

# RHS REGISTER OF SPEAKERS

## A list of speakers on horticultural topics

The register is an alphabetical list of speakers that offer talks. Each record contains the speaker's contact details, a brief biography and up to five examples of talks they provide, along with any equipment they require a society to provide and their fee band.

To identify which regions the speakers offer talks in please consult the 'Speakers by Region' document on the RHS website. Many speakers are prepared to travel outside their regions, so pick a topic that your group is interested in and contact the relevant speaker.

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 in advance
- Check equipment is in good working order and suitable for the speaker's needs
- Arrange for somebody to meet the speaker, helping to unload equipment etc.
- Arrange for somebody to introduce the speaker and offer thanks afterwards
- Provide the speaker with refreshments 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.

If you would like to add your own details to the register, please complete the online form: <https://rhscommunities.wufoo.com/forms/speakers-registration-form/> The registers are updated once a month and your entry will be included in the next month's register. If you have any questions about the registers, please contact: [communities@rhs.org.uk](mailto:communities@rhs.org.uk) / 020 7821 3069.

**Please note:** this is a free service provided by the RHS to assist speakers and societies alike. A speaker's appearance on the register does not confer any endorsement by the RHS. The RHS is not responsible for third parties contacting individuals listed in the RHS Register of Speakers.

**Abel, Michael**

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 Chelmsford, Essex  
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*MSc Horticulture, 10 years commercial fruit and vegetable growing, 20 years lecturing in horticulture at Writtle College and a lifetime of gardening experience! Currently work for Agralan Ltd, suppliers of biological controls and bumblebees for pollination.*

- Fruit Growing- Planting, Pruning & Caring for Fruit Trees
- Biological & Non-Chemical Control of Pests
- Vegetable Growing

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen & Projector (for laptop)

**Allison, Mr James**

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 Cheltenham, Gloucestershire  
 GL50 2UG

01242244608

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www.watgardensolutions.co.uk

*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
- Planting for ponds and damp gardens

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: Screen

**Andrews, Dr Chris**

RSPB office, Roads Farmhouse  
 Frampton Roads, Frampton  
 Boston, Lincolnshire

PE20 1AY

01205725143

07795616969

Email: chris.andrews@rspb.org.uk

*Having given up a career in chemistry to follow his love of wildlife, Chris has worked for the RSPB since 2006. He is currently Visitor Services Officer at the Frampton Marsh reserve in Lincolnshire*

- Birds in Your Garden
- Gardening for Wildlife
- Back Garden Beasts

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: None

**Armitage, John**

34 Farrar Lane

Adel

Leeds, West Yorkshire

LS16 7AA

01132677297

Email: jarmitagebonsai@hotmail.co.uk

*I have been involved in bonsai for over 25 years and I have spent a good deal of time studying the subject in japan. I am in demand as a bonsai teacher both in the UK and abroad.*

- bonsai

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required:

**Aubury, Philip**

Hill Cottage

Scarfield Hill

ALvechurch, Worcestershire

B48 7SF

01214453895

Email: p\_aubury@yahoo.co.uk

*Nursey production and garden centre management. Followed by 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 which includes a seasonal fun gardening quiz, very popular at Christmas.*

- Vegetable Growing - the green gym.
- Successful Fruit Growing - grow your own 'five a day'.
- Conservatory and House Plants - a survival guide.
- Pruning - The why, when and how.
- Labour Saving Gardening

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: No equipment required as I bring everything myself.

**Aviolet, Jacqueline**

Fieldview Cottage

Pratling Street

Aylesford, Kent

ME20 7DG

01622715777

07740696277

Email: jcaviolet@aol.com

rosiesgardenplants.biz

*I'm in my 24th year of running Rosie's Garden Plants and as a public speaker. My style is informative, enthusiastic and amusing. I like to encourage all things horticultural with humour. I also bring along plants to sell. And via negotiation will travel anywhere in the world.*

- Asters - history & propagation
- Botanically Speaking - Greek & Latin plant names explained
- Hardy Geraniums - history & propagation
- I am a tulip what are you? - plants with people's names, terms of endearment & quirky words
- Nat/Bot - natural history & botanical quiz

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: I am a real live speaker and only occasionally require a screen and projector.

**Baker, Terry**

Botanic Nursery

Atworth

Melksham, Wiltshire

SN12 8HU

07850328756

Email: office@botanicnursery.co.uk

www.botanicnursery.co.uk

*Garden consultant and Nurseryman with nearly 40 years experience in horticulture. Terry is a passionate plant propagator and loves to enthuse others. He has extensive knowledge of many plants and their habitats and growing needs.*

- Digitalis (Holders of National Collection for Plant Heritage)
- Choice plants for lime soils, shrubs & perennials

- Propagation of less usual plants to include seed and vegetative methods
- Gardeners Question Time (You ask the questions various or specify topic)
- Less usual perennials

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: Non required will bring own equipment

**Balston, Mr Michael**

Balston Agius Ltd., Long Barn,

Manor Farm Lane, Patney

Devizes, Wiltshire

SN10 3RB

01380848181

07989387973

Email: mb@balstonagius.co.uk

www.balstonagius.co.uk

*A qualified architect, landscape architect and senior director of Balston Agius - a landscape design practice based in Wiltshire and London, which operates on both a national and international basis. Michael is a Gold Medal winner at Chelsea, an author, and until recently a member of Council of the RHS.*

- Behind the scenes at Chelsea Flower Show

Fee: Negotiable

Equipment required: None.

**Barton, Gwendoline**

25 Wychwood Cres

Earley

Reading

Berks

01189620343

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Email: wjbarton@dialstart.net

http.www.dialstart.net

*Ex-pat wife having lived in many 3rd world countries. Vice-chair of E. Reading Horti. Soc. Spoeaker for 15 years. All my talks include plants & humour.*

- Astride the tropic of Capricorn . (Namibia)
- The Floriade 1 & 2 (Holland etc)
- Galloping in the Galapagos (Ecuador/Galapagos/Jungle)
- Freedom of Freetown (Sierra Leone with plants)

- Lets Samba in S. America (Chile, Argentina/Brazil)

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: Screen although I have one.

#### **Beerman, Mr Malcolm**

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Leicestershire

Leicester

LE 8 4FR

01162774146

07810610732

Email: mbeerman@btinternet.com

- Fuchsia topiary-Anything Fuchsias

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required:

#### **Bell (nee Walsh-Batory), Julie MHort**

Studland, Pless Road

Milford on Sea

Lymington, Hants

SO41 0NY

01590645657

07971188454

Email: jmbatory@btinternet.com

- Stress free gardening
- Keep it simple - the no dig option
- Trees & shrubs for the small garden
- Herbaceous perennials
- Love the wildlife in your garden

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: None

#### **Beswick, Anne**

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Styal

Wilmslow, Cheshire

SK9 4LF

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07505691105

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*An ex-biology teacher turned Garden Designer, I have silver-gilt and gold awards from RHS Tatton, written for the gardening press and appeared on Woman's Hour talking about gardening. I am also a local tourguide taking visitors around local sights and gardens.*

- Garden Design for an Easier Life
- Gardening for Wildlife
- A History of Manchester in Ten Plants

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: screen, table, extension lead.

#### **Bevan, Mr Clive**

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Wellingborough, Northants

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01933223303

Email: lynnswright1@sky.com

*I have gained a variety of experience in horticulture working for HMP. I specialise in growing vegetables for both exhibition and giant classes winning prizes and trophies. I have recently co-written a book on Giant vegetable growing, and have travelled repeatedly to Malaysia promoting and Growing Giants.*

- Growing For Showing
- Growing Giant Veg

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required:

#### **BEVAN, DAVID**

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Bounds Green

London

N11 2QJ

02088896375

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freespace.virgin.net/conserving.bevan

*Nature Conservation Officer (retired); past President of London Natural History Society; tutor in Ecology and Conservation at Birkbeck College, London University; WEA tutor in Environmental Science for 25 years. Fellow of Linnean Society of London; London Secretary of the Wild Flower Society. Member of Institute of Ecological and Environmental Managers.*

- Creating a Butterfly Garden
- Wild Flowers in the Garden
- London's Wild Flowers
- Gardening for Wildlife
- Wildlife at Christmas

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen and projector stand.

**Biggs, Ray**

13 School Lane

Edenham

Bourne

PE10 0LP

01778591195

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*Manager at Grimsthorpe Castle since 1997, with over 25 years experience at historic sites. Ray has studied the history of the gardens at Grimsthorpe and he uses examples from other gardens to illustrate garden history.*

- Garden Evolution at an English Estate
- From Wildwood to Cream Teas
- Grimsthorpe - a quintessential English Estate

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: screen

**Bird, Mrs Ann C**

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Market Harborough

Leics

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*Past President, Royal National Rose Society.*

*International lecturer and rose judge for 30 years, national amateur exhibitor. Vice-President, (Northern Europe) of World Federation of Rose Societies. RNRS Director and member of RNRS Trials and Gardens Committee. Life President, Market Harborough Gardening Club.*

- The World of Roses
- The Historic Rose - emphasis on old garden roses
- The Rose in Japan all aspects of rose culture and gardens
- A Gardener's Journey - plants and places in the UK and abroad

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required:

**Blow, Martin**

Yew Tree House, Hall Lane

Hankelow

Crewe, Cheshire

CW3 0JB

01270811443

07716990695

Email: plants@specialperennials.com

www.specialperennials.com

*Entertaining and enthusiastic talks with brilliant, high quality digital slides make for a lively and enjoyable talk. Our talks are suitable for a wide range of audiences from specialist societies to general interest groups. We travel up to 1 hour from our home*

- Late Bloomers, Special Perennials for late colour
- Feeling Hot! Hot! Hot!" - Creating heat and excitement in your plantings using colour, shape and plant associations.
- "Beauty for More than a Day - Day Lilies in the Garden"
- "Gardening with Perennials"
- "Perfect Partners": Are you looking for plants that are great in the bed together?

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: Project stand or table.

Display tables. Working electrical socket. Car parking.

