



## GARDEN VISITS MEETING

Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019

*41 people attended. Everyone welcomed.  
Jenny read out thank you letter from the church re our Christmas tree.  
£840.27 was raised.*

*There has been no progress on joining the Hemlock Garden Group trip to Hodsock Priory for the snowdrops so best to do it yourselves. There is a good display at Ireton House and in the church yard at Attenborough. Joy said the crocus and hellebores were also out. Then there is Little Ponton Hall (Feb 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>) or Hopton Hall. (till Sun March 3<sup>rd</sup> £5)*

*Sandra needs to pay the money to Wollaton Travel for the visit to Kew to see the Chuhuly sculptures. £45.50 ASAP. Anyone paying today could do so at the end of the meeting. Cheques payable to Wollaton Travel.*

*Sandra had email from Long Eaton U3A Garden Visits group who are running a trip to RHS Harrogate Spring Flower Show on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April and have a few places left...first come first served basis. The trip will cost £35 which includes the coach and entrance and departs from West Park Leisure Centre (free parking and unrestricted) at 8am, returning 6-7pm. Anyone interested should contact the group leader Diana Sims direct – 01283 734059. Cheques payable to u3a LE and sent to:  
Diana Sims at 7, Sutton Lane, Hilton, Derby DE65 5FB*

*Pat went to the Potato Day. A lovely social occasion, very busy and she has a lot of potatoes for chitting.*

*Sandy has made a provisional booking for a visit to Kathy Brown's Garden for Thursday Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. Since then she has found out that the U3A have booked a trip on the Trent with afternoon tea on the same day. There is the possibility of taking a smaller coach but this does not reduce the cost by much. Given that some people have already visited Kathy Brown's, a show of hands was requested to gauge how many people would be interested. Approx. 14 and a further 4 if the date was changed.*

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

*Sheet circulated for members interested in the visit to Elvaston Castle after the May meeting.*

*Ann brought in a newsletter from Bardill's Garden centre with details of future trips. Membership is £10 (this gives you 10% off some items and the newsletter) but you can often go without being a member if there are spaces on the coach. Barbara said she was going on the visit to the snowdrops at Easton Walled Gardens on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February. (£26)*

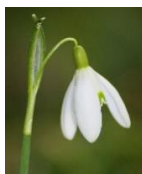
*Other trips included:*

*April – Bransford Webb Nursery behind the scenes tour & garden centre*

*May – Highgrove Royal Gardens*

*July – RHS Tatton Park Show*

*September – RHS Malvern Show*



## FEBRUARY

**Sat/Sun Feb 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> LITTLE PONTON HALL – near Grantham NG33 5BS**  
Snowdrop Weekend £5

**Thurs Feb 21<sup>st</sup> HEMLOCK GARDEN GROUP – Speaker Steve Lovell**  
'Growing Vegetables on a Small Scale'

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup> ROBERTS TRAVEL GROUP – Nice Carnival and lemon festival**



## MARCH

**Sat March 2<sup>nd</sup> NOTTINGHAM ORGANIC GARDENERS' SOCIETY–**  
at The Friends Meeting House 1:30pm  
Speaker: Charles Dowling - "No Dig Gardening"

**Sun March 10<sup>th</sup> PLANT HUNTER'S FAIR – National Memorial Arboretum**  
DE13 7AR 10am-4pm

**Wed March 13<sup>th</sup> GARDEN VISITS MEETING 10am**

**Sun March 17<sup>th</sup> ORCHID SHOW – East Midlands Orchid Society 10am-4pm**  
Bottesford Village Hall, Belvoir Road, NG13 0BG

**Sat March 30<sup>th</sup> PLANT HUNTER'S FAIR – Patching Art Centre, Oxtun Road,**  
Calverton NG14 6NU 10am-4pm Free

## APRIL



**Sun April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**LOWDHAM SPRING SHOW – 1pm-3:30pm**

**Wed April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING 10am**

**Sun April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**NGS OPEN GARDEN at 334, BELPER ROAD**

Stanley Common, DE7 6FY 0115 9301061 12:00-4:30

Cowslips £4 Homemade Soup & Cakes.

Parking in field up the farm drive or at the Working Men's Club rear carpark

**Sat April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**TREETOPS HOSPICE CARE OPEN GARDEN**

Derby Road Risley DE72 3SS 10:30am-3pm £3

## MAY



**Wed May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am**

Followed by a possible visit to Elvaston Hall after the meeting.

**Sun May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**UNIVERSITY PARK GARDENS 12:00-4pm £4**

Light refreshments at Lakeside Arts Pavilion and The Hemsley

**Sun May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**NGS OPEN GARDEN at 334, BELPER ROAD**

Stanley Common DE7 6FY 0115 9301061

Wild Orchids £4 Refreshments



## JUNE

**Sat/Sun June 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> BEESTON & CHILWELL GARDEN TRAIL**  
1pm-5pm £4 Approx 16 gardens

**Sun June 23<sup>rd</sup> THE PARK, NOTTINGHAM OPEN GARDENS NG7 1DP**  
1pm-6pm £6  
Food, drink, entertainment, children's activities - Newcastle Circus

**Tues June 18<sup>th</sup> RENISHAW & HOPTON HALL**  
Morning visit to Hopton Hall for the roses + lunch,  
Afternoon to Renshaw for the house & gardens, only drinks available  
Total cost £32 (coach +£5 Hopton + £12.50 Renishaw)

**Sat June 29<sup>th</sup> BRADMORE OPEN GARDENS NG11 6PE**  
1pm-5pm £4

### Possible Future Events:

May – Coton Manor ?

July 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Lady Bay Open Gardens NG2 5BE - 1pm-5pm £3.50 20 gardens

July 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> - Kent Holiday 2 nights DBB Holiday Inn at Seven Oaks  
On journey down – Ightham Mote, NT Or £11.50  
Saturday - Great Dixter £11 and Sissinghurst, NT or £13.10  
On way home – Chartwell, NT or £14

July 24<sup>th</sup> Sandringham Show

August – Fuschia Show Attenborough Sat/Sun August 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Village Hall,  
Attenborough  
Possible private visit to a garden in Sawley

August 8<sup>th</sup> - Wollaton Travel - Chihuly Glass sculptor at Kew £45.50

September 12<sup>th</sup> – **Provisional** booking for Kathy Brown's Garden, Stevington, Beds.  
Entrance £6, Tea & Cake £4 Coach approx. £20 depending on numbers

### RHS Shows 2019

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

