



GARDEN VISITS MEETING

Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2019

52 people attended. Everyone welcomed including new members: Pat, Sally, Ch and Ann.

Although a number of visits are organized, Sandra draws our attention to other possible trips etc which we can do for ourselves.

A new date has been negotiated for a visit to Cathy Brown's Garden (£7.50) in the morning, leaving approx. 1pm to Coton Manor, (£6.50) hopefully for the bluebells in the afternoon. This will be on Friday May 3rd leaving Beeston Lace Road at 8:30 am. Money for the coach will be collected at next month's meeting and entrance fees will be collected on the coach. Total cost depends on numbers but about £3. Drink & cake £4 at Cathy Brown's, lunches only served at Coton Manor until 2:30pm so you may prefer to take a sandwich. Cakes and drinks will be available during the afternoon.

Tuesday June 18th - Hopton Hall Rose Garden (£5) in the morning (awaiting details of available refreshments but it may be advisable to take sandwiches) and Renishaw (£12.50 house & gardens, £6.50 gardens only) in the afternoon, only drinks available at Renishaw. Coach fare will be collected at the May meeting and entrance fees will be collected on the coach. Total cost depends on numbers but about £32

Paula brought in a magazine with an article about the glass sculptor Dale Chihuly. Two places left at £45.50 payable to Wollaton Travel. Anyone interested could see Sandra at the end of the meeting.

Ivor brought in a spray from his tree with the mimosa flowers out. He lives at 87, Sunnyside Road if anyone wanted to drive past to see it.

No trips as yet being organized by Hemlock Garden group.

Margaret: visited Little Ponton on recommendation from our group. Easy to find - SW of Grantham. Fairly easy walking with paths and a good display of snowdrops and aconites in front of house and near the church. Light snacks & drinks were well organized. It was also mentioned that there were also greenhouses selling plants at very reasonable prices and Richard Todd was buried there. Worth a visit so hopefully next year.

Barbara visited Easton Walled Gardens for the snow drops which she said was lovely and worth a trip.

Sandra had a letter from Notts Organic Gardens Society re Stonebridge City Farm asking if anyone was interested in supporting them to raise £30,000 to keep the place going. Sandra has the details.

Trip on March 23rd with Lavers to Chippenham & St Alban's - details from Sandra

No one went to the Plant Fair at the Arboretum. There is one on March 30th at Patchings which Sandra is hoping to go to.

Sandra has organized a speaker next month talking about Potwell Dyke Grassland which is at Southwell.

Possibility to link it with a visit to Flowerpod at Brackenhurst.

Chris is taking a group to Arley Garden Festival at Arley Hall, Knutsford, Cheshire CW9 6NA June 23rd. There is the possibility of some spare places. Pat said it is an old garden with the best borders.

A thank you letter from Treetops for the donation of £140 from Mavis's open garden event was read out by Sandra.

Sandra is expecting the paperwork for RHS affiliation soon. The U3A have agreed to pay for 1 year affiliation.

Balance of £145 for the Kent holiday (amended amount) will be collected at the next meeting.

Cheques made payable to Beeston U3A.



MARCH

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, Oxtun Road,
Calverton NG14 6NU 10am-4pm Free

Sat March 30th

FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – Horticultural Workshop
Learn how to plant bulbs - Planting in the Green
10am £4 Meet at the Millennium Garden. Booking required
BW-FOUP-Events@exmail.nottingham.ac.uk



APRIL



Sun April 7th

LOWDHAM SPRING SHOW – 1pm-3:30pm

Wed April 10th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING 10am Speaker from Potwell Dyke Grasslands

Sun April 14th

NGS OPEN GARDEN at 334, BELPER ROAD –10 acres & lake
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/Sun April 20th/21st NEWARK SHOW – Newark Showground
£5 online £6.50 on the day

Sat April 27th

TREETOPS HOSPICE CARE OPEN GARDEN
Derby Road Risley DE72 3SS 10:30am-3pm £3

MAY



Fri May 3rd

CATHY BROWN'S GARDEN & COTON MANOR
Departing Lace Road at **8:30am**
Cathy's am £7.50 + £4 cake & drink, Coton Manor pm £6.50

Wed May 8th

GARDEN VISITS MEETING – 10am
Followed by a possible visit to Elvaston Hall after the meeting.

Sun May 19th

FRIENDS OF UNIVERSITY PARK – Late Spring Spectacular 12:00
4pm £4 Free bus Mini Walking Tours Free parking
Light refreshments at Lakeside Arts Pavilion and The Hemsley

Sun May 26th

NGS OPEN GARDEN at 334, BELPER ROAD
Stanley Common DE7 6FY 0115 9301061
Wild Orchids £4 Refreshments



JUNE



Wed-Sun June 5th-9th CHATSWORTH RHS SHOW

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

Sun June 9th COSSALL OPEN GARDENS - 10-12 gardens. Afternoon
Park in field

Thurs-Sun June 13th-16th BBC GARDENERS' WORLD LIVE – NEC

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

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

Sat June 29th BRADMORE OPEN GARDENS NG11 6PE
1pm-5pm £4



JULY

Wed July 3rd OPEN GARDEN – Mavis Taylor's 1:30pm
55, Derby Road, Bramcote NG9 3GW i4 or 21 Ilkeston buses

Sat/Sun July 6th/7th LADY BAY OPEN GARDENS – NG2 5BE 1pm-5pm £3.50

Fri-Sun July 12th -14th KENT HOLIDAY –
2 nights DBB Holiday Inn at Seven Oaks
On journey down – Ightham Mote, NT 0r £11.50
Saturday - Great Dixter £11 and Sissinghurst, NT or £13.10
On way home – Chartwell, NT or £14

Wed July 24th SANDRINGHAM FLOWER SHOW - PE31 6AC £12.50



AUGUST



Thurs Aug 8th **KEW GARDENS** – with Wollaton Travel £45.50
Dale Chihuly – glass sculptor

Sat/Sun Aug 10th/11th **ATTENBOROUGH FUSCHIA SHOW** – Village Hall

Possible Future Events:

Sept 14th – Skills trip to Harrogate Show 1nt DBB £99 admission included.
Free time in York, staying in Bradford

Sept 20th-29th – Jona tours – Madeira - Flower Trail & island tour 10 days
Information from jona@jona-tours.com

RHS Shows 2019

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)