

# RHS REGISTER OF SPEAKERS

Central Region

2012



A list of speakers on  
horticultural topics

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Central Region

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RHS Register of Speakers is published as separate lists for each RHS region with an index by lecture topic. The society is grateful to all those speakers that have agreed to appear on the register and wishes users of this register an entertaining year of talks.

The main body of the register is an alphabetical list of all the speakers that live within the Central region. Each record contains the speaker's contact details, a brief biography, up to five examples of talks they provide with the relevant topic (see below) indicated in brackets, any equipment they require a society to provide, and the band (see below) into which their usual fee falls. Following this is an index of these speakers by topic.

Many speakers are prepared to travel to other RHS regions; so at the back of the register is a further index, separated into home region, of speakers that have indicated they are prepared to give talks in all or some of the Central region. The topics they cover are given in brackets. Full details of these additional speakers can be found on the register for their home region.

Topics	Fee bands
A Specific Plants e.g. Roses, Clematis	a £0-50
B Famous Gardens; Garden History; Gardening Tales	b £51-100
C Garden Styles; Gardens Round the World	c £101-200
D Garden Design inc. Water Features & Containers	d £201-500
E Tips & Techniques; Botany; Pests & Diseases	e £500+
F Plants for Places; Seasonal Planting	f Negotiable
G Wildlife; The Environment; Organic Gardening	
H Fruit & Vegetables; Growing & Showing	
I Art & Photography	
J Talks on various topics from A to I; Miscellaneous	

Societies making use of the register are asked to contact speakers direct, but please bear in mind the following points:

- Always confirm the booking in writing, agreeing all details well in advance
- Supply the speaker with a map to help them find the venue
- See that any equipment is in good working order and suitable for the speaker's needs
- Detail somebody to meet the speaker and see that they are welcomed properly, showing them where to park, helping to unload equipment etc.
- Arrange for somebody to introduce the speaker and offer thanks afterwards
- Provide the speaker with a glass of water during the lecture and appropriate hospitality – offering tea, coffee etc. – for the duration of their visit
- A speaker may have many more talks than those listed in the register; so it is worthwhile contacting them to obtain a complete list
- Fees quoted may not include travel and other expenses; these additional charges should be agreed with the speaker in advance
- Ensure any payment due is settled as soon as possible after the event

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**Allison, Mr James**

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*James Allison runs a water garden design, construction and consultancy business. He is also a writer and photographer; a former editor of the Water Garden Journal; and a qualified aquatic biologist.*

- The secrets of successful water gardening (D, E)
- Planting for ponds and wet areas (F, D)

Equipment required: Screen  
Fee: c/d

**Amos, Mr Johnnie**

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*Garden designer & BBC Gardener of the year finalist, Johnnie has been the BBC horticultural broadcast journalist and presenter of the Green Welly show & Kitchen Garden at BBC Radio Northampton, and Chairman for Gardeners Question Time. Series producer for the Commonwealth Botanic Gardens.*

- Tropical & Hardy Orchids (A)
- Pests & Diseases (E)
- The low-maintenance, not no-maintenance garden (D, E)
- Question & Answers (J)
- Fragrant & Colourful plants during the cold months (F)

Equipment required : None

Fee: c + travel

**Andrews, Dr Christopher**

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NN17 3BB

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*A birdwatcher from an early age, abandoning a career in academia to work for the RSPB. Currently visitor officer at the Top Lodge Centre in Northamptonshire. Other talks available on wildlife related topics.*

- Birds in your garden (G)
- Gardening for wildlife (G)
- Back Garden Beasties (G)

Equipment required: None

Fee: a

**Arbuthnott, Mr James**

Stone House Cottage, Nr Kidderminster DY10 4BG  
Tel: 01562 69902

*Soldier for 20 years. Nurseryman since 1979. Builder of many towers. Creator with wife, Louisa, of Stone House Cottage Gardens & Nursery*

- Flowers and towers – building towers and some unusual plants to grow on them (D)

Equipment required: Screen, stand

Fee: b + travel

**Aubury, Mr Philip**

Hill Cottage, Scarfield Hill, Alvechurch, Worcs B48 7SF  
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*Horticultural training school and parks management with Birmingham City Council. Director of The*

*Birmingham Botanical Gardens 1987-2007. Please phone or email for a full list of talks and demonstrations.*

- Alpines - building a rock garden (A)
- Vegetables - the green gym (H)
- House and Conservatory Plants (F)
- Garden Ponds & Water Features (D)
- Birmingham Botanical Gardens - past & present (B)
- Successful fruit growing – grow your own “five a day” (H)
- Pruning – the why, when and how (E)
- Labour saving gardening (E)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

**Badham, Miss Louise**

20 Wakeham Street, Worcester WR3 8BQ

Tel: 01905 26371

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*Lecturer in horticulture at Pershore College, keen gardener, vegetable and flower show judge, and allotment gardening*