**Bossom, Bill**

27 Brodie Road

Enfield

Middlesex

London

02082450733

*I started gardening as an evacuee 1940 on a farm in Suffolk. I have passed the RNRS and NDS judging exams and am a member of various judges guilds. I have lectured extensively with over 40 years of experience and have appeared in the film 'Gardening in Britain'.*

- My World of Roses
- Horticultural Exhibiting, How to
- Gardens of Capel Manor
- Travel: 3 weeks in Canada
- Grandads Garden, I am Grandad - 'The First 80 Years'

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Cup of tea and biscuit.

Occasional overnight accommodation relevant to distance traveled.

**Boughen, Tony**

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 Monument Road  
 Bicker, Lincolnshire  
 PE20 3DJ  
 01775822291

Email: tonyboughen@yahoo.co.uk

*I am a former headteacher, a life-long gardener and a photographer with published work. I have wide experience of public speaking and the ability to make my presentations both entertaining and informative. In recent years I have been well-received by many garden societies across Lincolnshire and the East Midlands.*

- 250 Years of Kew Gardens
- Drought-Resistant Gardening
- Ideas for Better Photographs of Your Garden
- Attracting Birds to Your Garden

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: None, I bring all that I need.

**Bourne, Val**

Spring Cottage  
 Cold Aston  
 Cheletenham, Glos  
 GL54 3BJ  
 01451821041  
 07974022018

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www.valbourne.co.uk

*Val Bourne is an award-winning writer, dedicated organic gardener and pioneer of the natural garden. She also judges dahlias and perennials at RHS Wisley. Her columns appear in the Daily Telegraph, Gardens Illustrated, Saga, Crocus etc.*

- The Natural Gardener
- Vegetables Organically
- Snowdrops
- Dahlias
- Spring Cottage -Val Bourne's Garden

Fee: £201 - £500

Equipment required: screen long extension lead

**Bowes, Russell**

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Eltham

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SE9 6SF

02088502395

Email: russbowes@supanet.com

www.capabilitybowes.com

*Awarded the Diploma in Garden History from London University in 2000. 12 years lecturing experience for large and small groups. Keen practical gardener with interest in period plants, styles and techniques*

- The Painted Garden
- Dig for Victory
- The Capable Mr. Brown
- The Inexhaustible Mr. Paxton
- Say It With Poison

Fee: Negotiable

Equipment required: Screen, stand for projection equipment, 2 socket extension cable.

**Broughton, Ray**

Holly Tree Cottage, South Drive,  
 Littleton  
 WinchesterHampshire  
 SO22 6PY

07514064551

07514064551

Email: RJB.Horticulture@gmail.com

- Pests and diseases in the garden
- Topical tips and new ideas
- Vegetable growing for the domestic gardener
- Pruning trees and shrubs

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: I will provide all equipment.

**Brown, Michael**

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 Westone  
 Northampton, Northamptonshire  
 NN3 3DX  
 01604470651

Email: michaelbmike@gmail.com

*I have been a Head Gardener and a College Lecturer during my career. I studied for my MA in Garden History at Birkbeck, London. I researched medieval gardens and the uses of the plants. Later,*

*I created the medieval gardens at the Prebendal Manor at Nassington, Northamptonshire.*

- 'Gardens in the Age of Chivalry' - Medieval Gardens- garden features, uses of the garden and some plants.
- 'In a Monastery Garden' - Monastic Gardens, their uses symbolism and features.
- 'Death in the Garden' - Poisonous plants. Myths, Magic, passion and Murder.
- 'Many a Sundry Flower' - The early uses of plants: medical, culinary, cosmetic and practical.
- 'Shakespeare's Flowers' – Flowers in the Bard's plays.

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: I provide all equipment except a table for my laptop and projector.

**Brown, Kathy**

The Manor House  
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MK43 7QB  
01234822064  
07500464149  
Email: kathy\_brown@tinyworld.co.uk  
kathybrownsgarden.com

*I am an enthusiastic gardening author as well as a garden designer. I also look after and open my own garden at The Manor House, Stevington, north Bedfordshire welcoming Groups and the Public. I offer group visitors Edible Flower Demonstrations. Please see website [www.kathybrownsgardn.com](http://www.kathybrownsgardn.com)*

- Distinctive Container Gardening for Spring and Summer
- Distinctive Container Gardening for Autumn and Winter
- Planning and Planting the Winter Garden
- Making the most of Clematis
- Edible Flowers; tasty treats and the hidden larder

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required:

**Brownsword, Malcolm**

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Didcot, Oxfordshire

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01235850668

Email: malcolm.brownsword@tesco.net

*Retired chemist, keen amateur gardener, photographer and lecturer for almost 50 years. Interests include Japanese gardens, hardy and near hardy orchids, especially pleiones. Nine presentations available. Please e-mail or telephone for full details. All equipment supplied. For the AV show, the audience chooses from a long list of short AVs.*

- Butterflies and Orchids of the Upper Thames
- Growing Hardy Orchids
- Pleiones - Easy-to-grow Inexpensive Windowsill Orchids
- Audio-visual Show
- Gardens of Japan

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: None

**Buchan, Ursula**

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Main Street, Glapthorn  
Peterborough, Northants  
PE8 5BE  
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07904358524

Email: ubuchan@talk21.com

[www.ursula-buchan.co.uk](http://www.ursula-buchan.co.uk)

*I am a trained gardener who has spent more than thirty years as a journalist, author and public speaker.*

- A Short History of the English Garden
- Scents and Sensibility: Using Scent Sensibly in the Garden
- A Green and Pleasant Land: How England's Gardeners Fought the Second World War
- Why Garden?
- Garden People: Valerie Finnis, the pioneering photographer and her pictures of post-war gardeners

Fee: £201 - £500

Equipment required: Screen, projector and laptop stand.

**Bulstrode, Bennett Gordon**

Rose Cottage  
8 Wolseley Road

Parkstone, Poole

Dorset BH12 2DP

01202734088

Email: bg.bulstrode@btinternet.com

*Growing and showing sweet peas for 50 years*

*National Sweet Pea Committee for 40 years RHS*

*Sweet Pea Trials Committee for 20 years*

- Sweet Peas - Exhibition and Home

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: None required (I will only travel a maximum of 50 miles)

### **Burrows, John**

'Whispers'

6 Marney Way

Frinton-on-Sea, Essex

CO13 9NZ

01255671998

Email: correx2002@yahoo.co.uk

*Qualified Horticulturalist and Horticultural Judge over 25 years. National Veg and National Daffodil judge qualified but judge all disciplines incl fruit (top and soft), all flowers and shrubs etc, gardens and trade stands, allotments etc.*

- Preparation and Presentation of Horticultural Exhibits for your village/town show
- Growing and Showing Daffodils
- A True account of a voyage to Australia and New Zealand with 28 Dogs and 6 Cats.

Fee: Negotiable

Equipment required: No equipment required. I do not use slides etc.

### **CHADWELL, CHRIS**

81 PARLAUNT ROAD

SLOUGHBERKSHIRE

SL3 8BE

01753542823

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www.chadwellseeds.co.uk

*Freelance lecturer, photographer and plant hunter; leader of 27 expeditions along the Himalaya. 30 years experience speaking to wide variety of garden clubs and horticultural societies all over UK. Undertaken 5 lecture tours in N.America. Proprietor of Chadwell Seeds since 1984. Has many other talks available.*

- PARADISE ON EARTH: The Beautiful Flowers of Kashmir
- PLANT INTRODUCTIONS AT NATIONAL TRUST and other properties
- WILD FLOWERS OF BRITAIN
- LILIES, LAMAS and LEECHES: plant hunting in Nepal
- GROWING FROM SEED

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen and extension lead (2-socket) of suitable size for venue.

### **Chamberlain, Mrs Lesley**

Dew Cottage

Beaumont Road

Worthing West Sussex

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01903820813

07950105966

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lcgardens.co.uk

*Lesley has lived and gardened in such countries as Asia, Europe and the USA for many years before finally returning to England. She holds RHS Qualifications and a City&Guilds In Garden Design. She has built and designed many gardens in the south east and has a passion for Garden History.*

- Gertrude Jekyll Discovering her life & Gardens
- Frederick Stern and his Chalk Garden at Highdown
- Garden Design made simple, Tips and Techniques for all Gardeners
- Secret Sussex Gardens, A look around the best of its private gardens
- Great Plants for Problem Spaces

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required:

### **Chan, Peter**

Herons

Wiremill Lane, Newchapel

Lingfield, Surrey

RH7 6HJ

01342832657

07890868130

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herons.co.uk

- Bonsai



- Japanese Gardening

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required:

### **Charlesworth, Dr Simon**

Downderry Nursery

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Tonbridge, Kent

TN11 9SW

01732810081

07956101252

Email: [info@downderry-nursery.co.uk](mailto:info@downderry-nursery.co.uk)

[www.downderry-nursery.co.uk](http://www.downderry-nursery.co.uk)

*Simon is the creator/owner of Downderry Nursery (1991), the multi-award winning lavender specialist, holder of the Plant Heritage Scientific National Plant Collection of Lavender and a leading expert on all aspects. Talk covers taxonomy, cultivation, breeding, showing and distilling. Informative and entertaining style. A speaker for over 15 years.*

- A World of Lavender

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: 2 x 6' tables

### **Christie, Ian James**

Downfield

Westmuir

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*Nursery owner 30 years, Past President SRGC, Meconopsis group committee. Meconopsis trials committee World wide speaker, Writer for SRGC journal.*

- Meconopsis and Woodland
- Looking forward to Spring
- Snowdrops some recent finds in Scotland
- Scottish native flowers
- The Nursery Garden

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: Screen and projector for distant talks

### **Clark, Roger**

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Newton Abbot, Devon

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01626832746

07814257373

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*FOR MANY YEARS HEAD GARDENER,NURSERY MANAGER,PROPAGATER AT GREENWAY GARDENS WHEN IT WAS IN THE HANDS OF AGATHA CHRISTIES FAMILY.TOUR LEADER TO JAPAN,CHINA,COSTA RICA AND MANY EUROPEAN VENUES. HAVE MY OWN SMALL GARDEN FULL OF MANY RARE AND BEAUTIFUL PLANTS.NOW SELF EMPLOYED.*

- Beyond Greenway
- Plants,people and places

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: NIL BUT SCREEN ALWAYS APPRECIATED IF GOOD QUALITY.

