

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

GARDEN/VISITS Group – Meeting held on 9th October 2013

Sandra opened the meeting and welcomed everyone including one new member. In all 40 attended.

Sandra requested that new members should fill in the small form with their details and suggested they also put ICE – for emergencies on their mobiles.

'Night at the Movies' at Beeston Methodist Church on Saturday 19th October 7:30p

Liz is still collecting photos for a show next month. She will put them on a memory stick as she is unable to attend the next meeting. Steve to support setting up the projector and computer.

The lady gardener, Debora Frank is still looking for work. One member has employed her and reported back favourably. £12.50 an hour.

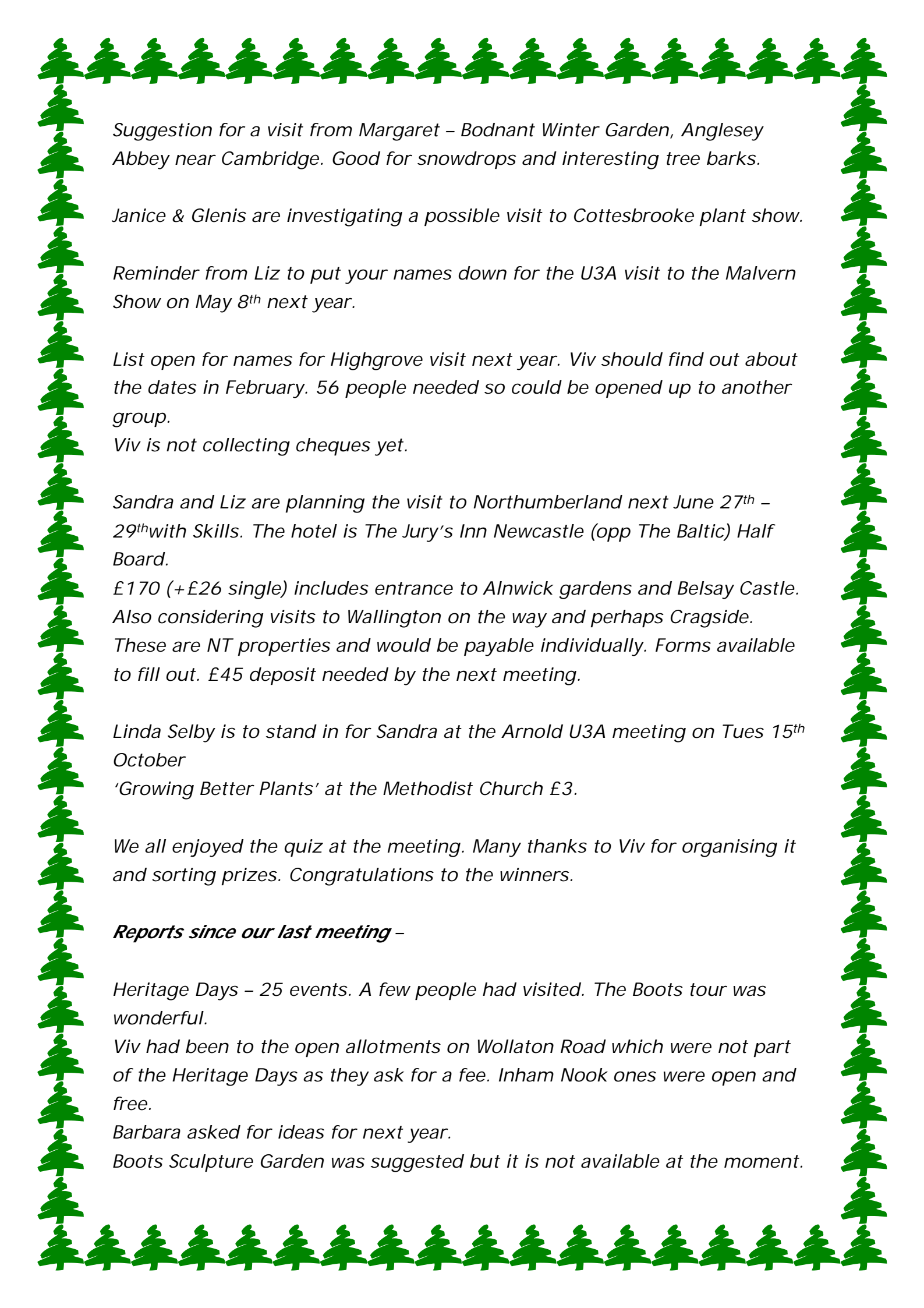
Reminder that the Nottingham Fuschia Society meets monthly and has some interesting speakers. Sandra has requested the list for next year.

