

TREASURE HUNT 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017  
OADBY BOTANIC GARDENS

On a beautiful sunny morning about 24 of us arrived at the Oadby Botanic Gardens. We gathered by the gates and sorted ourselves into teams of two to four members. At 10.30am Mr Brian Stevens (who had compiled the hunt), briefed us on our task. There were sixty-seven questions to answer, some were easy, some frustrating and some quite tricky.

The gardens were lovely. For some of us it was our first visit to the gardens, for others it was a chance to refresh their memory of the gardens.

It was an ideal venue for our treasure hunt as it is very level, with wheel chair access for those who need it and plenty of seating all-round the gardens. It was lovely to just sit and enjoy the sunshine and the gardens. It was very quiet to say you were just off a main road.

The Hunt finished at 12.00noon. We all made our way to the Knoll, where our pre-arranged refreshments were provided. We were offered the most delicious homemade cakes and a most welcome cuppa, which we all enjoyed.

Mr Stevens then went through the answers with us. The scores were high. The president Mr Murdo Ferrier presented the prizes,  
1<sup>st</sup> prize to Mr Ralph & Mrs Margaret Spence, Mrs Judith & Mr Mike Gould.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize to Mrs Stella & Mrs Jeff Moore, Mrs Mary & Mr Colin Cooper.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize went to Dr Hugh & Mrs Val Mackay.

It was a very enjoyable way to spend a morning. We had good company, laughs, beautiful vistas and most welcome refreshments. Excellent value for the inclusive £5.00 we had paid. After paying for the refreshments, we are delighted to say that we donated £70.00 to the Botanic gardens.

Our thanks to the Botanic Gardens for all their assistance to  
the Friends of the Gardens for supplying our cakes and drinks.  
A big thank you to Mr Brian Stevens who was ably assisted by Rona Stevens for all their research work in setting questions and to all the members who supported the Society.

Gina Ferrier