

News from the Gardens

From Barry Tylee, FoWHG's chairman

We hope that you enjoyed the talks over the last year and we look forward to a successful year in 2017/18. In the gardens during the year we unfortunately lost Jake the apprentice, who moved to another job. This, not surprisingly, put a strain on the rest of the gardening program and the work on the Peace Walk, which was being overseen by Jake, has had to be suspended. The volunteer work in the garden (thanks to all involved) has been of great help. At the start of the year, we weeded the Rockery area, enabling drifts of snowdrops to flower, and bought a large number of different ferns to plant among the established ones, as well as receiving donated ones from members. This area now looks a lot better - we just need the Rockery sign and description re-installed to let visitors know what they are looking at!

Wortley Hall buys a couple of thousand plug plants in the spring to bring on for the bedding displays. These are cultivated in an old poly-tunnel and a small greenhouse, but many were lost this year due to the vagaries of the Yorkshire weather. Diane, the head gardener, hopes to buy a larger poly-tunnel, with better temperature and humidity control, and we plan to contribute to this.

Please support the Gardens by joining the 'Friends' and/or Volunteer Gardening every Wednesday morning from 9 am.

We hope to see you at the first meeting on the 26th September and bring any plants that you want to swop!

To join Friends of Wortley Hall Gardens or for volunteering, either call 0114 288 2100 or 0114 283 0056 or e-mail barrytylee@btinternet.com

Schedule and event also available at www.wortleyhall.org.uk/hall-gardens/

Friends of Wortley Hall Gardens



Ferns in the Rockery

2017/18 Programme

26th September – Initial Meeting/Social - Plant swop, quiz and refreshments

17th October – 'Local gardens with music' -Brian Robinson

21st November – 'Interpreting the Landscape: Reading the history of fields and enclosures' -Geoff Higgs.

20th December - Xmas social and quiz

6th January – Valley in Bloom – Speaker to be arranged

20th February – History of radical gardening – Barry Tylee

20th March – Social/quiz + plant swop

17th April – Container planting; from boots to beer barrels – Fiona Allan-Smith

15th May – Walk around Wentworth Stainborough – Phil Buckley

19th June – History walk around Wortley

17th July – Garden visit – to be arranged

Other events – We will have a 'Friends' stall at the Spring Fayre, a morning chorus bird walk and a summer bat walk



Great Gardens To Visit - Sewerby Hall

A great place to visit; just a few miles from Bridlington. If you are staying here, it is a pleasant stroll along the promenade and following the yellow brick road to Sewerby Hall!! It is set in 50 acres of early 19th Century parkland. Sewerby Hall and Gardens

offers something for everybody, from the fantastic award winning gardens to the deep rooted heritage of the house.

We have rediscovered Bridlington after many years, and it has been transformed to a lovely, family resort with a beautiful promenade and brand new leisure centre. Sewerby Hall is in easy walking distance and is a great day out for all the family. It is relatively



cheap to get in and free to Historic House members. We have taken our granddaughter on several occasions and she loves zooming round on her scooter and discovering all that Sewerby has to offer. There is a small zoo to keep the children amused and a 'feeding the penguins session' at 3.00 pm every day! They are hand-fed by two of the zoo workers and

it is delightful to watch the antics of the penguins. They know when it is feed time, and entertain the visitors by lining up and waiting for the food to appear. They are fed small fish and two of the oldest penguins go up to the workers and wait for them to virtually put the fish down their throat!! The zoo workers do throw some of the fish into the pool and the penguins swim round and try and get the fish as quick as they can, before the other penguins get them. The zoo also houses a fascinating collection of animals and colourful birds. There is a good children's playground which has a nautical theme and appeals to folks of all ages. The house itself has just been restored and has great rooms with lots to see. It also has any Amy Johnson exhibition which offers three rooms displaying a collection of her memorabilia and a short film about her record-breaking flight to Australia.

An excellent walled garden is a great place to visit whatever the season. Pleasure gardens and rose gardens give an abundance of colour whatever the time of year.

There is a landtrain which runs regularly between Sewerby Hall and Bridlington and a cafe which offers a good range of food and a local ice-cream range. A lot of fun for children and adults alike. We can definitely recommend Sewerby Hall to visit at any time of the year. A good day out!

Julie and Phil Buckley

Photos during the year



Yews in the planted beds



Photo taken in a similar position in the early part of the 20th century – yew trees much smaller!



The Friends of Wortley Hall Gardens visit to the excellent Lower Crawshaw Gardens in July

