

GARDEN VISITS MEETING

Meeting held on Wednesday 9th January 2019

39 people attended.

Welcome and Happy New Year.

Thank you to helpers of decorating the Christmas tree in the church and to Jane, Mary and Catherine for their dried flowers which were very effective and Jan who made cardboard baubles to advertise the group. The tree received a lot of compliments. £840 was raised.

Sandra asked the members to consider opening their garden this summer. Mavis said she would open hers again.

The Italian garden in Mapperley is not open to the public this year but Sandra will contact Michael for a private visit for our group.

Wollaton Hall secret garden is to be restored. Volunteers are working the second Sunday of each month. First stage will be cleaning graffiti, clearing bricks, cutting back brambles and putting up a gate etc. £15,000 is being provided by the council and a further £5000 from the Civic Society, Wollaton History and Conservation Society, local council allocations and individuals. It will be 10 year plan as the garden will need to generate an income to be self funding and sustainable.

The American Museum in Britain at Limpley Stoke Valley, Bath has a new American garden with 12,000 native plants.

Garden events round the world – Flower flotilla floating festival in the Netherlands – August 2nd-4th – 50 boats.

Skills Coachstyle: Rouen & Monet's Garden with Chartres Light Festival £249 for 4 days, admissions included. Optional Versailles trip May 13th, July 18th, August 1st.

Skills: Dutch Dahlia Parade £319 DBB for 4 days. Includes ferry crossing, visit to parade and Arcen Castle and Garden. August 30th

Some members told us about gardens abroad they had visited.

Brenda from Hemlock Garden Group may organize trips to Hodsock Priory for the snowdrops and to Harlow Carr. If they do we shall be able to join them.

Coaches are proving to be expensive. For a day trip they are coming in at around £500.

Anyone thinking of joining the National Trust it was recommended to join the Scottish National Trust which is cheaper.

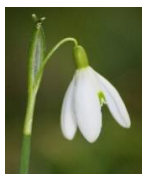
Money for Kew visit in August was collected at the end of the session. Cheques payable to Wollaton Travel Service.

Sign up sheets for Coton Manor and Hopton Hall/Renishaw Hall were circulated.



JANUARY

- Wed Jan 9th** **GARDEN VISITS MEETING** 10am
- Tues Jan 15th** **NOTTINGHAM ORGANIC GARDENERS SOCIETY AGM-**
7:30pm Ukrainian Federation Club, Claremont Road
- Thurs Jan 17th** **HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP – Ian Openshore – ‘Wild Food’**
Speaker was recommended by Jenny at Rhubarb Farm
Bramcote Memorial Hall – 7:30pm £2.50 inc refreshments
Members free. Annual membership £15
- Sat Jan 26th** **POTATO DAY – United Reform Church Hall, Edwards lane**
Nottingham Organic Gardens Society. 10am-4pm
Lots of varieties, can buy an individual selection.
2pm short talk – ‘Potato Growing for Beginners’
Heritage seed stall, bakery, honey, cafe



FEBRUARY

- Tues Feb 12th** **NOTTINGHAM ORGANIC GARDENERS SOCIETY –**
Speaker: Roger Tanner “Bagthorpe Gardens & Demand for Land”
- Wed Feb 13th** **GARDEN VISITS MEETING** 10am
- Sat/Sun Feb 16th/17th** **LITTLE PONTON HALL – near Grantham NG33 5BS**
Snowdrop Weekend £5
- Thurs Feb 21st** **HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP – Speaker Steve Lovell**
‘Growing Vegetables on a Small Scale’
- Feb 28th** **ROBERTS TRAVEL GROUP – Nice Carnival and lemon festival**



MARCH

- Sun March 10th** **PLANT HUNTER'S FAIR** – National Memorial Arboretum
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- Wed March 13th** **GARDEN VISITS MEETING** 10am
- Sun March 17th** **ORCHID SHOW** – East Midlands Orchid Society 10am-4pm
Bottesford Village Hall, Belvoir Road, NG13 0BG
- Sat March 30th** **PLANT HUNTER'S FAIR** – Patching Art Centre, Oxtou Road,
Calverton NG14 6NU 10am-4pm

Possible Future Events:

- May – Coton Manor
- May - Elvaston Castle – Camellias and Rhododendrons & Colliers Garden Centre
Suggested by Glenis
- June – Hopton Hall (£5) for roses and Renishaw Hall (£12.50- house and gardens)
+ coach fare
- July 12th-14th - Kent Holiday Holiday Inn at Seven Oaks
On journey down – Ightham Mote,
Saturday - Great Dixter and Sissinghurst,
On way home – Chartwell,
- July - Wednesday 24th – Sandringham Show
- August – Fuschia Show Attenborough
Possible private visit to a garden in Sawley
- August 8th - Wollaton Travel - Chihuly Glass sculptor at Kew £45.50 21 People

RHS Shows 2019

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| April 12 th -14 th | Cardiff |
| May 9 th -12 th | Malvern (Spring) |
| May 21 st -25 th | Chelsea |
| June 5 th -9 th | Chatsworth |
| July 1 st -7 th | Hampton Court Palace |
| July 17 th -21 st | Tatton Park |
| Oct 28 th -29 th | Malvern (Autumn) |

