

## GARDEN VISITS MEETING

Meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

*46 members attended. Sandra welcomed Suzanne, a new member.*

*Barbara brought in some gardening books if anyone wanted to take any. Donations would go towards her grandson's trip to the Scout Jamboree.*

*Brenda Robinson has a year's worth of Gardeners' World magazines if anyone is interested, free and can be delivered.*

*Tomato Competition: Lynne has 70 on her plant although some are still green.*

*Thank you to Margaret, Pauline and Joy who read a 'garden' poem each. Glory of the Garden, What is life and one by Pam Ayres.*

*Sandra organised some sheets for people to think of where they would like to go on trips next year and record it saying if they had been and if it specialised in a particular plant. Next month Sandra wants to have a look at the results and if possible sort a calendar.*

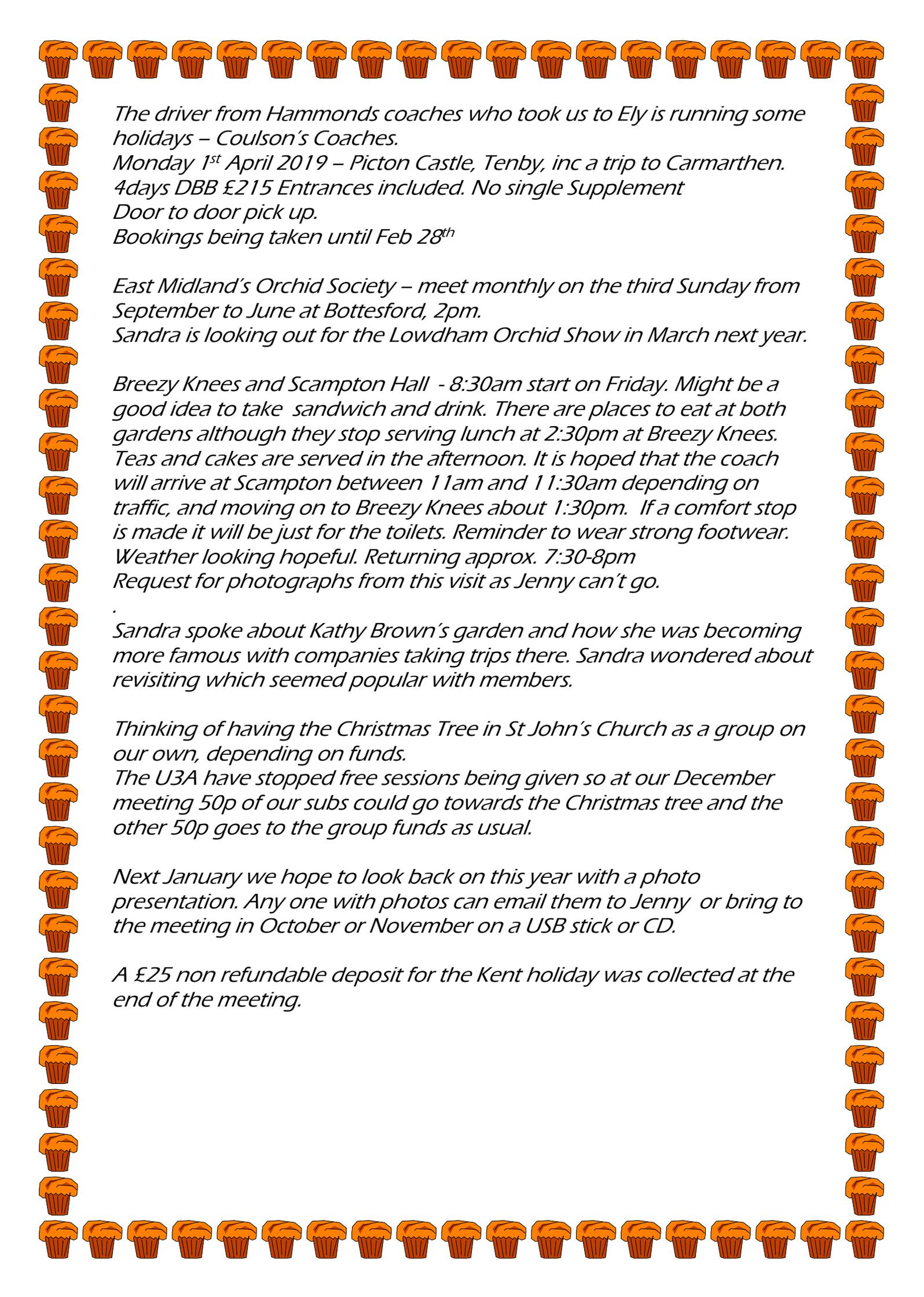
*Sandra had been in touch with the owners of the Italian Garden in Mapperley. Michael is still poorly and Malcom was due to go away this month. She will ring near Easter 2019 with a view to another visit.*

