

U3A Gardening group March 26 report for Forum

At the start of March the garden group had a trip out to Kiplin Hall and Gardens near Richmond North Yorkshire. We had previously had a talk from the Head Gardener about the development of the gardens. The initial plan had been to look at the snowdrops, however as the winter has been mild the snowdrops flowered early but there were still some in bloom together with hellebores, daffodils and other spring flowers.



After a warm week where it felt as though spring was in the air, Friday turned cold with sleet en route to the gardens. By the time we arrived the rain had stopped and although cold it stayed dry.

The hall has a new café which was warm and pleasant with freshly cooked goods to tempt us.

As well as looking around the grounds we were able to investigate the house which is well furnished and has lots of information boards and room guides to take us through the history of the house and the families who have lived there.

This was another enjoyable day out for the group.

In April we will be having a talk at Stainton village hall followed by a visit to Howick Hall Gardens in May.

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