

## Trip to Nottingham

What a wonderful day we all had!

Starting out with a good crowd of 45 on board our bus we quickly arrived at our first stop, the East Bridgford Garden Centre, just in time for a delicious coffee. With lots of things to tempt us to buy including all manner of household products, very pretty clothes, a gin store and, of course, a huge selection of plants, the time passed quickly and we climbed back onto our bus with our purchases. One large potted plant even had its own seat belt!

Onwards to our awaiting boat, the Nottingham Princess, with the sun now shining, just a gentle breeze, perfect conditions for our river cruise. Welcomed aboard by the Captain and drinks from the bar offered, we set off on the river Trent. As we gently sailed along, our dinner was served by friendly waitresses and enjoyed followed by chocolate gateau with cream and tea and coffee.

We sailed under the famous Trent Bridge with the cricket ground close by and also the City Ground, home to Nottingham Forest Football Club. County Hall followed quickly by and on the opposite bank was the striking War Memorial and ornamental garden. We passed under the smallest suspension bridge in England and soon after the boat turned around and we headed back under Trent Bridge and Lady Bower Bridge towards the Holme Pierrepont Water Centre and finally to the Colwick Nottingham Race Course.

With thanks all round to the crew we disembarked the Nottingham Princess and boarded our coach for the homeward journey.

A delightful day enjoyed by everyone and thanks must go to Steve and Debs for arranging such a lovely day out and to Chris and Brian and the Committee for all their help in running this really welcoming and friendly Club.

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