

OWLS visit to Cambridge – Saturday 9th August 2014

On a lovely warm, sunny day 15 members set off in a minibus to the Cambridge Botanic Garden. Here were 40 acres of beautiful gardens, glasshouses and an arboretum. Two guides took members around the gardens, wetland areas, tree collection, and explained about the history of the garden and its glasshouses. The garden is divided into sections where we wandered through and were able to see moorhens in the “fen” area, Speckled Wood butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies. We visited the Rose Garden, the Dry Garden and the rocky areas. There was a particularly interesting border planted up with shrubs and flowers in chronological order. There was all year round interest and colour and something for everyone to enjoy.

In the afternoon we walked from the garden to the nearby Scott Polar Research Institute where we saw the polar heritage collections of artefacts and learnt about the 1912 expedition to the South Pole where Captain Scott and his companions lost their lives during their return journey.

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