- Plant propagation (A, E)
- Growing vegetables & salads (H)
- Caring for your plants' health (E)
- Gardening with children (J)
- The container garden (D)

Equipment required: Projector, screen, tables

Fee: a-b

**Banks, Mrs Elizabeth**

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Web: www.hergest.co.uk

*Landscape architect for over 20 years, specialising in historic landscape, modern design for all types of gardens. Winner of Gold Medal at Chelsea Flower Show. Also manages family 70 acre garden and arboretum, Hergest Croft Gardens on Welsh border.*

- Hergest Croft Gardens - an Edwardian garden (B)
- Maples, birches: national collections at Hergest Croft Gardens (A)
- Trees in landscape (D)
- Garden design in the 21st Century (D, C)
- Building gardens at the Chelsea Flower Show (D)

Equipment required: Screen

Fee: c

**Bates, Mr David**

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Former National Dahlia Society classification secretary and publications chairman. Over 40 years experience growing and showing and judging. Garden News dahlia columnist.

- Dahlias (A)
- Vegetables (H)

Equipment required: None

Fee: a

**Bates, Mr Jeff**

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Professional horticulturist and lecturer, giving talks to garden societies etc. for 30 years. Most talks are illustrated with slides.

- Fruit (top fruit, soft fruit) (H)
- Vegetables for small gardens (H)
- Great British Gardens (B)
- Clematis & other climbers (A)
- A range of other gardening talks (J)

Equipment required: None

Fee: a + travel

**Beerman, Mr Malcolm**

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Mob: 07789 220895

Email: mbeerman@btinternet.com

25 years growing and showing fuchsias; BFS committee member; vice chairman Leicestershire Fuchsia Society.

- Encliandra Fuchsia Shapes (Topiary) (A)
- Care and Cultivation (Fuchsias) (A)
- Baskets and Standards (Fuchsias) (A)

Equipment required: None

Fee: a

**Bevan, Mr Clive**

32 Millers Park, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire NN8 2NQ

Tel: 01933 223303

A specialist in growing and showing vegetables, especially giant vegetables. An experienced exhibitor and judge with a wealth of knowledge. In recent years a consultant to a number of celebrities who have wanted to get the most from their vegetable plots.

- Growing For Showing (H)
- Growing Giant Vegetables (H)

Equipment required: None

Fee: a-b

**Bird, Mrs Ann**

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Immediate Past President of the Royal National Rose Society, international rose judge and national amateur exhibitor, particular interest in old garden roses, Vice-President (Northern Europe) of World Federation of Rose Societies, President of Market Harborough Gardening Club, member of RNRS Gardens and Shows Committees.

- Roses for pleasure - mix of modern & old (A)
- The historic rose - emphasis on old roses (A)
- The rose in Japan - all aspects of rose culture and gardens (A)
- A gardener's journey - plants & places in the UK & abroad (B)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

**Bourne, Ms Val**

Spring Cottage, Cold Aston, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL54 3BJ

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Val Bourne is an award-winning writer who contributes to *The Daily Telegraph*, *The RHS Garden magazine*, *The English Garden* & others. She is a committed gardener who has championed gardening without chemicals for 30 years or more.

- The natural gardener (G)
- The winter garden (F)
- Dahlias (A)
- Snowdrops (A)
- Plant lore & legend (B)

Equipment required: Screen

Fee: d

Cocks, Mr & Mrs

Taylor's Clematis Nursery, Sutton Road, Sutton, Doncaster, DN6 9JZ

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Husband and wife Chris and Suzy do a talk, question time and plant sale together in a unique speakers experience. Suzy Cocks nee Taylor has worked in the family business for over 25 years, and Chris has worked growing & showing clematis for over 10 years.

- Clematis through the seasons (A)

Equipment required: None (they bring everything, including plants to sell!)

Fee: a/f

**Cooke, Mr Ian**

14 Park Close, Mapperley, Nottingham NG3 5FB

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*Horticulturalist with 35 years experience in garden design and management. Recently retired from award winning University Park in Nottingham. RHS judge. Particular interest in exotics. Author of five gardening books. Full leaflet listing many talks available.*

- Avoiding Boring Borders (F)
- Exotic Gardening (C, D)
- Water Features (D)
- Trees - friend or foe? (A)
- Victorian gardens and gardeners (B)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b-c

### **Coombs, Mr Duncan**

Holly Bank', 15 Minge Lane, Upton upon Severn, Worcestershire WR8 0NN

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*Lecturer in Decorative Horticulture at Pershore College. Keen gardener, traveller and photographer. Extensive list of further topics.*

- Gardens of China, ancient and modern (C, B)
- Lilies for your garden (A)
- Ponds, marginals and bog gardens (D)
- The shaded garden (F)
- Yunnan in China: Plant hunting from the sub-tropics to the Alps. (C, B)

