

Shotley APM 24.5.07
Item 11.1

SHOTLEY GARDENING CLUB

We are unable to attend this evening as many of us are on the Club's annual holiday – this year it's Wales but please read the following for a taste of what we are about.

As a club we have been running for about 6 years and have around 25 members, the majority of whom attend all of our monthly meetings. Our club covers a wide spectrum of ages and gardening knowledge/abilities so there is always someone to hand to help with a problem related to the garden. We are a very relaxed and friendly club and new members are always welcome.

In the past year we have had many interesting speakers on all aspects from flowers to vegetables. We have speakers from Otley College on many occasions as well as from Notcutts and local nurseries.

In the past year we have had many coach trips that are also open to non club members. Our latest being a very enjoyable trip to Leonardslee Lakes and Gardens in Sussex. We have also been to Kew Gardens, Pensthorpe Wildlife Park in Norfolk and had an evening conducted tour of Notcutts in Woodbridge.

The year's highlight for some of us was our holiday to France. We stayed in the fabulous city of Rouen and visited Monet's gardens, Honfleur, the Palace of Versailles, Trouville and the Port of Normande.

I hope this gives you an insight into what happens within our club a maybe encourage you to join us.

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