

GARDEN/VISITS GROUP

Meeting held on 9th November 2016

people attended.

Today we had a speaker Clare Selwood of 'Vibrante Garden Design & VGD Gardening Services' who has finished a Btech course at Brackenhurst. She updated us on her course and told us about her involvement with various groups round Nottinghamshire, e.g. Hosta, Artculture and Arkwright Community Gardens. Sandra thanked her on behalf of the group for her talk and slides.

Hemlock Garden Group's speaker, about sweet peas. Good information and he kept the group interested although his slides were a bit dated. Jane said she picked up some good tips.

Fire & Ice at Wollaton - those who attended agreed it was brilliant, there were super flowers, lots of tips about things you could make as well as demonstrations and lots of arrangements for the raffle. Worth considering another year.

Bramley Apple Day at Southwell – several members attended and had a good day.

Sandra told the group that Liz Barnes, who moved to Yorkshire, has been ill so she got a card to send from the group to wish her well.

Sandra suggested the USA might like to have a Christmas tree this year or provide financial help for our group to have one. Joy said the decorating dates were December 15th/16th. Some of the members volunteered to help decorate.

Still availability for Chatsworth RHS.

Sandra has been contacted by Long Eaton Garden Visits group who are hoping to organise a holiday to Keukenhof Gardens, Netherlands.

Friends of The Tower - Long Eaton Silver Prize Band at St Michael's Church, Bramcote, November 12th 7:30pm. £6 Refreshments available.

Future Plans:

After Sandra's holiday down to Ilfracombe she decided that it was too far to travel for a weekend. Instead, with Skills, she is looking at Essex and Cambridgeshire staying in the Colchester area, towards the end of June. Gardens being considered are Audley End (RHS), Bridge End and Saffron Walden Gardens, Beth Chatto, Cambridge Botanical Gardens and Hyde Hall (RHS)

RHS shows for 2017

7th-9th April - Cardiff Flower Show

11th-14th May – Malvern Spring Festival

23rd-27th May – Chelsea Flower Show

7th-11th June – Chatsworth Flower Show

4th-9th July – Hampton Court Palace Flower Show

19th-23rd July – Tatton Park Flower Show.

Suggestions for possible visits next year include:

- *Baddesley Clinton and Packwood House, Warwickshire, both NT*
- *Castle Ashby Gardens, Northants – 35 acres, orangery, menagerie, arboretum, gardens*
- *Shrewsbury Flower Show*

Thurs April 6th – Wollaton Travel – Kew Gardens and new Beehive, £39.50

Thurs May 25th – Wollaton Travel – Chelsea RHS, £78

June 21st-24th 2018 - Ely Cathedral – flower display - 'Kaleidoscope of Life'



DECEMBER

Sat/Sun Dec 10th/11th TWILIGHT AT KEW GARDENS – with Skills 2 day trip
£99 Singles £110. Contact Skills for full details

Wed Dec 14th GARDEN VISITS MEETING –10am – Fuddle



JANUARY

Wed Jan 11th GARDEN VISITS MEETING – Anna Joyce - Speaker from
'Flower Pod' - 10 am Raffle of flowers.
Joint meeting with the Practical Gardening Group