Equipment required: Projector, screen

Fee: a-b

### **Dixon, Mr Stuart**

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*Widely travelled horticultural lecturer, writer and broadcaster sharing his love of the traditional English garden. Over 30 horticultural subjects covered in fully illustrated talks - many based on the restoration of his own garden at Hebbs Farm.*

- Dreaming spires - Delphiniums, Hollyhocks, Eremurus (A)
- Clematis - queen of climbers (A)
- The Garden at Hebb's Farmhouse - C18 restored garden (B)
- Paradise Gardens - Geoff Hamilton's Barnsdale (B)
- A vision of roses - old roses for a summer garden. Many more talks available. Contact for details. (A)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

### **Dowle, Mr Julian**

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*Julian Dowle has designed gardens and landscapes in UK and internationally for 40 yrs, including winning 11 Gold Medals at the Chelsea Flower Show and Best in Show for Chelsea Pensioners' Garden in 2005. He also judges with the RHS and internationally*

- The Making of a Chelsea Show garden (B)
- Turn your Garden into a Show garden (D)
- Making your garden special (D)
- Your Leisure Garden (D)
- East meets West - Japanese ideas for every garden (C, D)
- The Art of Pruning and Planting (F)

Equipment required: Projector, screen

Fee: d-f

### **Drury, Mr Howard**

8 Bagnell Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham, West Midlands B13 0SJ

Tel: 0121 443 3212

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*Ex-Edinburgh Botanics, 600+ programmes for TV. Love to work with interested groups on many aspects of gardening, keeping it light hearted & entertaining but horticulturally accurate.*

- Many subjects, including practical demonstrations & talks (J)
- Fun sessions with high-tech video projection (I)
- Large screen videos of New Zealand etc (C)
- [www.thedrurys.com](http://www.thedrurys.com) for more details (J)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b-c

### **Dyer, Mrs Glenis**

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*Ex-college lecturer in IT. 10+ years experience talking to garden clubs, WIs, U3A, HPS etc on above and other topics. Vice-Chairman and Membership Secretary of British Clematis Society.*

- Clematis - the ultimate social climber (A)
- Year-round colour in the garden (F)
- Winter bloomers on display (F)
- Favourite things - 'Must Haves' (A, F)
- History of the National Gardens Scheme (B)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

### **Edgeley, Mr John**

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Former senior lecturer in Crop Technology at Pershore College. RHS Fruit Trials Assessment panel.

- Fruit growing - all aspects (H)
- Apple identification (H)
- Vegetables (H)
- Plant propagation (E)
- Organic growing (G)

Equipment required: Screen, stand, tables

Fee: b-c

#### **Ellis, Mr James**

133 The Ridings, Rothley, Leicester LE7 7SL

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*A retired headmaster and RHS member who has been growing, exhibiting and hybridising streptocarpus for over 25 years*

- Streptocarpus (A)

Equipment required: Screen

Fee: a-b

#### **Everett, Mrs Daphne**

The Bannut, Bringsty, Herefordshire WR6 5TA

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*Retired horticulturist. Member of Institute of Horticulture and a Vice-President of The Heather Society. The 3 acre 'Garden at the Bannut' is open to the public and to groups*

- Crofters Bed to Queen of Spain - the story of heather (B, A)
- The history of the English garden (B)
- The Garden at the Bannut - the first 25 years (B)

Equipment required: None

Fee: a + travel

#### **Everett, Mr Maurice**

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*Retired university lecturer, keen photographer & gardener for over 40 years. The 3 acre 'Garden at the Bannut' is open to the public and to groups.*

- Powis Castle Gardens (B)
- The Garden at Bodnant (B)
- Tresco Abbey Garden (B)
- Gardens of South & West Ireland (C)
- Eight other talks (please telephone for leaflet or see website) (B, C)

Equipment required: None

Fee: a + travel

#### **Ferguson, Dr. I. Keith'**

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*Retired deputy keeper of Herbarium RBG Kew and head of Pollen Unit. Botanist with extensive publications, enthusiastic plantsman, knowledgeable gardener, keen photographer, widely travelled.*

- North American plants in British gardens (C)
- The hidden world of pollen grains (E)
- Plants, flamboyant to demure (F)
- Trilliums and the woodland plants of North America (A, C)
- Plant hunting in the mountains of South America (C, B)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

#### **Ffoulkes Jones, Ms Christine**

Hall Farm Nursery, Vicarage Lane, Kinnerley, Oswestry, Shropshire SY10 8EB

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Web: www.hallfarmnursery.co.uk

*Specialist herbaceous plant nursery owner. Lecturer, guest expert on local radio garden programmes. Chelsea Flower Show gold medallist (2005). Regular exhibitor at major RHS shows.*

- Herbaceous Plants (F, A)
- Ornamental Grasses (A)
- Foliage Plants (F)
- Chelsea Flower Show (H)
- Seasonal Perennials (F)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b-c