### **Clear, Tony**

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*Trained in landscape and amenity horticulture in Surrey and has been involved in horticulture for more than 45 years. Moving to Worcestershire he took up a position as assistant gardener at Spetchley Park Gardens Staying for 17 years. Employed as Gardener at Brook Cottage Gardens for the past 20 years.*

- Patios and Pots
- Wildlife Visitors. Love em or Hate em.
- Planting for Winter Colour
- Brook Cottage Gardens "Through the Years".
- Getting to Grips with Pests & Diseases

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Normally supplies all equipment needed.

### **Cole, Tom**

'Carpenters'

33a London Road  
Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire  
CM21 9EH  
07594937378

Email: tomcole8@hotmail.com

*Head of Faculty for Further Education at Writtle College covering Agriculture, Countryside and Horticulture. Lecturing for 23 years specialising in propagation and all garden techniques of plant establishment and maintenance. Regular presenter with Ken Crowther on BBC Radio Essex. Editor for Country Gardening & Lifestyles magazine.*

*Allotment holder*

- Perennials
- Edible growing: fruit, veg, herbs and protected cropping
- Plant propagation: perennials through to a variety of woodies
- Pruning: step-by-step tips for success; shrubs and a variety of climbers
- Gardeners' Question Time: seasonal and bespoke to club/ society

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: screen and access to lead + table for projector and laptop

### **Cook, Vanessa**

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Stewart Lane  
Stillingfleet, York  
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01904728506

vanessa.cook@stillingfleetlodgenurseries.co.uk  
www.stillingfleetlodgenurseries.co.uk

*Trained at Askham Bryan College, 25+ years running herbaceous plant nursery, did hold Pulmonaria Nat Collection for 10 years and have opened my garden and run workshops for the last 10 years. Especially interested in foliage and run the garden organically*

- Foliage is better than flowers ?
- My garden through the year
- Pulmonaria and Hardy Geraniums
- Hardy Geraniums
- Pulmonaria

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: Screen, projector stand and extension lead

### **Cooke, Ian**

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Nottingham, Nottinghamshire  
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*Retired horticulturalist, previously Grounds Manager for award winning University of Nottingham, RHS Associate of Honour, RHS judge for Chelsea and major shows, author nine published books, garden designer, horticultural consultant, judge East Midlands in Bloom, splits time between Nottingham in the UK and California, lots of other topics on website*

- From the Tropics to the Trent - exotic gardening in a cool climate
- Design of Small Gardens
- Gardening in Paradise - My winter home - Palm Springs, California
- In Bloom - creating winning entries for garden competitions
- Avoiding Boring Borders - creating perfect planting schemes

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required:

### **Cox, Kenneth**

Glendoick Gardens  
Perth  
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www.glendoick.com

*World expert on Rhododendrons, Plant Hunting. Scotland's Best selling Horticultural Writer. Award winning Author of 11 Books on Rhododendrons, Plant Hunting and Scottish Gardening. Experienced Speaker much travelled internationally lecturing. Plant Breeder. Can tailor talks for Horticultural, general or book festival audience.*

- Rhododendrons on 4 Continents
- Fruit and Vegetables for Scotland
- Gardens of Scotland
- Riddle of the Tsangpo Gorges: Plant hunting in Tibet
- George Forrest and Frank Kingdon Ward Rival Plant Hunters

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: Largest possible screen, digital projector running 2010 or later version of MS Powerpoint. Remote control.

**Crebbin-Bailey, James**

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www.topiaryarts.com

*James Crebbin-Bailey is recognised as a specialist in sculptural topiary, creating new and innovative shapes as well as classical designs and the restoration of topiary gardens. His work and demonstrations have been featured in many exhibits, TV and books. James is an RHS Chelsea Flower Show Gold medalist 2011, 2012.*

- TOPIARY
- Inspiration of Topiary in the Garden Setting
- Tips on Care and Maintenance of Topiary
- Techniques of Cutting Topiary
- The Art of Topiary

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: screen, projector, for power point presentations

**Cripps, Richard**

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*Apprentice gardener Bath Parks Department, Parks Officer. Senior Lecturer Lackham College Wiltshire. Associate Lecturer Bath University and Bath College. Speaker for U3A and Woodland Trust. Education support Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. Gardens and Estate Services Consultancy as of 2009. Regular speaker to community groups including WI, Rotary Clubs and charity groups.*

- Elements of Garden Design

- Gardening for Wildlife, Organic and environmental gardening
- Fruit and Veg Production and growing for showing
- Pest Diseases and weed control, organic and conventional methods
- Pruning trees and shrubs, Lawn Cultivation

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen if possible

**Crossley, Sheena**

6, Llwyd Coed  
Pantmawr  
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02920628593

07963272498

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*A trained horticulturalist, I have spent over 40 years lecturing at Pencoed College, in Adult Centres and to various clubs and societies. I wrote a gardening column in the South Wales Echo and have appeared in gardening programmes on HTV and BBC Wales. also doing many series for Radio Wales*

- Gardens to visit
- Shrubs for interest all year round
- Gardening made easier
- Container growing
- Monets Garden and the Chateaux of Paris

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: I can provide all my own equipment

**Crowder, Chris**

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Levens Hall  
Kendal, Cumbria  
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07762364557

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www.levensgarden.com

*Trained at Kew, Chris Crowder has been the Head Gardener at Levens Hall for over twenty five years. Ancient and iconic topiary, stunning bedding displays, superb herbaceous and mixed borders, roses, vegetables, herbs, wall plantings, fountain*

*garden, willow labyrinth and more... The garden's story is told through his beautiful photography...*

- 'Shaping History'- The Garden at Levens Hall

Fee: £201 - £500

Equipment required:

**Dancer, Marcus**

Kilcreggan

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07709922730

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clematisplants.co.uk

*I have been speaking to various horticultural/gardening groups for well over 10 years. I have presented all day lectures to gardening schools eg The English Gardening School, Chelsea, London and the Edward James Foundation, West Dean, Chichester.*

- How to Grow Clematis successfully
- Climbing Plants For Sun And Shade
- Scented plants throughout the year
- Trees and shrubs for Winter Interest

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: 3 x 6ft tables for plants for sale and to talk/demonstrate from.

**Davies, Mr Gwynne M**

Fieldgate

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Ferndown, Dorset

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01202872193

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*35 years growing and showing Daffodils, 25 years judging experience. Daffodil Society and RHS judge. Vice President of The Daffodil Society and member of RHS Bulb Committee. Experienced speaker and broadcaster.*

- Growing and Showing Daffodils
- History and Development of the Daffodil

Fee: Negotiable

Equipment required: none.

**Davies, Gareth**

Lonicera

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Brecon, Powys

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*Retired teacher of Biology. RNRS rose advisor, qualified RNRS judge and member of RNRS Shows Committee. Former radio and TV contributor on various aspects of gardening. Featured on Channel 4 "Real Gardens" series in 1998. Member of the British Fuchsia Society*

- A year with fuchsias
- Magic of roses
- Colour through the seasons
- Growing in containers
- Using a small greenhouse

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: None

**Davis, Brian**

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Thatcham

Newbury, Berkshire

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01635860500

07840855

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*Fifty years of gardening at all levels both commercial and private as left me with a great deal of gardening and plant knowledge that I now wish to pass on to those who can learn and benefit. Helping them to grow better plants and gardens*

- Understanding Plants
- Understanding Plant Cultivation
- Understanding Garden Design
- Gardening Travel
- Gardening History

Fee: Negotiable

Equipment required: None

**Desmond, Steven**

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Chawton

Alton, Hampshire

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0142086484

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*Steven Desmond is a consultant and writer with over 30 years' experience in horticulture. He began as a gardener in private service, taught craft skills in horticultural colleges, and has advised on the conservation of historic gardens. He now writes, lectures and leads specialist garden tours in Britain and abroad.*

- Within these Walls: the Country House Kitchen Garden
- Hat, Boots and Apron: The Professional Gardener through History
- From Orangery to Conservatory: the Garden under Glass
- Great Gardens of Italy
- Elegance and Repose: the Garden Seat

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: Digital projector and leads, projector stand, power supply, screen.

### **Desmond, George Joseph**

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York, N.Yorks  
YO24 3AF  
01904337192

Email: maryanne.blades@ntlworld.com

*I have been a qualified judge of pelargoniums for a number of years and I have judged in local, regional and national shows. I am also an experienced shower of pelargoniums for 15 years.*

- pelargonium " my way "

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: I will require 2 X 6 ft length tables as I demonstrate as I speak. All other equipment I bring myself

### **Dobson, Nick**

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Chigwell, Essex  
IG7 5HG  
02085010675  
07554015248

Email: nick.dobson@rocketmail.com

*I have been a keen gardener for over 40 years. I am a former Fuchsia Show Champion at Local and National level and have contributed several articles about Fuchsias to specialist publications.*

- Over the garden Wall: Fuchsia Tips in a Comic Duologue
- History of Fuchsias
- World of Flowers: Dahlias, Pelargoniums and Fuchsias
- Unusual Fuchsias
- Fuchsias: the Three Virtues

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: A screen would be appreciated.

### **Dowle, Julian**

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High Street  
Newent, Gloucestershire  
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01531822245  
07785905818

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*Over 50 years experience in designing gardens in UK;USA; New Zealand; Australia; Ireland; Holland; France; Switzerland; Japan 26 Showgardens at Chelsea, awarded 11 gold medals,10 silver gilt medals and 5 silver medals, also winning the People's Choice 3years. Member of RHS judging panel. I design real gardens for real people!*

- Make your garden a Show Garden
- Planting to make your garden LIVE!
- Cottage and Traditional garden ideas
- East meets West: Japanese inspiration for Your garden

Fee: £201 - £500

Equipment required: Screen

### **Easter, Mrs. Margaret**

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Harpenden, Hertfordshire  
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01582768467

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www.thymus.co.uk

*Holder of 3 National Plant Collections; Thymus (Scientific Status), Hyssopus, Satureja. Brickell Award 2011. Thymus ICRA (provisional). Backgarden nursery, LW Plants; Plants from a plantsman's garden. Organic gardener for more than 25 years. Experienced garden photographer.*

*Garden opens for charity. Other talks on Thymus available. All talks use Powerpoint.*

- The Garden in Autumn and Winter
- Plants for the Summer Border
- Herbs in the Garden
- Thymes for the Garden
- Bulbs Through the Year

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Large screen. Tables for sale plants.

