

The Garden Group 2020 reports

The Garden Group Christmas Meal



The 13th January saw several members of the Garden Group gather at The Thatched Cottage in Sutterton for our annual Christmas Meal.

We had very enjoyable meals from an excellent and varied menu. A drink or two and the conversation soon got around to

some of our 2019 outings and this year's forthcoming visits.

Once again, we look forward to 2020 with a varied content of outings and visits to members gardens furthering our shared interest.

Peter Crossgrill

The Garden Group Visit to Springfield's March 2020



After having to cancel February's Snowdrop visit to Walsingham Abbey, due to storm Ciara, The Garden Group's first visit of 2020 was to Springfield's Garden's for a tour with Head Gardener Andy.

Meeting at the Springfield's Horticultural Office, Andy said that he was involved with the setting up of the original gardens in 1966. He then explained their history and how they had evolved.

They now have the national collection of Daffodils, numbering nearly 800 varieties at peak season. The national Hyacinth collection will soon be housed in the gardens, which will reach 500 varieties, some very rare.

We were shown the four Designer Gardens, all built on different themes. The Japanese Garden which illustrates the Japanese MOMOTARO, The Peach Boy Fable and the Founders Garden.



Coming up to date, the internet has come to the gardens, plant label's with chips in them, which can be viewed on your mobile for plant information. A new Bird Hide with monitor screens linked to Frampton, Gibraltar Point and Willow Tree Fen. Also, to view a new bird garden and the Kingfishers are coming back to the Water Gardens.

Due to the expansion of the Outlet Centre, part of the current garden area will disappear, but there are a number of plans for future projects in the pipeline.

We thanked Andy for a very interesting and enjoyable tour of the gardens, finishing up in the restaurant for a welcome hot drink and a slice of cake.

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