#### **Fishbourne, Mr Richard**

The Folly, Common Hill Lane, Fownhope, Herefordshire HR1 4QA

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*Previously director of Wiggly Wiggles natural gardening company, now freelance wildlife garden designer, writer, consultant and speaker. Wildlife gardener, broadcaster and naturalist*

- Bringing a Garden to Life (G, D)
- Composting with worms (G)
- Love living with wildlife (G)
- Pond creation (D)
- Increasing Biodiversity in School Grounds (G)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b/f

#### **Ford, Mr Derrick**

The Lindens, 45 Burbage Road, Burbage, Leicestershire LE10 2TS

Tel: 01455 635855

*National Certificate in Horticulture 1952. Run and own nursery. Speaker and judge from 1961. National exhibitor from 1958. 31 gold medals. Write for full list of talks.*

- Fruit & vegetables for eating and showing; soft & top fruit (H)
- Pot & container plants (D)
- Growing Fuchsias & Pelargoniums (A)
- Flowers of the Isles of Scilly (B)
- Growing Chrysanthemums, Dahlias & Gladioli (A)

Equipment required: None

Fee: Travel

### **Ford, Mr Martin**

9 Hexham Way, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY2 6QX

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*M Hort (RHS), garden writer, local radio broadcaster, horticultural advisor with 40 yrs experience in horticultural education, including 15 yrs as head of department. Email or telephone for a full list of topics.*

- Vegetable growing (H)
- Aspects of pruning (E)
- Labour-saving gardening (E)
- Shrubs for year-round interest (F)
- What's new in the gardening world (J)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

### **Gibson, Mr John**

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*Grower, hybridiser & exhibitor of daffodils with over 25 years experience. Daffodil Society & RHS judge, member of RHS Daffodil & Tulip Committee, a keen gardener, chairman of local horticultural society for over 10 years.*

- Growing & Showing Daffodils (A, E)
- Madeira, Garden of the Atlantic (C, J)
- Chelsea Highlights (C, J)
- Plant Portraits (F, J)

Equipment required: None

Fee: a + travel

### **Grant, Mrs Fiona**

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Web: www.walledgardens.net

*A garden historian, from an arts background, with extensive experience of speaking and lecturing. Founder member of the Walled Kitchen Gardens Network.*

- The history of walled kitchen gardens (B, C)

- Gardens in Art (I, B)

Equipment required: Screen

Fee: b

### **Gregory, Mr R.J.**

Mill Hill House, Elston Lane, East Stoke, Newark NG23 5QJ

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*Professional Horticulturist (M.Hort) with 50 years experience; former Ass. Dir. Leisure Services Dept. (Parks), hardy plant nurseryman; W.E.A. lecturer; garden, allotments, village show judging experience. Now retired.*

- Flower Power Plus! (J)
- Beginners bulbs (A)
- Shrubs through the year (F)
- Autumn colour (F)

Equipment required: Screen

Fee: a + travel

### **Hamilton, Mr Nick**

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Web: www.barnsdalegardens.co.uk

*Nick Hamilton is the son of Geoff, presenter of Gardeners' World for 17 years. He owns and runs Barnsdale Gardens.*

- Barnsdale - the television years (B)
- Barnsdale after Geoff (B)
- How to have vegetables all year round (H)
- Penstemon (A)
- Growing vegetables organically (H, G)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b + travel

### **Hardy, Mr Frank**

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*Ex. V.P. of Pershore College of Horticulture. Garden Guru for Webbs of Wychbold. Creator of numerous Chelsea gardens. A highly practical & humorous approach to garden talks.*

- Behind the scenes - creating a Chelsea Flower Show garden (D, C)
- Right plant, right place - a guide to the correct siting of plants (F, D)
- Herbaceous perennials - colour for spring, summer and autumn (A, D)
- Creating focal points in the garden (D, A)
- All our yesterdays - changes in gardening since 1945 (B, A)

Equipment required: Screen, tables

Fee: b

**Hervey-Brooks, Mr Paul**

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*Trained at the Royal Botanical Garden Edinburgh before working in gardens across Europe and now runs a garden design practice & is co-owner of a specialist nursery based at the Rococo garden.*

- Design & the garden (D)
- Living Landscape (D,G)
- A Plantsmans Plant (B,E)
- Stories from the showground (B,D)

Fee: b - c

**Hurlston-Gardiner, Mrs Valerie**

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*Freelance lecturer in garden history. For the past 20 yrs has lectured at colleges, summer schools, on the QE2, and also for the National Trust & RHS*

- The history of the English garden through painting (B, I)
- Follies and grottos (D)
- Painswick Rococo Garden & Thomas Robins (B)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

**Jones, Mrs Jenny**

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*As a trustee of the Herb Society and retired herbalist I am hoping to pass on my enthusiasm for herbs. I have run a herbal medical practice, designed stands for RHS & BBC gardening shows and have a City & Guilds qualification in horticulture.*

- Establishing a herb garden – design, planting and maintenance (A,D)
- Planting a bee & butterfly garden (A,D)
- Using herbs in garden management – companion planting etc.