### **Edmondson, Alan**

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Lymington, Hampshire  
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www.bowercotgardendesign.co.uk

*National Mastermind of Gardening in 1985.*

*Former President of the National Auricula and Primula Society. Regular appearances on BBC Radio Solent's 'Good Life'. Lecturer on horticultural topics for over thirty years. Founder of and Partner in Bowercot Garden Design. Other talks available.*

- Primulas and Auriculas
- Gardening with Native Plants
- The Florists' Flowers
- Beetles in the Garden: Friend or Foe?
- The Influence of Arthur Bulley

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen. Table

### **ELKINGTON, Mrs PATRICIA**

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Crawley,  
Winchester, Hampshire  
SO212PU  
01962776365

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*NGS Hampshire County Organiser for many years. Owner and gardener of Little Court Garden, Winchester, Hampshire, which is much visited and photographed. . i have experimented with Garden Composition and plant association for 30 years.*

- The garden in Spring /Autumn
- Silver and White in the garden
- The Harmonious Garden, colour, foliage and form.

- Better Garden Composition
- The Secret Gardens of Hampshire

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required:

### **Empson, David**

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01525718145

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*A Show judge for 30 years listed by RHS speaker for most of that time*

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: none

### **Ferguson, Dr Ian Keith**

Glencoe

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www.ebotany.co.uk

*Professional botanist worked in USA and 29 years at RBG Kew retiring as Deputy Keeper of the Herbarium and head of the Pollen Unit. Created new garden in Gloucestershire 15 years ago. Keen gardener, plantsman photographer widely traveled especially in USA and temperate S.America. Articles in The Hardy Plant, Plantsman.*

- Trilliums and woodland plants of North America
- North American plants in British Gardens
- Travelling for plants in South America
- Growing and storing vegetables
- The hidden world of pollen grains

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen would be welcome

### **Fishbourne, Richard**

The Folly

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Fownhope, Herefordshire

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01432860323

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*Environmental Garden Designer and builder, broadcaster, writer, wildlife enthusiast, smallholder. Richard has travelled extensively recording audio features from South Africa's Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens to deep in the Jungles of Guyana. Previously Director of internationally acclaimed company Wiggly Wiggles, Richard set his own company Bugs and Beasties in 2009.*

- A worms eye view of bringing a garden to life
- A neurotic guide to growing vegetables
- Natural Pond creation
- Tales from a seasoned podcaster

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: No Equipment required, all props supplied

**Fitton, David MBE, FIHORT**

Moonrakers

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Newhaven, East Sussex

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*Wisley trained with 50 years professional experience in parks, gardens and horticultural education, former Head of Horticulture of Plumpton College in East Sussex. Currently runs a Garden Advisory Service and Horticultural Consultancy. Broadcaster on local radio, experienced lecturer, plant doctor and Garden Tour Leader and Guest Speaker on Cruise ships.*

- A Garden for All Seasons
- Discover the Exotic
- Conservatory and Patio Gardening
- The Plant Doctor
- Grow Your Own

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: None

**FitzGerald, Lady Rosemary**

Beggars Roost

Lilstock

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01278741519

Email: ro@lilstock.eclipse.co.uk

www.beggarsroostplants.co.uk

*More than 20 years in professional wild plant conservation, followed by starting a small nursery in West Somerset, run on ecological principles without use of peat or chemical controls. Talks aim to entertain and inspire as well as inform, using good slides from UK, Ireland and abroad. Requests considered*

- The Meeting of Wild and Garden Plants - learning from the wild
- Our Friends the Bulbs - value throughout the year
- People and Plants - history, art, memories, sense of place
- Love It or Loathe It - a lighthearted look at garden styles
- Challenges - using humble or wild plants for difficult corners

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: Screen and projector stand

**Flowerdew, Bob**

Harvey Lodge

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Dickleburgh, Norfolk

IP214NL

01379741216

07508398713

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bobflowerdew.com

*Twenty years BBC R4 Gardeners question time panelist, ex presenter BBC Gardeners World, over two dozen books in more than twenty languages*

- NO Work gardening
- Organic gardening
- Companion planting
- Magic in the garden (quasi-scientific aspects)
- Perfumed plants

Fee: £501 +

Equipment required: Table, chair, glass water, lapel microphone

**Ford, Martin**

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Shrewsbury, Shropshire

SY2 6QX

01743242354

07899795258

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*Martin has over 45 years horticultural lecturing experience to horticultural students, amateur gardeners and adults with learning difficulties. He has experience in cultivating a wide variety of plants in different situations including gardens and allotments. He is a tour operator specialising in garden tours and is a local radio broadcaster.*

- Modern Techniques in Vegetable Growing
- Garden Worthy Plants For Year Round Succession
- Labour Saving Gardening
- Aspects of Pruning
- Gardening The Organic Way

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: screen

### **Gayton, Mr Barry**

Desert World Gardens

Thetford Road

Santon Downham, Brandon, Suffolk

IP27 0TU

01842765861

07713091727

*Certified head gardener, local radio gardener and TV gardener, writer and lecturer, above garden open to public: 13,000 cacti/succulent collection; 1 1/4 acre landscaped garden grown from seed. 65 other subjects covered. Available for day/evening talks all year around. Can come in at a moments notice for an emergency.*

- Passion Flowers
- Cacti/Succulents
- Hardy Border Perennials
- Tender Perennials
- The Weird & Wonderful of the Plant Kingdom

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: None

### **Gibson, John**

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Kettering, Northamptonshire

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01536523350

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*Grower, hybridiser & exhibitor of daffodils with over 30 years experience at national level. Daffodil Society & RHS judge, member of RHS Bulb Committee, a keen amateur gardener, runs a mail order business selling specialist Daffodil, Tulip and Hyacinth bulbs.*

- Daffodils for Growing and Showing
- Madeira, Garden of the Atlantic
- Chelsea Highlights
- Plant Portraits
- Tulip Time

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: None

### **Grant, Fiona**

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Annscroft

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

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www.walledgardens.net

*I am a garden historian with a particular interest in productive gardens and the role of glasshouses in supplying food throughout the year. I am one of the founder members of the Walled Kitchen Gardens Network and advise on the restoration of both gardens and glasshouses.*

- The History of the Walled Kitchen Garden
- Greenhouse, Hothouse and Stove - the evolution of the glasshouse

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: I have my own laptop and projector, but would need a screen and a stand

### **GREEN, PAUL**

36 FORD HOUSE ROAD

NEWENT

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01531820154

07890413036

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www.greensleavesnursery.co.uk

*I have worked in commercial horticulture for 27 years with experience on small specialist and large wholesale nurseries. My taste is diverse - shrubs*



*from around the world, dark foliage, scented plants, unusual foliage. I run my own specialist nursery growing a wide range of plants suitable for British gardens.*

- PLANTS OF THE SEASON - "HANDS-ON", PRACTICAL TALK
- ADD SOME FOLIAGE COLOUR TO YOUR GARDEN

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: JUST SOME GOOD TABLES TO DISPLAY PLANTS. WE USE REAL PLANTS, NOT SLIDES FOR VIRTUALLY ALL TALKS NOW.

### **Griffith, Stephen John**

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[www.abbotsburygardens.co.uk](http://www.abbotsburygardens.co.uk)

*I started my horticultural career in 1973 at a horticultural research station, Bristol. Cannington Agricultural College Somerset 1975-78 Arboriculturalist in Ireland and Germany. Back to Landscape design and construction in Saudi Arabia 1980-83. Head Gardener 1983 - 1989 implementing restoration with Historical Houses. Horticultural Manager at Abbotsbury 1990 - Present*

- Abbotsbury Sub Tropical Gardens, past present and future
- Tropical Jungles, Plants and People of 'Sabah' Borneo
- Plant hunting in the National Parks of Chile
- Botanising in the wild and rugged landscape of Crete
- Journey through Northern India and the Himalayas

Fee: Negotiable

Equipment required: Screen

### **Grove, Kim**

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[www.kimgrove-gardendesigner.co.uk](http://www.kimgrove-gardendesigner.co.uk)

*Ex-nurse turned gold medal winning garden designer with an interest in gardens that improve well-being such as sensory & healing gardens, gardens for people with dementia and disabilities, potagers, herb gardens & wildlife gardens. 20 years experience as a speaker.*

- Designing and adapting gardens for people with dementia
- Arousing the senses in the garden
- Healing gardens, design, use and planting
- Designing potagers
- Wildlife in the sensory garden

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: Equipment required: Screen, electric point

### **Gruzelier, Mrs Sara**

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*Trained as designer, designed gardens at Salisbury Hospice and Hospital. Created a garden over thirty years which has been featured in Wiltshire Life, The English Garden Magazine and other magazines. Member of the WRAG scheme, teaching trainee gardeners, hold pruning workshops and garden open days by appointment.*

- Creating a Garden for All Seasons
- Pruning Hardy Shrubs and Roses
- Any questions

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Projector stand or table.

### **Gubler, Carol**

Little Brook Fuchsias, Ash Green Lane West

Ash Green

Surrey

GU12 6HL

01252329731

Email: [carol.gubler@ntlbusiness.com](mailto:carol.gubler@ntlbusiness.com)

*As a family we have grown Fuchsias since the 1960s and I have run the nursery for 27 years. I am on the British Fuchsia Society Committee and am the Assistant Secretary. I am an enthusiast on anything and everything to do with fuchsias!*

- Fuchsia Growing through the Seasons
- A to Z of Fuchsias
- A Year in the Life of a Fuchsia Nursery
- Aspects of Fuchsias

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: Tables!

**Gulliver, Simon**

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Birmingham, West Midlands

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01214441141

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*Experienced speaker, botanical horticulturist and botanist with MSc in taxonomy and BSc in horticulture. Loves trees, plant hunters, nature and most of all entertaining people by introducing them to the joy of plants. A wide range of talks on most horticultural subjects, all designed to entertain as well as inform.*

- Round the World in 80 Plants
- Chinese Wilson - Plant Hunter
- The Oasis of Delight (Birmingham Botanical Gardens)
- John Claudius Loudon Maker of Gardens
- The Secret Life of Trees

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen and table or other support.