Long Eaton Horticultural Society has monthly meetings on the second Tuesday. £5 to join and discounts. The meetings take place at Moorlands Club, Breedon Street, Long Eaton. This month's talk is on 'Plants of the Eiger'

This Sunday 13th October

Sandra is looking at DVDs e.g. Secret Gardens for use at one of the meetings after Christmas.

Barbara Selwood asked about visits to Brackenhurst. They are recommended for late spring or late summer so bear in mind for next year. The afternoon would probably be best so people could use their bus passes.



Suggestion for a visit from Margaret – Bodnant Winter Garden, Anglesey Abbey near Cambridge. Good for snowdrops and interesting tree barks.

Janice & Glenis are investigating a possible visit to Cottesbrooke plant show.

Reminder from Liz to put your names down for the U3A visit to the Malvern Show on May 8th next year.

List open for names for Highgrove visit next year. Viv should find out about the dates in February. 56 people needed so could be opened up to another group.

Viv is not collecting cheques yet.

Sandra and Liz are planning the visit to Northumberland next June 27th – 29th with Skills. The hotel is The Jury's Inn Newcastle (opp The Baltic) Half Board.

£170 (+£26 single) includes entrance to Alnwick gardens and Belsay Castle. Also considering visits to Wallington on the way and perhaps Craggside. These are NT properties and would be payable individually. Forms available to fill out. £45 deposit needed by the next meeting.

Linda Selby is to stand in for Sandra at the Arnold U3A meeting on Tues 15th October

'Growing Better Plants' at the Methodist Church £3.

We all enjoyed the quiz at the meeting. Many thanks to Viv for organising it and sorting prizes. Congratulations to the winners.

Reports since our last meeting –

Heritage Days – 25 events. A few people had visited. The Boots tour was wonderful.

Viv had been to the open allotments on Wollaton Road which were not part of the Heritage Days as they ask for a fee. Inham Nook ones were open and free.

Barbara asked for ideas for next year.

Boots Sculpture Garden was suggested but it is not available at the moment.

There were no takers for the bat walk.

22nd September – Bringing in the Harvest at St Ann's Allotments.

Sandra says Mo is willing to do private visits any time.

There is an allotment tour this afternoon Oct 9th 12-3pm £2

Sandra is hoping to have Mo for a talk in March on 'Victorian Gardens'



OCTOBER

- Sun 13th October** **APPLE DAY** – Meynall Langley, near Kedleston Hall Derby.
Tasting. Also trial gardens.
- Mon 14th October** **BREEZE WILDLIFE GROUP – TRENT VALE**
Talk by James Simpson – 'Common Wild Flowers'
7:30 – 9:30pm
- Wed 16th October** **AUTUMN COLOUR TREE WALK – Sutton Bonington** 1pm-3pm
Arboretum and campus. Friends of the University
Free Phone 07825753993 to book
Meet at the Minster Car Park, College Road next to the rugby pitches.
- Thurs 17th October** **HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP** – Memorial Hall Bramcote 7:30pm
Talk – John Gibson 'Madeira, Garden of the Atlantic'
Visitors £2 Annual fee £11
- Sat 19th October** **FUNGUS FORAY** – field fungus walk with lee Scudder
Nottingham University Park Campus 10:30-12:30 £2
Limited numbers Phone 07825753993 to book
Meet at the main visitors car park Cut Through Lane
- Mon 21st October** **PRACTICAL GARDENING GROUP** – first meeting
- Wed 23rd October** **AUTUMN COLOUR TREE WALK – Nottingham University Park Campus**
1:30 – 3pm Free but limited numbers Phone 07825753993 to book

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Thurs 24th October WOLLATON TRAVEL - BATSFORD ARBORETUM £24.95

Fri 25th October BARDILL'S GARDEN CENTRE – Talk by Pollyanna Pickering
7pm for 7:30pm + Supper. Members £13.99, Non members £14.99
Let Barbara Selwood know if you are interested asap.

Sat 26th October APPLE DAY SOUTHWELL



NOVEMBER

Wed 13th November GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am
Photo Presentation of visits this year

Fri 22nd November HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP – Christmas outing
Peterborough Garden Centre and Gates Garden Centre in pm
£12 Return 5pm Phone Brenda Smith 9252507 for a place.



DECEMBER

Wed 11th December GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am
Fuddle