



GARDEN VISITS MEETING

Meeting held on Thursday 11th July 2018

41 members were welcomed.

Jenny gave a short presentation of photos from her visits to Chelsea, Gardeners' World and Hampon Court.

If anyone has taken photos from any of the trips, Jenny would be grateful if you could send her some for the end of year photo presentation and/or photo book. E.g. Open gardens, Ely, Rhubarb Farm, Barnsdale and Easton Walled Gardens. It would be helpful if you could say where they are taken please. Photos can be emailed to jennifer_stapleton@hotmail.com or put on a usb stick and brought to the meeting.

Sandra has had a request from Admin re renewal of membership. Anyone who has not renewed will no longer be covered by insurance and shouldn't be attending groups. Reminder that any visitors going on trips with the U3A will need their own insurance.

Sophie Scott – Community Engagement & Education Officer at the Canalside Heritage Centre has emailed Sandra to say they have had lots of volunteers and at this time all beds are allocated, but they thanked us for our interest.

Ely: Everyone seemed to enjoy the visit and thought the displays were fantastic. Some thought the central part was not quite as good as the previous one. Comment was made that the lighting was a bit distracting for some. Those who went to see the stained glass said it was lovely. The bus was brand new and we had a very good driver.

Hopton Hall near Carsington Water, Derbyshire was suggested as a possible trip for roses or snowdrops.

Easton Walled Gardens & Barnsdale: Nicely extended since our last visit with a good tea shop. The gardens were beautiful as well as the sweet peas. Good plants reasonably priced on sale. Ivor was disappointed that not all the sweet pea seeds were available. Another member said that this was due to a rush of people but they would be available from September on the internet. Enthusiastic head gardener sent an email thanking us for the visit and asking for feedback.



The general opinion was that everyone loved Barnsdale. Lots of places to sit whilst going round some in the shade. Joy said that as it was so lovely and not too far away it might be worth another visit in a few years time.

The Long Eaton group are taking a trip to Waterperry Gardens near Oxford. Return coach travel, entrance and guided tour - £25. Catering services available but not included. Depart from West Park Leisure Centre at 8:30am. See Sandy for contact details.

Query whether it might be somewhere we could take a group. Sandra asked if there were any Botanical Gardens near Oxford which we might combine with Waterperry. Apparently there are.

Sandy asked for a show of hands for the visit to Mavis's garden...24+. Mavis will put balloons out and her husband will be sitting outside.

Italian Gardens: A few members visited during the Mapperley Park Open Gardens. There were crowds of people so numbers were regulated in the gardens and it was very hot. The garden is only small but delightful.

Lynne caught a glimpse of Will Gyles's Garden on a TV programme. It is nice to know that it has been bought by another gardener who is hoping to keep the legacy going as a tropical garden.

Next year's holiday will be July 12th-14th and will involve visits to 3 NT gardens so it might be worth joining as the entrances for these gardens are not included in the cost which will be £190pp. A £25 non refundable deposit will be collected in September.

Lucy is running a U3A trip to Lincoln on Wednesday 10th October which will clash with our meeting.

October Main U3A meeting will be at the Pearson Centre. Jan and Jenny will be taking the books and information along as Sandra is away.

JULY



Wed July 18th

OPEN GARDEN – Mavis Taylor's 2pm – 4:30pm
55, Derby Road, Bramcote. NG9 3GW – just before the garage.
Park on the drive or in Hot Tub place next door.
i4 or 21 Ilkeston buses. Charity Donation to Treetops

Wed-Sun July 18th-22nd TATTON PARK RHS SHOW

Fri July 27th

ITALIAN OPEN GARDEN & HOUSE – 2pm
Winners of Daily Mail small gardens competition
5, Mapperley Hall Drive, Mapperley Park
Private opening, also see the house with antiques and tile
collection
£3 admission which will be donated to the Ghurkas + Charge for
tea and cakes
Parking outside. Buses 56,57,58,87,88,89 from Parliament St.
St John's Church is opposite,
post code for the church is NG5 2DP

Sun July 29th

NGS OPEN GARDEN – 18, Plant Lane, Sawley
2pm-6pm £3
Also 2-6th September



AUGUST

Wed Aug 8th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING- 10am

Sat/Sun Aug 11th/12th FUSCHIA SHOW – Attenborough Village Hall

Sat 1:30-5pm, Sunday 10am-4pm.
Sandra will be there on the Saturday

Fri Aug 17th

OPEN GARDEN – Brenda Robinson's
10, Edlington Drive, Wollaton NG8 2DT 2pm-4:30pm
Bus 35, get off second stop after The Hemlock Stone,
(Humberstone Drive) Bus 10 or 11 from Beeston
£3 donations for the Air Ambulance

Sun Aug 19th

FRIENDS OF NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY PARK –
Summer Spectacular. Open gardens, free bus, mini walking
tours, free carparks

SEPTEMBER



Sat Sept 8th

FRIENDS OF NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY PARK –
Heritage Character Encounters – history of the properties on the
campus, 2pm £3 Booking required

Wed Sept 12th

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Thurs Sept 13th

BREEZY KNEES & SCAMPTON HALL & GARDENS
£32 Coach departing Lace Road at 8:30am

Sat Sept 29th

FRIENDS OF NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY PRESS –
Fungi Foray with Lee Scudder 10am-12noon £3

OCTOBER



Wed October 10th **GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**

NOVEMBER



Wed November 14th **GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**
Speaker: 'Behind the Scenes at Chelsea' – Jeff Smith