**Guthrie, Andrew**

Upton Dene

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*BS Plant Science; MS Horticulture; Garden Designer, former Garden Manager at RHS Wisley Gardens; former General Manager at Queen*

*Elizabeth II Botanic Park (15 years) in Grand Cayman; former Curator (5 years) at J.R. O'Neal Botanic Gardens in the British Virgin Islands; Gold & Silver medals at Chelsea Flower Show.*

- Tropical Fruit
- Caribbean Flora & Fauna
- Tropical Horticulture - Gardening in the Tropics
- Common Houseplants Unleashed - Well Known Plants Grown Outdoors in the Tropics
- Building a Chelsea Flower Show Garden

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: screen, power point projector, slide projector can be used for certain talks.

**Haine, Jason**

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Cumbria

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*Former Head Gardener at Muncaster Castle, Jason catalogued and digitally mapping the rhododendron collection. He has a wide range of horticultural expertise, broadcast on Radio Cumbria and even a TV appearance. He now works as a freelance garden designer, consultant and manages private gardens in Cumbria. All talks are Illustrated.*

- Restoration and conservation work at Muncaster Castle
- Uncovering the mysteries of the walled garden at Muncaster Castle
- Plant Explorers- they gave their lives for your garden!

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen and table for projector

**Halsey, Roy William**

11 Horns Park

Bishopsteignton

Devon

TQ14 9RP

01626774049

07986501586

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*I have been succesful in growing and Showing Flowers, Fruit and vegetables for 35 years from the Village Show to National level. Being an accredited Judge and Speaker for the RHS I am also an accredited Judge and Speaker for the Royal National Rose Society and The National Vegetable Society.*

- Growing and Cultivation of Roses
- Vegetables for the Kitchen and for Show
- Vegetables for small gardens
- Cultivation and Showing of Dahlias
- Trials of a Horticultural Judge

Fee: Negotiable

Equipment required: None

### **Hamilton, Nick**

Barnsdale Gardens

The Avenue, Exton

Oakham, Rutland

LE15 8AH

01572813200

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www.barnsdalegardens.co.uk

*The son of Geoff Hamilton, Nick has been in horticulture all his life, owning and running Barnsdale Gardens for the last 16 years. He has a wide knowledge base and can give talks or demonstrations on over 25 different subjects.*

- Barnsdale - The Television Years
- Barnsdale After Geoff
- Spring into Spring
- How to Have Vegetables All Year Round
- Must Have Summer Perennials

Fee: £201 - £500

Equipment required:

### **Hardy, Rosemary**

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Freefolk Priors,

WhitchurchHants

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www.hardys-plants.co.uk

*Owner of renowned nursery Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants. Most successful female exhibitor at Chelsea flowers show for hardy plants. Also been awarded 4 Gold medals for large show gardens at Hampton Court Flower Show. Trained at Writtle Agricultural College in 1980 majoring in field grown vegetables.*

- Seasonal herbaceous perennials

Fee: £201 - £500

Equipment required:

### **Harmer, Stephen**

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Staplehurst, Kent

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*I am a lecturer at Hadlow college and Specialise in garden history. I speak to around 30 societies per year. I lead tours to historic gardens in Paris, the Loire valley, Rome and Florence as well as England. I write for 'Garden Design Journal' on historic garden topics.*

- An Overview of Garden History
- Gardens of the Renaissance and Baroque in Italy and France
- The Plant Hunters
- Gardens of the Arts and Crafts Movement
- Gardens of the English Landscape Movement

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: I provide all equipment

### **Harmon, Keith**

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02087510417

07903017197

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www.just-divine.net

*During my 23 years of dowsing I have helped people find water for their ponds and fountains, locate lost wells, broken pipes and archaeology remains. I am a registered British Society of Dowsers dowsing instructor and give talks and*

*teach dowsing in many parts of the U.K. and America*

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: A screen would be useful for convenience of carriage although I do have a screen if one is not available.

**Harper, Pauline**

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Hethersett

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*I have been an enthusiastic grower of vegetables and soft fruit for the kitchen for over 35 years. I regularly exhibit at local and county shows and also judge at local and county shows across East Anglia.*

- You Too Can Grow Vegetables
- Growing Vegetables in Small Spaces and Containers
- You Too Can Show

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: Screen

**Harvey, Robert**

Silver Birches

Winterbourne Bassett

Wiltshire

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*Professional environmental scientist who has created a new garden on the Marlborough Downs, open under the NGS. 25 years' photographic experience in 50 countries. Talks on practical garden design, wildlife gardening and plant hunting. Associate of the Royal Photographic Society.*

- Creating a Downland Garden
- British Wild Flowers in Nature and the Garden
- Mediterranean Wild Flowers in Nature and the Garden
- Travels in Search of Remarkable Plants

- Secrets of the Wiltshire Landscape

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen, stand or table

**Hayward, Christine**

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Farnborough, Hants

GU14 6PS

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www.hartcanna.co.uk

*My husband and I hold the Canna National Collection. We have exhibited at the Hampton Court Show for 10 years. We have searched for wild cannas in various countries. I am a professional singer and entertainer.*

- Glorious Cannas
- Behind the scenes at the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show
- Hunting wild cannas in Argentina
- Entertainment of a horticultural theme
- The Canna National Collection

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: None

**Hobson, Geoff**

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www://blackmorevalebonsaigroup.co.uk

*I have been involved in horticulture for 50 years, bonsai for 12 years orchids for 25 years, I am retired now.*

- Bonsai Basics
- Easy Orchids
- Butterflies of Wiltshire/Dorset
- Garden Photograpy

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Tables for demonstrations, screen for slides

**Hodge, Geoff**

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Walton

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07867970754

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*Garden writer, book author & broadcaster.*

*Previously, RHS Online Editor, Gardening Editor for Garden News & Garden Answers magazines. Local BBC Radio broadcaster. Regular writer and contributor to various gardening magazines and websites. Full details of my talks available on my website.*

- Plants for various problem places (several different talks)
- The Life & Times Of A Gardening Editor
- Pest & Disease Control; Weeds & The Weed-free Garden (2 talks)
- Propagation; Pruning (2 talks)
- Many more talks available on request

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: I have all my own equipment, but happy to use your screen sound equipment etc. Several talks are practical demonstrations, so I will need tables.

### **Holmes, Caroline**

Denham End Farm

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*Garden Historian with horticultural background, lectures worldwide, author 10 books, presenter TV and BBC Radio Four gardening programmes. Designed Tudor gardens around Notre Dame de Calais; devised Royal Opera House gardens at High House and planting in The Poison Garden in The Alnwick Garden. Sifts the humour from the humus.*

- Water Lilies and the genius of Latour-Marliac
- Permission to Poison and the Alnwick Garden
- A Walk through Garden History
- Impressionists in their gardens - Europe, USA and Australia

- Magnificent looks and great taste - the Potagers du Roi, Versailles and Villandry

Fee: £201 - £500

Equipment required: Screen

### **Holt, Miss Pamela**

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Leatherhead, Surrey

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07909963466

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*Trained at RBG Kew with Alan Titchmarsh.*

*Horticultural Lecturer for 27 years. Travelled widely in South America and Alpine Europe. Extensive slide collection. Currently Tree Officer at London Borough of Barnet*

- Plant Collecting in Peru
- The Royal Botanic Gardens Kew
- Lakeside Gardens of Northern Italy
- French Landscape Gardens
- Hardy Annuals

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: I have my own Kodak Slide Projector, Projector stand, screen and extension lead. Table required for literature

### **Hutson, Hilary**

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Sheffield, South Yorkshire

S11 9RL

01142258570

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www.paradiseregained.net

*I am a botanist with a passion for gardens and gardening. I have 25 years experience in lecturing, both in UK and abroad as well as in the University of Sheffield Division of Continuing Adult Education. I am also a keen photographer, and particularly enjoy taking photos for my talks.*

- Flowers and Gardens of Barbados
- The Adventurous Gardener
- Going Native (Using ornamental native plants in the garden)
- Patio Panache
- The World of Climbing Plants

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: Screen, table and 2 extension leads (or one lead with 2 sockets). Blackout if talk takes place in daytime.

**Jones, Colin**

5 Riddlesdown Avenue  
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*A gardener, photographer and traveller all my life. For 35 years a film editor and director at BBC TV. Chairman of Sanderstead Horticultural Society in Surrey. Now a regular speaker on horticultural subjects aboard cruise ships. This gives me the chance to travel the world and visit the great gardens.*

- Secret Gardens of London
- Around the world in 80 gardens
- Blooming Britain
- Who does your garden grow?- Plant names
- The flowers that bloom in the spring

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: I provide all my own equipment

**Kingsbury, Noel**

Montpelier Cottage  
Brilley  
HEREFORD  
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*One of the garden world's most innovative voices: designer, writer, independent researcher and teacher, with a special interest in nature-inspired planting; over twenty books published on plants, garden management, design, and historical and philosophical aspects of gardening. Co-chair of the Vista lecture series on the culture and politics of gardens.*

- Wild about Perennials
- Plant ecology for gardeners
- Piet Oudolf and contemporary planting design from the continent

- Some contemporary designers
- Women, Men and Gardening

Fee: £201 - £500

Equipment required: Screen.

**LAMPARD, STANLEY**

196 HOLE LANE  
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07789076491

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*Biology teacher 37yrs, leader of biodiversity expeditions for past 20 years to the tropics of Central & S. America, Africa and S.E. Asia*

- THE LOST WORLD-VENEZUELA plants of rainforests and mountains
- CARNIVOROUS PLANTS -Turning the tables in the animal kingdom!
- BORNEO - a Botanical Paradise!
- SOUTH AFRICA the Rainbow Country- Coastal Fynbos & Karroo Desert
- MADAGASCAR -Island apart -unique & bizarre plants & animals

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: screen, extension lead & splitter, projector stand, 1 table.

