**2015 GARDENING GROUP CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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 Date Visit/Event Organiser Cost & Details

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| **January**  | **Calendar Setting Meeting** at 2.30p.m. at 16 Main Street. | Carol Hunter  |  |  |
| **February 18th (Wed.)** | Visit to **Little Ponton Hall** nr Grantham. Meet there at 11a.m. 9 acres of garden in sheltered valley; carpets of snowdrops and aconites; easy walking; River Witham running through. | Richard Beeby | £5 to include refreshments |
| **March 21st (Sat.)** | **Soup, Pudding and Cheese Lunch** in the Village Hall for Garden Group members and partners. 12.30 for 1p.m. Bring a bottle please. Information about visits available. | Lesley Jebson | Cost £4 per person. Reserve places by 6th March or earlier |
| **April 23** **(Thurs.)** | Recently acquired by the National Trust, Stoneywell, a Gimson house in Charnwood Forest. Guided tour of the house and the garden. Meet there at 2p.m. Max. 30. Café & shop. | Mike Cahill | N.T. members free. Otherwise £9.Let Mike know by 27th Feb or earlier |
| **May 2 & 3 (Sat. Sun.)****May 9 (Sat.)** | **Art Exhibition&** **Garden Visit.** **Work by Peter Twombley** at ‘Wayside’, Main Street, Rempstone. Sat. 2nd from 7p.m. – 9p.m. & Sun. 3rd from 2p.m. – 5p.m.**Plant & Produce Sale** for the Village Hall & the Church. 10a.m. – 4p.m. Well established veg. & flowering plants, cakes, jams etc. | Peter TwombleyLesley, Carol, Barbara | Needed-labelled garden plants in potting compost in clean pots  |
| **June 11th (Thurs.)****June 23 (Tues)** | **’Mountain Ash’ Newtown Linford**. 2 acres of SW facing garden. Wide variety of planting, trees and water. Features in NGS. Stunning views, Meet at 1.45 for 2p.m. talk from owner.**Little Ponton Hall** nr Grantham. Return to wonderful garden visited in Feb. to see roses and clematis in a magical setting. Veg. garden, cloud-pruned hedges lovely church & grounds | Elaine BoulterRichard Beeby | £6 admission (includes refreshments) by 1st June or earlier to ElainePrice and details t.b.a. (assume £5) |
|  **July 16th (Thurs,)****July 21st (Tues.)** | Evening Visit to **‘The Forge’, Barton in Fabis.** Small jewel of a cottage garden featured in ITV’s ‘Britain’s Best Back Gardens.’ Meet there at 6,30p.m.Guided tour of house and beautiful gardens at **Tissington Hall, Derbshire.** Min.10. Meet at the Hall at 2p.m. In addition, there is a trail within the village and also a nursery selling plants as well as a bistro and also a pub nearby. | Barbara WorsleyDavid Walker  | To include wine & nibbles for £5 each£10 for tour of house & garden. Bistro in village and pub nearby.  |
|  **August 20th (Thurs.)** | **St. Ann’s Allotments, Nottingham.** Famous allotments in central Nottingham with many beautifully kept plots and unusual vegetables. Meet there at 2.30 for guided tour. Hilly site but accommodations can be made. | Thelma Spalton | Guided tour and refreshments and cake, £4.50 each.  |
| **Sept. 6****(Sunday)****Sept. 24 (Thurs.)** | **Village Show** in Village Hall, 10.30a.m. – 4p.m. Range of classes to enter – veg., fruit, flowers, cakes, painting, photography etc. Judging by public. Refreshments & bar.**Biddulph Grange Gardens, Staffs** Recently on BBC4. Famous and amazing themed gardens. Café for lunches and teas. Spectacular dahlias. Meet at 2p.m. or earlier if eating.  | Show Committee & Village HallThelma Spalton | Entry to classes free. Entry to Hall £1 per person 11 or over.  £7. 25 or N.T. members free. |
| **Dec. 4 (Fri.)** | **Christmas Lunch** at **Longcliffe Golf Club, Loughborough** | Jenny Walker |  |  |