Equipment required: Screen

Fee: A

**Jones, Mr Gordon**

110 Church Road, Hereford HR1 1RT

Tel: 01432 266759

*I have been growing, showing, judging & lecturing for many years. I have just returned from judging the American National Chrysanthemum Show in Pasadena, California.*

- Growing Chrysanthemums (A)

- Chrysanthemums from around the world (A)
- Bedding plant secrets (A)
- Growing Streptocarpus (A)

Equipment required: None

Fee: a + travel

**Jones, Mr Peter**

11 Whitecross Square, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL53 7AY

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*Wisley, Cambridge Botanic Garden trained. Head gardener at Sudeley Castle & Leonards Lee, also to Sir Terence Conran. Deputy parks supt. for Harlow New Town. Now freelancing here and abroad*

- Berried Treasures and Fragrant Delights (H)
- The North Facing Garden (D)
- Gardening on clay (F, D)
- Climate change and its effect on your garden (G)
- The labour saving garden (E)

Equipment required: Tables

Fee: b

**Kaye, Hazel**

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*Nurserywoman, plantswoman, trained to teach rural studies, experienced speaker. Member of HPS, RHS & NCCPG. Skilled photographer.*

- Herbaceous plants (inc. specific family groups) (A)
- Climbing plants and wall shrubs (A)
- Scented plants (F)
- The garden in autumn, winter & spring (F)
- Extended topic list available on request (J)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

**Kingsbury, Dr Noel**

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*Garden writer and designer. Well known through magazine articles and books e.g. 'The New Perennial Garden'. Leading exponent of contemporary European-style perennial planting.*

- "New Wave" Perennial Planting (F)
- Form and structure in planting design (F)
- Women, Men & Gardening - Do we garden differently? (J)
- Ecology, design and gardening (G)
- Is Gardening an Art?/Organic: yes or no? (G, I)

Equipment required: Digital projector, screen

Fee: d-e

**Lampard, Mr Stanley**

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*Biology teacher for 30 years. Grower of greenhouse plants of interest including carnivorous plants, cacti, succulents, orchids & bromeliads. Slides based on extensive travels to see plants in habitat, talks given with live plants for demonstration/sale*

- Biodiversity in Central America (C, G)
- Lost Worlds of Venezuela (C)
- Rainbow Country - South Africa (C)
- Plant and animal interactions (G)
- Carnivorous plants (A)

Equipment required: Projector, screen, tables

Fee: b

### **Laney, Mr Brian**

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*Involved in habitat management on a number of rare plant sites, 11 sites at present. Won awards from Plantlife International for outstanding volunteer in the field 2006.*

- Some of Britain's rare & localised wildflowers (G)
- Hunting for British Orchids (A, G)
- The Changing Flora of Northamptonshire (G)

Equipment required: Projector, screen

Fee: b

### **Leech, Mr Michael**

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*Self-taught horticulturist, botanist & entomologist. Horticultural PR consultant. Chairman Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies. AGS & HPS Member.*

- Friends and foes in the garden (E)
- Hellebores (A)
- A day with Beth Chatto (J)
- Down the garden path (J)
- Plants with personality (F)

Equipment required: None

Fee: a + travel

Marston, Mr Dean

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*I am an award winning English landscape designer and foremost horticulturalist with over 15 years solid experience. All talks are fun and informative, see website for full range.*

- Designing with Plants (D)
- Plants for Autumn & Winter (F)
- Tough plants for tough places (F)
- Year round garden & planting design (F, D)

Equipment required: none

Fee: a

### **Mason, Mr Alan**

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*Former gardens manager, Harewood House, TV & radio gardening presenter with BBC. Channel 4 (Le Manoir Garden without borders) Yorkshire TV, Anglia, Radio Lincolnshire. Founder member of the Professional Gardeners Guild*

- Creating a Garden (with slides) (D)
- Le Manoir (with slides) (B)
- Gardens of Europe - France, Italy, Spain, Portugal (with slides) (C)
- It's a Gardener's Life (with slides) (B)
- Drought-tolerant gardening (with slides) (F)

Equipment required: Screen, stand

Fee: c-d

### **Massey MBE, Mr John**

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*40 years experience as managing director of Ashwood Nurseries. 46 Gold medals at RHS shows. Veitch Memorial Medal (2003). Widely travelled to see plants in the wild.*

- Hellebores at Ashwood (A)
- Hepaticas at Ashwood (A)
- Salvias at Ashwood (A)
- Ashwood Specialities (A)
- John's Garden (a garden for all seasons) (D, F)

