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**GARDEN/VISITS GROUP**  
**Meeting held on 9<sup>TH</sup> March 2016**

*Sandra welcomed everyone.  
35 people attended.*

*Sandra asked some new members to fill out a form with their details on.  
Apologies to those who didn't have a calendar. The photocopier was being  
exchanged at the church, all minutes and calendar are available on the web site:  
[www.beestonu3a.org.uk](http://www.beestonu3a.org.uk)*

*Click on Groups  
Scroll down to Garden Visits and click  
Minutes are listed in date order - latest first.*

***Citrus Festival:** Norma and Viv had recently been on a trip with Diamond Rail  
Holidays to the south of France. Sandra had recommended it a couple of years ago  
and they had tried to go last year but were too late. It is held yearly round Easter  
time. They saw the flower festival in Nice with floats and people on stilts, as well as  
the orange and lemon festival in Menton. They certainly seemed to have enjoyed  
their adventure despite the weather not being great all the time!*

*At last week's main meeting, Sandra chatted to a gentleman who used to run a  
garden visits group for the Sutton Coldfield branch and gave her some suggestions  
for visits, one of which was **Hidden Hedged Gardens of Warwick**. It sounded a good  
place for a visit similar perhaps to our own St Ann's allotments.*

*The Scott's **Mediterranean Garden at Costessey**, near Norwich in Norfolk. One we  
missed on our visit last year but people might be interested if they are going that  
way. There was an article in the Daily Mail about this exotic one acre garden.*

***Shearings: Beautiful Gardens of England trip.** Running between June –Sept, 5 day  
trip to include gardens at Grimsthorpe Castle, Belvoir and Burghley House. £279 inc  
coach.*

***Snowdrops at Hopton Hall** – Jane said she had a lovely visit there. Also a formal  
garden to see and thought it might be nice to visit in summer as well.  
Snowdrops at Shipley have been beautiful as well.*

***National Memorial Arboretum** - a new visitors' centre is opening in September. The  
centre is open during building.*

*Final payment for the Wales trip collected at the end of the meeting.  
Sign-up sheets for future visits available and deposits taken.*



## MARCH



**Tues March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – TALK**

‘Jesse Boot, The Highfields Estate and the Creation of University Park’ by Professor John Beckett.

7pm. Meet at the Law & Social Sciences Foyer, University Park.  
£2 Pre-booking essential Phone: 07825 753993

**Mon March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**PRACTICAL GARDENING GROUP MEETING -10am. ‘Herbs’**

Anyone with plants, please bring along to the meeting to swap.

## APRIL



**Sun April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**PLANT HUNTERS’ FAIR – at Ness Botanic Gardens**

**Sat April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**PLANT HUNTERS’ FAIR – at Carsington Water**

**Tues April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**BROADWAY FILM THEATRE – ‘Painting the Modern Garden: Monet to Matisse’**

6pm Seniors and Members £6.40. some of the group are meeting up. Also on at the Savoy same date.

**Wed April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am ‘The Eden Project’ Video Pt 2**

**Thurs April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**ELGAR’S BIRTHPLACE & SPLETCHLEY PARK – U3A trip**

£45 (inc lunch) Contact Lucy Beardsley Phone: 9397230

**Sat April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**SKILLS TRIP KEW GARDENS – Bluebells £39**

**Sun April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**DAFFODIL SUNDAY at Felley Priory. Also a Plant Fair**  
£5, proceeds to NGS. Phone: 07763189771

**Sun April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**SKILLS HARROGATE FLOWER SHOW - £36**

**Tues April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**WENTWORTH GARDENS – HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP**

Coach £12 Entrance 75p



## MAY

**Sat May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – MEDICINAL PLANT WALK**

10am-12:30pm Join Charles Powell an experienced Medical Herbalist.

Meet at the main visitor's carpark on Cut Through Lane at 9:45am. £2 on the day. Pre-booking essential Phone 07825 753993

**Wed May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**

**Thurs May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**WOLLATON TRAVEL – Chelsea 3:30-8pm £63.50**

**Thurs May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**WESTONBURY MILL WATER GARDENS – Pembridge, Hereford  
HEMLOCK GDN GROUP Coach £14.30 Entrance £5**

**May 28<sup>th</sup>–Sept 4<sup>th</sup>**

**POPPIES AT LINCOLN – Some of the poppies from the Tower of London display will be in Lincoln during this period**



## JUNE

**Fri-Sun June 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> TRIP TO WALES – Park Inn by Radisson, Cardiff North**

Depart 9:15 Lace Road, Beeston

Visiting on outward journey - Dyffern Gardens – NT or £6.50

Visiting on Saturday - St Fagins & Botanical Gardens adm included

Visiting on homeward journey – Hidcote – NT or £9.45

- Kiftsgate £7.50

Total £23.50 payable on the bus.

**Tues June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – GUIDED WALK**

Professor John Beckett leads a 1.5 – 2 hour circular walk from the Trent Building via Florence Boot Hall, Hugh Stewart Hall and The Downs. Meet in the Quad of the Trent Building. Free To book Phone 07825 753993

**Wed June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**

**Sat/Sun June 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> BEESTON & CHILWELL OPEN GARDENS**

**Sun June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**SOUTHWELL OPEN GARDENS - £1 for plant fair, £6 joint with gardens. Trip by public bus or car for those who prefer to drive.**



**Thurs June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**CASTLE HOWARD & YORK FLOWER FESTIVAL**  
**HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP** Coach £14.30 Entrance £13.50

**Sun June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK 'PICNIC IN THE PARK'**  
Live music from Newstead Brass Band and family activities.  
In The Millennium Garden. Free. Bring a picnic, parking available



## JULY

**Fri July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**VIV'S OPEN GARDEN** – Wollaton Road, 2pm-4pm

**Mon July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**LINCOLN** – trip by train to see the poppies originally displayed in London. Leaving Nottingham round 10:30am, times to be confirmed later.

**Wed July 13<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING** -10am

**Fri July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**WOLLATON TRAVEL** – Tatton Park Flower Show £43



## AUGUST

**Sat Aug 6<sup>th</sup>**

**NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM**, Alrewas, Staffordshire & Plant Hunters' Fair, 150 acres of wooded park land.  
Ceremonies held daily at 11am in the chapel  
Depart 9:15am Return 3:30pm. Cost approx. £13

**Wed Aug 10<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am

**Sun Aug 21<sup>st</sup>**

**FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – 'Summer Spectacular'**  
NGS Millennium Garden, Walled Garden, Jekyll Garden.  
Free bus tours, plant sales, mini walking tours and refreshments  
£3 charity donation. Parking at the Millennium Garden.



## SEPTEMBER

**Sun Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**

**PLANT HUNTERS' FAIR** – Weston Park, Shifnal, Shropshire  
10am-4pm  
£2.50 Fair and gardens

**Wed Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am

**???** Sept 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>

**MALVERN AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW** – U3A Trip  
£39 includes coach travel and entrance. Contact Lucy Beardsley

**Wed Sept 28<sup>th</sup>**

**TRENTHAM GARDENS – HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP**  
Coach £12.40 Entrance £8