**Leary, Derek & Christine**

Strawberry Fields  
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*Founders of Village Greenfingers Gardening club, Members of Grow organic(Henry Doubleday), The Hebe Society. Reading & District Fuchsia Society. Keen Gardeners & Amateur Photographers. Also offer a Basic Photographic instructional evening to improve simple camera technique for gardens and plants.entitled 'Plant Paradise'*

- Back to the Fuchsia
- My Organic Garden
- Hanging Baskets & Container Growing
- HEBES

- Open for Charity

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen (projection table if available)

### **Leeds, Everett**

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*Became interested in the genus in 1975. Helped to form (1) International Clematis Society and (2) British Clematis Society of which was Chairman 4 times. Amateur grower & hybridiser. Co-Author of Encyclopedia of Clematis & Timber Press Guide.*

- Clematis through the Seasons
- Herbaceous Clematis

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Provides own equipment

### **Liechti-Clarke, Patricia**

Lower Park

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*Experienced gardener, garden designer, lecturer, garden tour organiser and leader.*

- Unusual Hardy Plants
- Plants for the Winter Garden
- Gardens Through History
- Less Well Known Gardens to Visit

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen

### **Lucas, Neil**

Knoll Gardens

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www.knollgardens.co.uk

*Neil Lucas is the UK's leading ornamental grass specialist, owner of Knoll Gardens, author, RHS Council member and judge, and holder of ten consecutive Chelsea Gold Medals. Known for his naturalistic style, from his Dorset-based garden he spearheads a charity dedicated to promoting his 'more wow less work' style.*

- More 'wow' and less work; grasses and their place in our gardens
- Knoll Gardens; the other side of the story
- A Garden in Progress
- Go Large; Gardening the American Way

Fee: £201 - £500

Equipment required: Large screen and table or platform for laptop and projector, and power supply

### **LYMAN-DIXON, ANTHONY**

Limeburn Nurseries

Chew Magna

Bristol

BS40 8QW

01275333399

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www.arneherbs.co.uk

*Arne Herbs was founded in 1976, I have spoken about herbs and their history at venues ranging from Washington state to Albania*

- History of Lavender to 1600
- Assassination with plants from Classical to Renaissance times
- Turner and the Renaissance Garden

Fee: Negotiable

Equipment required: projector and screen

### **Lynn, Dr Mick**

Quarry Farm

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01580200503

07752431716

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*Professional environmentalist, beekeeper, and chairman of a gardening association, whose advice on these matters is regularly sought.*

- Gardening for Bees
- The Effect of Climate Change on Gardening

- Poisons, Parasites, Potions & Pests
- Why We Need Plants
- Gardening for Wildlife

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: None

### **Mabbutt, Mr Stuart**

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*Gardener with 24 years experience, now specialising in Wildlife Gardening. Offers tutorials, consultancy, lively talks, writes articles and produces podcasts to promote groups, projects or events. Makes radio programme 'Going Wild with Wildlife' for Radio Cherwell Oxford Hospital Radio. Features countryside interviews, topics, music and personalities on Countryside Island Discs...*

- Wildlife and Wildlife Gardening

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: Plus travel and expenses if outside Oxfordshire. 3 x trestle tables Power supply

### **Mace, Ivor**

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Rhondda-Cynon-Taff, Wales

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*Professional gardener for 42 years. Top exhibitor of chrysanthemums, carnations, roses & leeks & onions for up to 40 years. Author of 3 chrysanthemum books. Garden News columnist. RHS judge. Other talks available on request.*

- Growing vegetables for the kitchen
- Growing leeks & onions for showing
- Growing chrysanthemums

- Growing perpetual carnations
- Growing roses

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: None.

### **Manners, David ARPS**

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*Knowledgeable general naturalist, botanist and skilled photographer (Associate of Royal Photographic Society). Informative, entertaining illustrated talks with stunning photographs shown using digital projection. Subjects can be tailored to suit a wide range of audiences. Photographic workshops can be arranged on request. Over 95% repeat bookings.*

- Wildlife in the Garden - Friend or Foe?
- Summer Tranquility in Ten Days
- Photography in the Garden
- Wild Orchids of Britain
- Nature in Close-up

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: All digital projection equipment supplied including large (2m wide) freestanding tripod screen

### **Manser, Mr Laurence**

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*Retired gardener started as garden boy 1948, Worked for Marquis Abergavenny, Earl of Shrewsbury, 16 years as head gardener for Mr K.McAlpine. Have spoken to over 600 groups over past 25 years. Chairman of local gardening association 25 years. Full list of talks SAE please*



- Simple Propagation
- Tuberous Begonias
- General Vegetable Growing
- Care and Propagation of Pot Plants
- Memories of a Garden-Boy

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: All projector equipment carried

### **Marsh, Dr David**

London

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gardenhistorytalks.com

*Researcher, lecturer, writer. Gardens on 5 acres in France & a postage stamp in London. PhD (London 2005) on "The gardens and gardeners of later Stuart London". Convenor of the gardens & landscapes seminar at the Institute of Historical Research, University of London. Trustee of Parks and Gardens UK [www.parksandgardens.uk]*

- An introduction to 16th or 17th or 18thc gardens
- Making a garden in France
- Tools of the trade: more than just a history of garden implements
- Gardens in Maps
- The Opposite of Chelsea! The Chaumont Garden Festival in France

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen, double socket & possibly extension lead.

### **Martin, Alan**

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*After retirement I attended Sparsholt College, Winchester completing a full time three-year Horticultural Diploma including an internship in the Jerusalem Botanic Gardens in Israel. Since 2001 I have been the chairman of Catisfield & District Horticultural Society in Fareham and give slide presentations on horticulture, travel and general interest.*

- Jerusalem Botanic Gardens & Gardens of Israel
- Costa Rica - Garden of Eden
- Weird and Wonderful Plants
- A Borneo Experience
- Plants of the Bible

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: Access to an electrical point. I bring everything else (computer, projector, table, screen and extension leads).

### **Mcparkin, Dr Ron**

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*All-round horticulturist with broad, practical knowledge and experience. Specialities include - hardy ornamentals and container gardening, fruit and vegetable growing, landscape and garden design, planting schemes, trees, shrubs, conifers and climbers. Garden writer - magazines, newspapers, trade and professional. Web contributor and writer. Member of Garden Media Guild.*

- Garden Design
- Organic Gardening
- Growing Fruit and Vegetables
- Border Perennials/Hardy Plants
- Miscellaneous

Fee: Negotiable

Equipment required: tables/screen/projector.

### **Merilion, Janette**

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01526860270

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*A garden advisor, horticultural speaker, radio and television broadcaster, historian and designer both in the U.K. and overseas.*

- Christmas Crackers - Plants and folk lore associated with Christmas
- A Calendar of Colour - All year colour + birthday plants
- Gardening through the Ages - from Roman times to present day
- Birds, Butterflies and Bees - Creating wildlife habitats
- Ideas for improving your garden - Design and planting

Fee: Negotiable

Equipment required: Tables for plant sales Screen and projector table depending on location.

### **Mignotte, Nathalie H.**

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*Former lecturer and Academic Manager of the Horticulture Department at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire. My interest lies in the relationship between faiths and gardens and on how sociological and religious symbolisms have been represented in, and influenced the evolution of gardens.*

- Gardens of the Sun King at Versailles
- Islamic Gardens
- Medieval Gardens
- Gardens of the Alhambra and Generalife, Granada, Spain
- Seasonal Colours in the Garden

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen.

### **Miller, Mr JSS (Dusty)**

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Strood,

Rochester, Kent

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*I have had an allotment, growing mainly vegetables, for over 50 years. I currently have three plots and am secretary and shop manager of our local Society.*

- Vegetable Growing from Scratch
- What is 'Organic' Vegetable Growing
- Soil - What is it ? - Where does it come from?
- What the Vegetable Judge would like to see.
- Pest Warfare

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: None

### **Millington, Mrs Ingrid OND**

Hillview Hardy Plants

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Bridgnorth, Shropshire

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*I am a professional horticulturalist, trained at Writtle. Being in the trade for over 40 years, I have worked in various jobs, including Kew Gardens, Russell's of Windelsham, Birmingham Parks Department and now our family nursery, started over 25 years ago.*

- Herbaceous Plants for colour throughout the year
- Colour with bulbs throughout the year
- Plant Hunting on holiday
- Early Spring Perennials
- Autumn colour in the Garden

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: none

### **Millington, Mr John MHort**

Hillview Hardy Plants Ltd

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*I am a professional horticulturalist, trained at Pershore and Writtle. I worked with Birmingham Parks Department for 25 years before joining my wife in running our own nursery. We hold the Plant*

*Heritage National Collections of Acanthus and Albuca.*

- Practical Propagation
- Primulas and Auriculas
- The Dry Garden
- Plants for Wildlife
- Trees for smaller gardens

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: none

**Millington, Miss Sarah LLB**

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Worfield

Bridgnorth, Shropshire

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01746716454

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www.hillviewhardyplants.com

*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. I coordinate the Plant Heritage display at Tatton Flower Show.*

- Cannas
- Acanthus: history and plants, including many from the Acanthus family

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: none

**Moir, Paul**

Painswick Rococo Garden

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Painswick, Glos

GL6 6TH

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07774640105

Email: info@rococogarden.org.uk

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*I have been garden director at Painswick Rococo Garden for over 25 years overseeing the restoration work undergone here.*

- The History and Restoration of an 18th century Regency Playground

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen and table

**Morris, Terry**

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Shaw

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*RHS qualified + Cert Ed Exhibitor for 25 years. I enjoy giving lectures; to encourage people to grow or show.*

- Growing Gladiolus for show and home
- Growing for fun

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: N/A

**Morrison, Mrs Lindsay Susan**

Inwood

Carberry

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www.inwoodgarden.com

*Experience based on creating Inwood garden from scratch over 30 years. I am past President of South East Scotland Fuchsia Society and President of Musselburgh Horticultural Society. I am to be awarded the Queen Mother Memorial Medal by the RCHS in March for my contribution to horticulture in Scotland.*

- Making Inwood - A 30-Year Journey
- Gardens at Home and Abroad
- Tulips - My Way
- Grow Something Different - in a Pot

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required:

**Moule, Reg**

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Drakes Broughton

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*Family background in horticulture, trained at Pershore College then a nursery/garden centre manager to present day. Award winning broadcaster with BBC local radio also appeared on national radio and TV. I have a list of over 20 subjects -ask for details. Have been a gardening speaker for 40 years.*

- Fruit Growing in Small Gardens
- Vegetable Gardening
- Pest and Disease Control – organic and chemical.
- Making the most of Autumn Planted Bulbs.
- Organic Gardening.