Equipment required: Screen, stand, extension lead

Fee: d

### **Millington (OND), Mrs Ingrid**

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*I am a professional horticulturalist, trained at Writtle. Being in the trade for over 30 years, I have worked in various jobs, including Kew Gardens, Russells of Windlesham, Birmingham Parks Department and now our family nursery started 20 years ago.*

- Herbaceous plants for colour throughout the year (F)
- Colour in the garden with bulbs throughout the year (F)
- Plant hunting on holiday (B, C)
- Autumn in the garden (F)

- Early spring perennials (F)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

### **Millington M Hort, Mr John**

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*I am a professional horticulturalist, trained at Pershore & Writtle. I worked with Birmingham Parks Department for 25 years before joining my wife in running our own nursery. I hold the NCCPG national collection of acanthus and chair the local group.*

- Primulas and auriculas (A)
- Propagation (E)
- The Dry Garden (F)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

### **Millington (LLB), Sarah**

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*I studied to be a lawyer; however, being brought up on a nursery and indoctrinated with plants from a young age, I decided to join my parents in the family nursery in 2006. I have an embarrassing passion for cannas, having close to 200 varieties.*

- Cannas (A)
- Acanthus: history and plants (A, B)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

Mikolajski, Mr Andrew

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Author of over 20 books; public speaker; lecturer in garden design and RHS certificate (Warwickshire College)

- Plants for free! (Demo/Workshop) (E)
- Garden at York Gate, Adel (B)
- Gardens of Campport Hall (B)
- A Brief history of Garden Design (B, D)
- Plants for shade (F)

Equipment required: Screen & tables

Fee: c

### **Moir, Mr Paul**

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*Director of Painswick Rococo Garden for 20 years, managing this exciting yet challenging project.*

- The history and restoration of Painswick Rococo Garden (B)

Equipment required: Screen

Fee: b

### **Moule, Mr Reg**

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*From horticultural family, Pershore trained, nursery/garden centre manager. Lecturer 35 years. Award-winning broadcaster with BBC Radio and ITV*

- Over 20 subjects; please apply for details (J)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

### **Mylechreest, Dr Murray**

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*FI Hort with extensive lecturing experience. Author of papers on historical aspects of horticultural science. Currently researching garden history for National Trust. Professional career in education*

- Botany for gardeners (E)
- Gardens in trust (B)
- Thomas Andrew Knight (1759-1838): A pioneer and an RHS president (B)
- Sugar & spice and all things nice - plants used by people (F)
- Snippets and Cuttings - plants in the news (J)

Equipment required: Screen

Fee: b

### **Page, Dr John**

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*Specialist interest in garden design, features and planting throughout the British Isles and leader of many tours. Author of numerous plant and gardening articles.*

- Gardens of the Southwest (B, C)
- The joys of Scottish gardens (B, C)
- The joys of Irish gardens (B, C)

- The contemporary alpine garden (B, C)
- Edwardian gardens (B, C)

Equipment required: None

Fee: a

**Paviour, Mr Mark**

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Herefordshire, HR6 9UA

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*Involved in professional horticulture for more than three decades, now a horticultural consultant and nurseryman.*

- The Plant Introductions of William Lobb (A,B)
- Chilean plants for your garden (A)
- The year-round shrub garden (A)
- Some gardens of Cornwall and the South West (B)
- Other titles available (J)

Fee: b

**Perkins, Mr J Austen**

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*Retired professional horticulturist. Wisley trained, followed by work with Parks Department, horticultural lecturing and finally appointed as Superintendent of gardens for University of Bristol.*

- Seed sowing, bench demonstration (E)
- Towards Greener Gardening (G)
- Island gardens of Britain (B)
- Royal Gardens (B)
- Herbaceous plantings, talk with slides (F)

Equipment required: None

Fee: a

**Phillips, Mr Stuart**

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*A horticultural consultant and trainer with more than 25 years experience of lecturing on a wide range of horticultural topics*

- Plant Folklore (J, B)
- Mysteries of pruning (E, J)
- Feeds and Fertilisers (E, J)
- Views of Kew (B, C)
- Plants for Small Gardens (F, D)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

**Pittwood, Mrs Pam**

Radnor Cottage, Clunton, Craven Arms, Shropshire SY7  
QJA

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*Passionate, (hopefully) knowledgeable amateur; have spent the last 20 years developing 2 acre garden with widely varying planting situations - from sunny terraces to damp shade; from alpine troughs to pond and bog. Garden open for NGS, Good Gardens Guide.*

- 1001 Varieties - hardy geraniums (A)
- A host of golden daffodils (A)
- Shortening days - the autumn garden (F)
- Making the Most of Wet Ground (F)
- Garden Open! (B, J)

Equipment required: None

Fee: a

**Rayner, Mrs Patricia**

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*We have been going to Japan annually for the past 10 years, have a Japanese daughter-in-law and love the country, its gardens and traditions.*

- Role of nature in Japanese life (J)

