

# IN AN ENGLISH COUNTRY GARDEN

## Mothers Union Annual Garden Trip

For their annual garden visit, this year St. Faith's Mothers' Union chose the beautiful country garden at the home of Phil & Lynn Wallace, in the lovely village of Aspley Guise.

The group numbered 32, including members and friends. The evening was perfect for the occasion, typifying an old-fashioned English summer evening.



When we arrived we were blown away by the out-standing beauty of the garden, it was breath-taking. When Phil & Lynn moved in 12 years ago the garden had been neglected and was more or less just a grass patch and the front hedge was a thirty foot high holly hedge.

They set to work on the house, which was built in 1871, then turned their attention to the restoration of the garden. The first job being to have the high brick wall, surrounding the garden, rebuilt using old bricks.

Lynn then took on the task of designing and planting the marvellous herbaceous borders, no-one but herself being allowed to touch the flower beds. Such dedication was very obvious, she certainly knows her plants. There were: Alstroemerias, Agapanthus, Foxtail lilies, Hydrangeas, Geraniums, Roses and Clematis climbing over pergolas, Veronica and Wisteria, to name just a few. I could go on and on; I haven't mentioned any shrubs. It really is a flower arranger's paradise.



Looking over the garden wall there was a wonderful panoramic view of Woburn, as the house is situated on a hill. Oh! by the way, I forgot to mention the tennis court and large greenhouse. To top it all, we were served with the most delicious coffee or chocolate sponge cakes, with tea and coffee laid on also. In fact, we were all very reluctant to leave when the evening came to an end. FANTASTIC!!