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: A table

### **Musgrave, Toby**

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www.TobyMusgrave.com

*TOBY MUSGRAVE has a degree in horticulture and a Ph.D in garden history, both from Reading University. An independent scholar since 1994, Toby has found an outlet for his enthusiasm and knowledge in a range of media including books, television, radio, newspapers and magazines, and most recently in a blog.*

- The Plant Hunters
- Heritage Fruits & Vegetables
- The Story of the British Garden
- An Empire of Plants - how plants changed the world
- The Cottage Garden

Fee: £201 - £500

Equipment required: Screen & Digital Projector

### **Mylechreest, Dr Murray**

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*Graduated in horticulture and conservation of crop plants; career in education; research interest in*

*Thomas Andrew Knight. Experience in presenting talks on horticultural topics. Several publications about research on Thomas Andrew Knight of Downton Castle, Herefordshire and John Williams of Pitmaston, Worcester. Currently Honorary Research Fellow of University of Worcester.*

- Sugar and Spice and All Things Nice
- Gardens In Trust
- Botany For Gardeners
- Thomas Andrew Knight - Pioneer of Horticultural Science and President of RHS
- Origins and Conservation of Cultivated Plants

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: Screen 35mm slide Kodak Carousel compatible projector can be provided by speaker if not available at event

### **Negus, John**

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Farnham

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*I am a gardening journalist, writing for Amateur Gardening magazine, and am Wisley trained. I lecture widely to gardening clubs and many other societies, including W. I.s, Townswomen's Guilds and Rotary clubs. I also present travel talks. I always conclude my talks with a fun quiz with prizes.*

- 12 months of colour
- Shrubs of Distinction
- Gardening with Flair
- Beautiful perennial borders
- Summer sensations: bedding plants

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: I provide all equipment.

### **Newman, Mr Hilary**

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East Peckham, Tonbridge, Kent

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07748270710

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*Holder of M.Hort (RHS). Edinburgh Royal Botanic Gardens. Lecturer at Hadlow College, Kent. 30 Years organising courses and giving talks to garden societies and other clubs and organisations.*

- Vertical Gardening - Climbing Plants
- The Great Plant Hunters
- Plant Problems and Solutions
- The Winter Garden
- The A.B.C. of Pruning

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen if available.

### **Newman, Barry**

Well Cottage

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*Barry is a well known grower, exhibitor, lecturer and judge. He is Chairman of the National Vegetable Society, a member of the RHS Fruit, Vegetable and Herb Committee and a South and South East in Bloom Judge. Barry was formally trained in horticulture at Pershore, York and Bath.*

- The Modern Kitchen Garden
- A Year On The Allotment
- Vegetable Growing; Techniques, Ideas & Advice
- Preparing For Your Show; Vegetables, Fruit & Herbs
- Vegetable Growing in Raised Beds

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: The presentations are by 'powerpoint' so a large screen is preferable. I do have a small portable screen if required.

### **Nicholls, Graham**

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*Been growing alpines for 55 years. Lecture tours in the U.S.A., Canada, Ireland and U.K. Have three*

*Farrer Medals, several A.G.S. medals and gold merit medal for exhibiting. Author of 'Alpine Plants of North America' and 'Dwarf Campanula & Associated Genera'. Am a National Judge for alpines.*

- Western North American alpines from the Rockies to Alaska
- So you want to write a book
- Penstemons in cultivation and in the wild
- The wonderful world of campanulas
- An introduction to Alpines

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen and a couple of tables. I bring my own laptop & projector

### **Parsons, Roger**

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*Natonal Collection holder of Sweet Peas and other Lathyrus. Author of the book 'Sweet Peas: an essential guide'. Well-known breeder, exhibitor and seedsman, specialising in Sweet Peas. Roger has been a professional horticulturist since 1970.*

- How to grow better Sweet Peas
- History and development of the Sweet Pea
- Sweet Peas around the World
- National Collection of Lathyrus

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: Screen or suitable wall for projection.

### **Paviour, Mark**

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*Involved in horticulture professionally for 35 years, in aspects as diverse as traditional walled gardens, arboreta, historic gardens and tree & shrub nurseries.*

- The journeys and plant collections of William Lobb
- The year round shrub garden
- Smaller trees for the modern garden
- Irish gardens / Gardens of Cornwall and the south west
- Other titles available

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Projector screen

### **Philips, Nigel**

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*A garden designer working in the landscape design profession in the south of England. Lecturer in garden design and garden design history at Plumpton College in Sussex. Have headed up garden tours across Europe including Italy, France and Spain. Currently a Fellow of the Society of Garden Designers.*

- Garden design
- Water in the garden
- Gardens of Sussex and Kent
- the English Landscape Movement

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen

### **Platt, Karen**

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*Renowned garden writer and speaker on both sides of the Atlantic. I have authored over 20 popular garden books on gardening with colour, plant names, seed growing and more. I deliver a professional talk with professional photos and have spoken to large audiences of 250+ as well as small groups.*

- Seeing Colour in a Different Light
- Is That a Synonym?
- Fabulous Gardens Around The World

- Fabulous Plants From Around The World
- Fabulous COlour For Your Garden

Fee: £201 - £500

Equipment required: screen and digital projector or can use slides but prefer to do a Powerpoint presentation and talk

### **Popescu, Charlotte**

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*I have kept chickens in my garden for 17 years. I have written books about keeping hens. I write regularly for Your Chickens and other magazines. I have given talks at many different venues over the last five years.*

- KEEPING HENS IN THE GARDEN

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required:

### **Porter, Graham FIHort, CertEd**

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Netherton

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*Self-employed horticultural consultant / trainer / advisor with more than 45 years of experience. BBC Radio Leeds gardening expert. Garden writer. Fellow of Institute of Horticulture. Other talks available on request.*

- Wildlife Gardening - and a little bit more!
- How to make the best use of a small space
- Trees and shrubs for the small garden
- Sow what!
- Autumn bounty

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen.

### **Rayner, Mrs Patricia**

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Kneeton  
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NG13 8JR

01949829167

07710423317

Email: rayner167@btinternet.com

*I am a retired English teacher with a love of gardening; one talk looks at how plants have inspired writers over the centuries. Secondly, having visited family in Japan annually for 14 years, I have a deep understanding of the factors influencing Japanese garden design and Japanese culture.*

- The Role of Nature in Japanese Life
- Plants in Literature: Origins & Anecdotes

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: None

#### **REID, MRS HILARY CHRISTINE**

102 CHRISTCHURCH ROAD  
NORWICH NORFOLK

NR2 3NG

01603451861

*ENTHUSIASTIC AMATEUR GARDENER AND  
OBSERVER OF INSECTS, BIRDS AND MAMMALS FOR  
OVER 65 YEARS*

- MAKING A WILDLIFE POND
- WILDLIFE IN MY GARDEN A-Z
- RECYCLING IN THE GARDEN

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: NONE EXCEPT A TABLE

#### **Richardson, Ann**

47 Ranelagh Grove  
London

SW1W 8PB

02077305743

*I have been a garden lecturer for more than 20 years and in association with the RHS of which I have been a member for more than 30 years and visiting gardens for all my adult life.*

- Historical Aspects of Landscape Gardening
- Women Versus Men in the History of Garden Design
- La Redoute/Roses & Other Old Roses
- Garden Furniture/Features & Fountains
- Tales from the Gardens

Fee: Negotiable

Equipment required: For most occasions screen protector to show slide or data/photographs

#### **Ritchie, Julie**

Hoo House Nursery

Gloucester Road

Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire

GL20 7DA

01684293389

Email: nursery@hoothouse.co.uk

hoothouse.co.uk

*Julie has run a nursery specialising in perennials and alpines for over 25 years and for over 10 years has grown all the plants peat-free. The experience of growing and propagating these plants is shared through her talks and demonstrations.*

- A Perennial Year
- Easy Alpines & Low-growing Perennials
- Plants for Awkward Corners
- Peat-free Propagation of Perennials & Alpines
- Hardy Geraniums

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen

#### **Robinson, Margaret E**

Sunny Bank

Forton

Preston, Lancashire

PR3 0BN

01524791210

Email: info@mammothunion.co.uk

www.mammothunion.co.uk

*I have an extensive knowledge of both growing and showing vegetables and believe they should look as good as they taste. The family business has been involved with growing and showing vegetables for 150 years so I have a mine of experience to draw on. The talks give practical usable tips.*

- Vegetables for all Tastes
- From Plot to Plate via the Local Show

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required:

#### **Robson, Charmian**

Fern Bank

High House Road  
St Bees, Cumbria  
CA27 0BZ

01946822468

07584084138

Email: charm.robson@talk21.com

- A garden is a lovesome thing ....
- Where did your garden grow

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required:

### **Rogers, Trevor William**

Acacia Cottage Summergates Lane  
Bratof

Skegness, Lincolnshire

PE24 5BZ

01754811383

Email: trevor.w.rogers@btinternet.com

*Experienced tutor and lecturer. Ex RHS tutor in fruit growing. Keen grow your own fruit and vegetables gardener. Currently have fifteen talks to offer which reflects my wide range of interests in most "things gardening". Widely read on gardening which I like to share with my audiences.*

- Poetry Prose and Plants
- Life and Plants in the Victorian Walled Garden
- The Moon Muck and Magic
- Gardening in the North
- Bloomers Breeches and Bouquets

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: I have all the equipment required

### **ROLLASON, ALAN**

1 BURGESS CROFT

HAMPTON COPPICE

SOLIHULL, WEST MIDLANDS

B92 0QJ

01217049984

07801119717

Email: rollasona@aol.com

*Currently Chairman of The Haworthia Society. Passed Chairman of the Birmingham Branch of the British Cactus & Succulent Society. Have just returned from Field trip to South Africa's Western Cape in search of Haworthia, Gasteria & Aloe species.*

- SUCCULENT PLANTS OF SOUTH AFRICA

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: Currently use only Live Plant material, only requirement is suitable tables.

### **Russell, Susan**

Byecroft

Bircher

Leominster, Herefordshire

HR6 0BP

01568780559

Email: peterandsuerussell@btinternet.com

*Sue has over 25 years' experience as a speaker and has a reputation for being lively, engaging and knowledgeable. She was the co-proprietor of a nursery in Suffolk for many years and served on the RHS Pinks and Carnations committee as well as chairing the Pinks Trials Sub-committee.*

- Perfume in the Garden
- Old-Fashioned Roses
- Pinks for every garden
- Plants for Difficult Places
- The Third Dimension: Climbing Plants

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: None - Sue provides her own.