Equipment required: Projector, screen

Fee: a

**Ritchie, Mrs Julie**

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*Lecturing for 18 years mainly based on experience running a specialist nursery. Lectured at Pershore RHS Centre. Occasional appearances on Radio Gloucestershire 'Gardeners' Questions'.*

- A perennial year (J)
- Easy alpines and low-growing perennials (F, J)
- Hardy geraniums (A)
- Late summer colour (F, J)
- Propagation (perennials and alpines) (E)

Equipment required: Screen

Fee: b/f

**Rollason, Mr Alan**

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*Past chairman British Cactus and Succulent Society Birmingham Branch. Past shows sec. Cactus Soc. Birmingham Branch. Avid collector for 25 yrs.*

- Cacti and succulents in general (A)
- Genus haworthia (S. African succulent) (A)

Equipment required: Screen

Fee: a

**Russell, Mrs Susan**

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*A lively lecturer & experienced nurserywoman, Sue has chaired the RHS Pinks Committee & lectured societies for many years.*

- Pinks (A)
- Old-fashioned roses (A)
- Climbing Plants (F)
- The Herbaceous Border (F)
- Plants for Difficult Places (F)

Equipment required: None

Fee: a + travel

**Salisbury, Ms Rachel**

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*10 years as lecturer and course organiser in Continuing Studies Dept. Birmingham University, running courses in horticulture and garden history. 20 years experience speaking to garden clubs.*

- Plant propagation (E)
- Plants for hot spots (F)
- The plant hunters (B)
- The cottage garden (C)
- The conservation garden (G, B)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

**Salt, Mr Len**

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*Lifetime experience in amenity horticulture, 30 years head gardener at Birmingham Botanical Gardens and Glasshouses, 25 years leading garden holidays for national holiday companies, 30 years garden judge and horticultural show judge.*

- Creating interest in the small garden (D, F)
- Colour and interest in the conservatory (F, D)
- Fascinating and remarkable trees (A, B)
- Plants in history and legend (B)
- The fascination of tropical glasshouse plants (F, B)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

**Sharples, Mr Philip**

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*Senior college lecturer for 10 years, specialising on the grass plant. Published on numerous occasions, author of the 'Lawn eBook' and the newly released 'The Lawn Guide'.*

- The easy way to a perfect lawn (A, E)
- The top 10 turf tips (E, J)
- Year of the lawn - a month-by-month guide to lawn care (A, E)
- The role of grasses in the garden (A, E)
- Organic lawn care (A, E)

Equipment required: Screen

Fee: c

**Sinclair, Mr Gerald**

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*Nurseryman with an enthusiasm for hardy geraniums, daylilies and other perennials. Experienced teacher and lecturer. Holder of a National Plant Collection of Hemerocallis*

- Hardy Geraniums (A)
- Discovering Daylilies (A)
- Late Summer Perennials (F)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

**Smith, Mr Ben**

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*Chartered Landscape Architect with Advanced Diploma in Horticulture & Master of Science degree in Environmental Resources. Over 30 years experience working in horticulture and landscape architecture.*

- Garden design (D)
- Low maintenance gardens (D)
- Landscape Architecture (D)

Equipment required: None

Fee: c

**Smith, Mrs Carol**

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*Trained at Pershore. Two showgardens at Gardeners' World, Chelsea 2005, love plants and gardening (have done for 20+ years). Completed degree in garden & landscape design. Work full-time in garden design. Lectures at Pershore part-time in garden design.*

- 'The Chelsea Garden - from concept to completion' (D, B)
- Low maintenance planting (F)

- The Tree of Life Garden (B)
- Planting From a Different Perspective (F)
- Design Principles (D)

Equipment required: Projector, screen

Fee: b

### Smith, Mrs Linda

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*All talks illustrated. Has 12 years experience as an aquatic nursery owner propagating and retailing pond and bog plants. Also teach aquatics to colleges & talk to leisure gardeners & garden clubs.*

- Ponds and their Plants (F, D)
- Pond Plants and Wildlife Throughout the Year (G, F)
- Bog Gardens - Construction and Planting (D, F)
- Water in small garden spaces (D)
- The pond year from propagation to pests (E)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b + expenses

### Spires, Mr John

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*I have been growing orchids for over 20 years and am a judge for the British Orchid Council.*

- Orchids and how to grow them (A)

Equipment required: None

Fee: a

### Stirland, John

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*Over 40 years practical experience in private gardening and horticultural research. Award-winning local radio expert & East Midlands TV gardener. Writes for local newspaper and national magazine My Weekly. College lecturer in horticulture & conservation.*

- Plant propagation (E)
- Gardening with Wildlife (G)
- The Winter Garden (G)
- A life in gardening, with question time (J, B)

