

# BEESTON U3A GARDEN VISITS GROUP

## Minutes of the meeting, held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

**WELCOME:** Sandra welcomed everyone to the meeting including a special welcome to Pat Firman who hadn't attended for several months due to ill health.

Sandra said she had been asked to remind members to leave the room in a tidy state by stacking chairs in an orderly manner after each meeting and to return extra seating to their original room.

**HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB:** The club has been asked to have a stall at the Cossall Open Gardens event on 10<sup>th</sup> June to promote the club and to sell plants. Any help with manning the stall or providing plants will be much appreciated.

**HARRINGTON PLANTATION:** Margaret Richardson asked members to donate the green tokens from Waitrose to the Harrington Plantation appeal.

### RECENT EVENTS:

**Friends of University Park** pruning event – Pam Brown had attended the event which she found interesting but rather too cold to enjoy.

**Treetops Daffodil Day:** annual NGS event attended by Linda Selby who reported a lovely display of daffodils on an unusually nice day.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

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| 5 <sup>th</sup> May                        | <b>WORLD NAKED GARDENING DAY</b> – details available on the www – personal interpretation required.   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> May                       | <b>FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK</b> – Garden Tour (10.00 to 12.00 noon).  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> May                       | <b>RHUBARB FARM &amp; WELBECK ESTATE</b> ( <i>suggest wearing sturdy footwear</i> ).  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> May     | <b>WOODTHORPE NURSERY</b> – Summer Bedding Plant Extravaganza.  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> June                       | <b>RHS CHATSWORTH</b> – book direct with Wollaton Travel.   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> June                      | <b>COSSALL OPEN GARDENS</b>   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> June     | <b>BEESTON GARDEN &amp; CHILWELL GARDEN TRAIL</b> (1.00 – 5.00pm)   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> June                      | <b>TRIP TO ELY</b> – Depart Lace Road at 08.30 to arrive Ely approximately 11.30. Refreshments will be available in the grounds of the Cathedral. |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> June    | <b>DRAYCOTT IN BLOOM</b> (Open Gardens 11.00 – 5.00pm).   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> June/1 <sup>st</sup> July | <b>LADY BAY OPEN GARDENS</b> , West Bridgford.  |

- 6<sup>th</sup> July            **EASTON WALLED GARDENS** (sweet pea event) followed by visit to **BARNSDALE GARDENS**. (Depart Lace Road at 09.00.)
- 18<sup>th</sup> July            **MEMBERS OPEN GARDEN** from 2.00 – 4.30pm at the home of Mavis Taylor, 55 Derby Road, Bramcote, NG9 3GW.
- 29<sup>th</sup> July            **OPEN GARDEN**, 18 Plant Lane, Sawley. (also 2-6 September).
- 17<sup>th</sup> August        **MEMBERS OPEN GARDEN** from 2.00 – 4.30pm at the home of Brenda Robinson, 10 Edlington Drive, Wollaton, NG8 2DT.

*(see Jenny's calendar for more events in July & August)*

### **PLANS FOR 2019**

Sandra said she has been looking into a 3 or 4 day trip to Kent for 2019. Staying at Sevenoaks the trip would include visits to Sissinghurst Castle (NT or (£11.85 group ticket), Studley Castle (£16.50 with 20% discount for NT members) and Chartwell House (NT or £13.00 group ticket). The cost for the three day trip is estimated at £175.00 (plus entrance fees) and the four days would cost an extra £75.00. Some members were concerned about the cost of visiting several National Trust properties over one weekend and it was found that for people considering joining the NT it would be cheaper to look at joining the National Trust for Scotland where membership is approximately £10 cheaper.

The meeting ended with music and poetry from Alan Titchmarsh.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May.