*Sandra contacted the U3A management about becoming affiliated as a group to the RHS. There is a form on the net which we need to fill in and make an application to the committee.*

*Fuschia Show – Attenborough – not as many exhibits probably due to the hot weather this year. Still a delightful afternoon with a lot of our members attending.*

*Thank you to Brenda for opening her garden last month and her hospitality. £135 was collected for the Air Ambulance.*

*Sandra read a newspaper article about how pot plants are becoming popular again. Plant sales have rocketed by a fifth this year, and RHS plant sales have doubled. There has been an increase of 150% in the sales of cacti. A long way from the cheese and spider plants of the 1970's.*



*The driver from Hammonds coaches who took us to Ely is running some holidays – Coulson’s Coaches.*

*Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 – Picton Castle, Tenby, inc a trip to Carmarthen.*

*4days DBB £215 Entrances included. No single Supplement*

*Door to door pick up.*

*Bookings being taken until Feb 28<sup>th</sup>*

*East Midland’s Orchid Society – meet monthly on the third Sunday from September to June at Bottesford, 2pm.*

*Sandra is looking out for the Lowdham Orchid Show in March next year.*

*Breezy Knees and Scampton Hall - 8:30am start on Friday. Might be a good idea to take sandwich and drink. There are places to eat at both gardens although they stop serving lunch at 2:30pm at Breezy Knees. Teas and cakes are served in the afternoon. It is hoped that the coach will arrive at Scampton between 11am and 11:30am depending on traffic, and moving on to Breezy Knees about 1:30pm. If a comfort stop is made it will be just for the toilets. Reminder to wear strong footwear. Weather looking hopeful. Returning approx. 7:30-8pm Request for photographs from this visit as Jenny can’t go.*

*Sandra spoke about Kathy Brown’s garden and how she was becoming more famous with companies taking trips there. Sandra wondered about revisiting which seemed popular with members.*

*Thinking of having the Christmas Tree in St John’s Church as a group on our own, depending on funds.*

*The U3A have stopped free sessions being given so at our December meeting 50p of our subs could go towards the Christmas tree and the other 50p goes to the group funds as usual.*

*Next January we hope to look back on this year with a photo presentation. Any one with photos can email them to Jenny or bring to the meeting in October or November on a USB stick or CD.*

*A £25 non refundable deposit for the Kent holiday was collected at the end of the meeting.*



## SEPTEMBER

- Thurs Sept 13<sup>th</sup>** **BREEZY KNEES & SCAMPTON HALL & GARDENS**  
£32 Coach departing Lace Road at 8:30am
- Sat Sept 15<sup>th</sup>** **WOLLATON ROAD ALLOTMENTS** 10am-4pm No Toilets  
Refreshments including BBQ 2pm – auction of produce
- Sat Sept 15<sup>th</sup>** **CRESSWELL CRAGS** – Fungi walk Booking required
- Sun Sept 16<sup>th</sup>** **MEYNALL LANGLEY TRIALS GARDEN** – NGS open  
DE6 4NT 10am-4pm £4 admision
- Thurs Sept 20<sup>th</sup>** **HEMLOCK GARDEN CLUB** – Annual Membership £15  
Speaker Melanie Griffiths from Leics – “Heritage Apples”  
Bramcote Memorial Hall 7:30pm £2.50 for visitors.  
Competition: A vase of foliage. Take to meeting
- Fri-Sun Sept 28<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>** **BRIGHTWATER GARDENS** – Saxby, Market Rasen –  
Asters and Autumn Colours
- Sat Sept 29<sup>th</sup>** **FRIENDS OF NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY PRESS** –  
Fungi Foray with Lee Scudder 10am-12noon £3  
Book on Line [BW-FOUP-Events@exmail.nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:BW-FOUP-Events@exmail.nottingham.ac.uk)
- Sat-Sun Sept 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>** **MALVERN RHS SHOW** – Three Counties Showground



## OCTOBER

- Sun Oct 7<sup>th</sup>** **MEYNALL LANGLEY TRIALS GARDEN** – NGS open  
DE6 4NT 10am-4pm £4 admision
- Wed Oct 10<sup>th</sup>** **GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am -
- Sat Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** **BRAMLEY APPLE FESTIVAL, SOUTHWELL** – 10am-4pm
- Sat Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** **FRIENDS OF NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY PARK** –  
Autumn Tree Walk with Graham Pearce 10am-12noon £3



## NOVEMBER



**Wed Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING** – 10am Joint meeting with Practical Gardening Group  
Speaker: 'Behind the Scenes at Chelsea' – Jeff Smith

**Thurs Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Sat Jan 5<sup>th</sup>**

**CHRISTMAS AT KEW** –new trail, Palm House Light Show, Laser Garden, Canopy of light, Food and Gifts.  
Kew.org/Christmas 0844 995 9675

## DECEMBER



**Wed Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING** -10am - Fuddle