



## GARDEN VISITS GROUP

Meeting held on Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

*44 members were welcomed and wished a Happy New Year*

*Trip to Ely Flower Festival – ‘Kaleidoscope of Life’ on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018. The cost will be £25pp which includes the entrance and coach from Lace Road, Beeston. Money collected at end of the meeting. Unfortunately Lucy has booked a 2 day trip to Norfolk at the same time. Hopefully people won't want to do both. Lucy is not well at the moment but possibly the date for Norfolk could be changed?*

*Reminder that there will be no Garden Visits meeting in February but instead we will be joining the Practical Gardening group on the first Tuesday – 6<sup>th</sup> February when there will be a speaker, Geoff Smith – ‘Behind the Scenes at Chelsea’*

*3 members have offered to open their gardens this summer. Jill in June, Mavis in July and Brenda in August. Dates to be finalized.*

*Sandra has provisionally booked a 49 seater coach for Easton Walled Gardens (sweet peas) and Barnsdale for Friday July 6<sup>th</sup>. At least 30 people are needed which would make the coach fare £17pp, less if more members go. A list was available for members to sign up. Entry to Easton is £7.50pp and Barnsdale is about £8pp. Linda mentioned the 2 for 1 offer for Barnsdale.*

*Sandra has made enquiries with Airedale Travel for a trip on June 4<sup>th</sup> for 2 nights, BB & EM to include Sissinghurst NT, Chartwell NT, and Hever Castle. The hotels offered are both Best Western, one at Gravesend at £175 (no single supplement and insurance included) and the other at Seven Oaks, £259 (no single supplement and insurance included). When put to the group the preference was for the hotel at Seven Oaks which is much nearer the gardens and would save travelling. Sandra is considering adding another visit but would need to consult with the coach company. Deposit will be required next month.*

*She has also seen one to Devon staying in Bideford with Airedale Travel and is considering putting a hold on it (if no deposit is required) for 2019. Gardens : Rosemore, Marwood Hill, Tapeley Park, Hartland Abbey.*

*Sandra is arranging a trip to Rhubarb Farm and the Welbeck Estate - for September with Skills. Donation at Rhubarb Farm, coach £395, cost will depend on number of people*

## JANUARY



**Thurs Jan 18<sup>th</sup>**

**HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP** – 7:30 - Bramcote Memorial Hall  
speaker – Patsy Rainer – ‘Japanese Gardens’

## FEBRUARY



**Tues Feb 6<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS & PRACTICAL GARDENING MEETING**  
10am – speaker - Geoff Smith - ‘Behind the Scenes at Chelsea’

## MARCH



**WED March 12<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am



# 2018

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Joint Meeting with Practical Gardening Group

**10<sup>th</sup> February – 11<sup>th</sup> March** – 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Orchid Festival at Kew

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Garden Visits Meeting

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> April** – Garden Visits Meeting

**Fri-Sun 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April** – Cardiff RHS Show

**Thurs-Sun 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> April** – Harrogate Spring Flower Show

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> May** - Garden Visits Meeting

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> May** – Lucy's trip to Hodsock to see the bluebells

**Thurs-Sun 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> May** – Malvern RHS Show

**Tues-Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May** – Chelsea RHS Show

**Mon-Wed 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> June** – Trip to Kent. Gardens - Sissinghurst, Chartwell and Hever Castle

**Wed-Sun 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June** – Chatsworth RHS Show

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Garden Visits meeting

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Trip to Ely Cathedral Flower Festival

**TBA** – East Midlands Flower Show at Newstead Abbey

**Mon-Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July** – Hampton Court RHS Show

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Easton Walled Gardens (Sweet Peas) and Barnsdale

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Garden Visits Meeting

**Wed-Sun 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Tatton Park RHS Show

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> August** – Garden Visits Meeting

**August ?** – Fuschia Show Attenborough Village Hall

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> September** - Garden Visits Meeting

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Garden Visits Meeting

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> November** - Garden Visits Meeting

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Garden Visits Meeting