practical Gardening group on the first Tuesday – **6th February** for a talk from one of their members on Garden Development.

St Martin's flower festival was lovely but not many people went. The people were very welcoming and the history is interesting. The church will be opening again for the Heritage Days.

Barbara brought in some booklets for the **Heritage Open Days Thursday September 7th to Sunday September 10th** for members to take. Allotments will be open as part of this event.

Next year a joint trip with Sandra's social group will take place to **Ely Flower Festival – 'Kaleidoscope of Life'** on Thursday 21st June 2018.

Sandra asked if the group would like to see the Eden Project video again in the new year.

Sandra asked if anyone had heard about the orchid festival at Kew.

Swiftsure are running a trip to NT properties Cragside, Nunnington and Seaton Deval and Sandra has added her name to a waiting list. Friday to Sunday staying in Newcastle at Gosworth Park hotel for £156 NT members, £183 non members and £32 single supplements.

The Alpine Garden Society meet on the second Wednesday in the month September to May, at Wollaton Park Community Centre on Harrow Road at 7:30pm. They have national and local speakers and plant sales. Annual membership is £6

Hemlock Garden Club meet on the third Thursday of the month at the Memorial Hall, Bramcote. Annual membership is £15.

Biddulph trip – due to arrive at Little Moreton Hall approx. 10:45am and Biddulph at 2pm. Return approx. 6:30-7pm. Places still available.

Lynn collected money for Biddulph at the end of the meeting whilst other members did a quiz.



AUGUST

Sat/Sun Aug 12th/13th FUSCHIA SHOW – Attenborough Village Hall £1. Sat pm and all day Sunday but presentations on Sunday afternoon.

Thurs Aug 17th THORNBRIDGE HALL – Stop at ‘Dobbies’ on the way. £20 – entry & coach Depart 9am Return 5pm-5:30

Sat Aug 19th SHIRES FAIRS – stalls with unusual plants from different nurseries are set up on the Croquet Lawn in West Bridgford.

Sun Aug 20th SUMMER SPECTACULAR – University Park 1:30 – 5pm
Free parking, bus tours, £3

Sat-Tues Aug 26th-29th SAWLEY ALL SAINTS CHURCH – 50th Anniversary Flower Festival. This is to be the last one due to cost of flowers.
26th – 10am-6pm; 27th – 12-5pm;
28th – 10am-6pm; 29th - 10am-3:30pm



SEPTEMBER

Sun Sept 3rd PLANT HUNTERS’ FAIR - Leicester University Botanical Gardens

Fri- Sun Sept 8th-10th ST MARY’S, ATTENBOROUGH – Flower festival – ‘Journeys’ and Heritage open weekend. Sat 10-6, Sun 2:30-6

Sat/Sun Sept 9th/ 10th ALLOTMENT OPEN DAYS
Saturday - Inham Nook – 10am-3pm, Produce for sale, no toilets
Saturday - Wollaton Road – 9am-4pm No Toilets
Sunday – Grove Avenue - 11am-3pm
Sunday – Leyton Crescent, Beeston Rylands 11am-3pm

Wed Sept 13th GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am

Wed Sept 13th ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY – 7:30pm Wollaton Park Community Centre, Harrow Road. £1 members £2 non members

Thurs Sept 14th

BIDDULPH GRANGE GARDENS & LITTLE MORETON HALL

NT or £7.65 (Biddulph) NT or £8.50 (Little Moreton Hall)
+ coach approx. £13

Fri Sept 15th

WOLLATON TRAVEL- Harrogate Trip.

Book direct with Wollaton Travel

Sun Sept 17th

NGS OPEN GARDEN – Riseholm, 125, Shelford Road,
Radcliffe on Trent, NG12 1AZ. 01169119867 2pm-5pm £3 +
Refreshments

Thurs Sept 21st

HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB - 'In the Land of Giants'

The Memorial Hall, Bramcote Visitors £2.50



OCTOBER

Sun Oct 1st

PLANT HUNTERS' FAIR – Felley Priory

Wed Oct 11th

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