Equipment required: None

Fee: c/f

### Tarver, Mr David

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*Lecturer Loughborough College of Art 30+ yrs. Secretary National Auricula & Primula Society, Midland & West Section. Talks to garden societies 10+ yrs. NAPS publications on Auricula history & Auricula theatres and stages.*

- Auriculas & their history (A)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b/f

### Thornton, Mr David

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*Secretary of the National Vegetable Society for the past seven years. Vegetable exhibitor at national level. UK carrot champion in 2005 and 2006.*

- Pests & Diseases of Vegetables (H, E)
- Growing vegetables for showing (H)
- All about fertilisers (H, E)
- Top tips for tomato growers (H, E)
- Health aspects of eating fruit & vegetables (H, J)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

### Trinder, Mr John

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*Former lecturer in horticulture in landscape & design faculty. Now maintains an NGS garden which has been seen on TV and in gardening magazines.*

- The Iris Year (A, F)
- Introduction to Ferns (A)
- Cottage Garden Style and Plants (C, A)
- Bulbs for summer and autumn (A, F)
- Choosing grasses (F)

Equipment required: Screen

Fee: b

### Turner, Mr Roger

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*Architect, garden designer. Designed gardens at Chelsea and at garden festivals. Author of 5 books, on Capability Brown, garden design, euphorbias and tall perennials.*

- Improve the look of your garden (D, E)
- Plant associations and borders (F, C)
- Graceful grasses and first-rate ferns (A, F)

- Gertrude Jekyll and the classic English garden (B, C)
- Many other subjects - see website (J)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b

### Umpelby, Mr Roger

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*Professional entomologist and horticulturalist with many years experience in consultancy and research. A passionate plant and nature lover who enjoys sharing his respect for the natural world with anyone prepared to listen. Contact for full talk list.*

- Friends and foes in the garden (E)
- Fruit and/or vegetable growing today (H)
- Pest and disease control without chemicals? (G, E)
- How to love lily beetles and admire slugs - the true facts about our most feared pests (E)
- A plant-lover's view of New Zealand (C)

Equipment required: None

Fee: a-b

### Ward, Dr Andrew

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*Nursery owner specialising in rare & unusual herbaceous perennials. Gardens include woodland, mediterranean amphitheatre, hot beds and daisies, especially hardy chrysanthemums, bog plants. Was Chairman of Notts/Derbyshire NCCPG for 11 years.*

- Plants that excite (F)
- Delightful daisies (A)
- Perfect poppies and marvellous mints (A)
- Year of the garden colour (F)
- Plant and Prejudice (F)

Equipment required: Tables

Fee: b-c

### Weston, Mr Rodney

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*Leicestershire/Garden Organic Master Composter attending local shows and events to promote composting. Owner of 8 compost bins and three wormeries, active in NSALG, and organises county annual Best Compost and Compost Bin competitions.*

- Composting at home and compost teas (J)
- Composting and wormeries (J)

Equipment required: Screen & Table

Fee: A

### White, Rev'd Brian

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*Retired methodist minister with the largest collection of scented pelargoniums in Great Britain and possibly Europe (over 250 varieties). Hybridizer.*

- Life around scented leaf pelargoniums (A)
- Pelargonium propagation, digital presentation (A)

Equipment required: None

Fee: b + travel

### Wood, Mr Aubrey

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*I have been a horticulturalist for over 50 years. Since 1955 I have travelled to every continent and collected/grown plants. My lectures are based on my experiences*

- Colour in your garden (D, F)
- Australasian plants (C)
- South American plants (C)
- Companion plants (D)

Equipment required: Tables

Fee: b

### Wynne-Jones, Ms Davina

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*Owner of Herbs for Healing garden and nursery. Knowledge of growing and using herbs medicinally and cosmetically. Previously worked as an artist. Knowledge of design. Daughter of Rosemary Verey.*

- Medicinal plants in the garden – their uses and attractions (A)
- Plants as healers (J)
- What I learnt from my mother, Rosemary Verey (B)
- Demonstration of cream & ointment making (J)

Equipment required: Screen

Fee: b

### Young, Mrs Susan

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Web: [www.skygardeninganddesign.com](http://www.skygardeninganddesign.com)  
 Professional gardener since 2002, RHS Dip in Horticulture & Head Gardener since 2005. Qualified and practicing in Garden Design since 2006. Member of Society of Garden Designers & the Professional Gardeners' Guild. Own wildlife/organic garden open under the National Gardens Scheme.

- Design in your garden (D)
- Equipment required: Screen  
 Fee: a + expenses

### **Campaign for National Parks,**

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 Tel: 01865 880359  
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*Mr Thornton coordinates CNP's 50 voluntary speakers. Mostly professionals in other fields, all are committed to*

*the highest standards of landscape protection and management and to spreading love and understanding of our National Parks' outstanding scenery*

- The natural beauty and diversity of the 12 national parks of England and Wales, needing careful protection and management to ensure future standards (G, J)

Equipment required: Varies  
 Fee: f

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