### **Sanderson, Bob**

Caths Garden Plants, The Walled Garden,

Heaves Hotel, Heaves

Nr Levens, Cumbria

LA8 8EF

01539561126

Email: cath@cathsgardenplants.co.uk

www.cathsgardenplants.co.uk

*A knowledgeable plantsman and speaker illustrating his talks with excellent images. Bob now grows a wide range of plants in a traditional nursery in South Lakes, exhibiting at flower shows around the country. He designed & landscaped gardens for over 30 years. Bob still offers planting advice & designs gardens.*

- Unusual varieties of hardy perennials
- Spring things
- Extending the seasons
- The Winter Garden
- 30 Plants you didn't know you needed until now!

Fee: £51 - £100



Equipment required: Screen, projector stand, extension cable. 2/3 tables for plants. Plants brought for sale. Societies given vouchers for 10% of plant sales.

### **Saunders, Mark**

Park Lodge, Bedham Lane

Fittleworth

Pulborough

RH20 1JH

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07738013523

Email: marksaunders66.com@gmail.com

www.marksaunders66.com

*Professional gardener with over thirty years horticultural experience . Currently head gardener at Fittleworth House in West Sussex. Experienced lecturer with a range of informative and colourful talks given via laptop and projector. Lectures, Gardeners Question Time's and practical demonstrations in Sussex, Surrey and Hampshire to interested groups/societies.*

- A Head Gardener's Year
- An Almost A-Z of Great Garden Plants
- Garden Photography to Inspire
- Growing Vegetables
- Pruning, a General Guide

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen and tables

### **Scott, Susan**

Newlyn

Betteras Hill Road

Hillam, North Yorkshire

LS25 5HD

019770685205

Email: suescott711@hotmail.com

*I trained as a horticulturist as a mature student but have been interested in gardening from childhood. I now teach gardening to adults in Community Education and have spoken to local interest groups on a variety of topics including pruning, propagation, garden influences and garden history.*

- What's in the basket?
- Where did they come from?
- A| Walk through a Herbaceous Border

- Propagation- a simple guide to taking cuttings

- Fragrance in the Garden

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: Screen, projector, laptop.

### **Scott, William**

The Walled Garden

6 Rose Terrace

Worcester, Worcestershire

WR5 1BU

01905354629

Email: herbgarden@onetel.com

*With a background in Historic Buildings, Will Scott, with his wife Julia, have been restoring the Walled Garden in Worcester. This 18th century kitchen garden is now a productive herb, fruit and vegetable garden, open to the public through the NGS Scheme and to garden groups and societies.*

- Restoration of the Walled Garden, Worcester
- Tool Sharpening for the Terrified

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen Strong table

### **Scrace, John**

4 The Court, Childs Ercall Hall

Childs Ercall

Market Drayton, Shropshire

TF9 2DB

01952840448

07749270359

Email: john\_scrace@hotmail.com

*A freelance plant pathologist with over twenty years' experience of diagnosing problems on both garden plants and commercial crops. I lecture for both the RHS and the Kew diploma in horticulture, and give advice and talks at the main RHS flower shows.*

- Bugs and slugs, spots and rots - garden pests and diseases
- The invaders - the latest pest and disease threats to the UK
- From potato blight to sudden oak death - Phytophthora, the 'plant destroyer'

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen

**Simms, Clive**

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Essendine  
Stamford, Lincolnshire  
PE9 4LQ

01780767348

Email: clive\_simms@lineone.net

www.clivesimms.com

*Ex-nurseryman and horticultural writer with a particular interest in unusual fruit and nuts.*

- Edible Landscaping
- Growing Nuts in the UK
- Grafting for Beginners

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: A larger screen than that I bring with me (4'x4') is helpful.

**Sinclair, Gerald**

The Nursery Further Afield, Evenley Road,  
Mixbury,  
Brackley, South Northants  
NN13 5YR

01280848808

Email: sinclair@nurseryfurtherafield.co.uk

www.nurseryfurtherafield.co.uk

*Owner of The Nursery Further Afield propagating and growing hardy perennials since 1990, specialising in daylilies and hardy geraniums. Experienced teacher and lecturer usually able to establish empathy with an audience. Holder of a National Plant Collection of Hemerocallis.*

- Discovering Daylilies
- Hardy Geraniums
- Late Summer Perennials

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: none

**Skelmersdale, Christine**

Broadleigh gardens  
Barr House, Bishops Hull  
Taunton, Somerset  
TA4 1AE

01823270655

07770997887

Email: chris@broadleighbulbs.co.uk  
broadleighbulbs.co.uk

*Owner 40 years of Broadlegh Gardens, a mail order nursery specialising in small bulbs. Vice chairman of RHS bulb committee; exhibitor at RHS shows for 40 years; regular writer and "inspirational" lecturer, specialising in day courses on all aspects of growing bulbs; author 'A Gardeners Guide to Bulbs' 2012,*

- Using bulbs in the garden
- The year Round Bulbs garden
- Where does your garden grow? or Round the world in 80 plants
- Bulbs and plants for shade
- Extending the season - Hardy summer bulbs

Fee: Negotiable

Equipment required: depends upon choice of lecture, distance and method of travel.

**Sleigh, Michael**

61 Beech Grove  
Guildford, Surrey  
GU2 7UZ

01483536937

07970034498

Email: polypod@gmail.com

www.polypodphoto.co.uk

*Professional photographer with over 30 years experience in photography and education. Photographer and owner of Polypodphoto and associate photographer at Surrey Heritage Photography. Organizer and tutor for Polypodphoto Courses and tutor at the Guildford Institute. RHS staff photographer for 17 years. Tutor and technical support at WSCAD for 13 years.*

- Garden & Plant Photography
- Photography at the RHS
- Digital Photography for Beginners
- Digital Photography for Improvers

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Digital projector and screen.

**Smith, Michael JH**

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Worle,  
Weston-super-Mare, Somerset  
BS22 9BN  
01934642960  
07565529610

Email: mjsmith563@btinternet.com

*I am horticulture college trained, and have been working in the garden industry for 45 years including 20 years in our own nursery. I have been giving talks to gardening clubs and societies for over 35 years on these and other gardening subjects. Please contact me for further details.*

- Caring for your houseplants
- Lawn Care.
- All the Year Round Colour.
- Seed Raising and Propagation
- Pruning

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: I provide all equipment needed for the talk.

### **Smith, Ben**

31 Banbury Road  
Litchborough  
Towcester, Northants  
NN12 8JF

01327830144

07565529610

Email: Benz@btinternet.com

*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
- Low Maintenance Gardens
- Orchard House - 30 year story of a Country Garden

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: No equipment required

### **Smith, Linda**

Sharnford, Leicestershire  
01455273730

07931557082

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www.watersidenursery.co.uk

*Linda has run Waterside Nursery for 20 years growing pond plants and moisture loving perennials which they sell mail order and at some RHS Shows. They have won 2 Chelsea Flower Show Gold Medals 2011 & 2012 with their aquatic pond plant exhibits.*

- Creating & planting a pond
- Planting for the wildlife in your pond
- Enjoying water in small garden spaces
- Creating & planting a bog garden
- The story of modern waterlilies

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: 2 trestle tables

### **Spencer, Graham**

Plants For Europe Limited  
27 Maypole Cottages, High Hurstwood  
Uckfield, East Sussex

TN22 4AJ

01825731831

07764496700

Email: graham@plantsforeurope.com

www.plantsforeurope.com/about/public-speaking/

*Graham is owner of Plants For Europe Limited - the leading plant breeders' agent. Since 2003, he has worked to introduce new plants developed by breeders worldwide. Before that, he spent 15 years working at Croftway Nursery, the perennial specialist. He has been giving talks for more than 20 years.*

- New plants - the future for your garden
- I've got a new plant - what do I do now?
- The history and running of a specialist nursery
- Hardy perennials
- Hardy Geraniums

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen and projector stand.

Fee excludes travel costs.

### **Spires, John**

30 Idonia Rd  
Perton  
Wolverhampton  
WV6 7NQ

01902759640

Email: johnspires@mac.com

*I have been growing orchids for over 30 years*

- Orchids and how to grow them

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required:

**Stapley, Christina M.**

Deepwell House,  
205, Quemerford  
Calne, Wiltshire  
SN11 8JY

01249821087

Email: Christina.stapley@tiscali.co.uk

www.heartsease-herb-books.com

*Christina Stapley B.Sc Phyt. MCPP has grown and studied herbs for over 40 years. Her former Hampshire herb garden has been featured on television gardening programmes. Author of 3 books on growing and using herbs, she takes historical herb workshops at museums and is a historical garden consultant.*

- The Herbal Habitat for Wildlife
- Herbs to Aid the Gardener
- Elizabethan Herbs and Herb Gardens
- Herb Garden Design
- Herbs for Fragrance and Foliage

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Tables for display of relevant items and books for sale. Screen for projection.

**Stewart, Doug**

The Lodge  
1 St Marys Walk  
Swanland, East Riding of Yorkshire  
HU14 3BJ

01482634374

07775535753

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www.dougstewart.co.uk

*Doug is a professional horticulturist, who is well known as an amusing, yet informative speaker. He presents the BBC Radio Humberside gardening phone in, the Great Outdoors. Doug is happy to travel throughout the UK to give talks, further details of all the talks he gives are on his website.*

- 10 Ways to a better garden
- Horticultural Superheroes – The Plant Hunters
- Tips and Tricks
- The way we were...
- Why plants talk to insects & why pumpkins can't fly!

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: I bring all of my own equipment, however a table for laptop and projector would be much appreciated.

**Summerfield, Gail**

Westshores Nurseries  
82 West Street, Winterton  
Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire  
DN15 9QF

01724733940

07875732535

Email: westshnur@aol.com

westshores.co.uk

*I trained as a botanist and plant physiologist. I have managed a small retail nursery since 1985 and taught on a part-time basis in colleges and privately for twenty years. The nursery now specialises in ornamental grasses.*

- Ornamental Grasses
- Pride in the Fall
- The Twilight Garden
- Plot ot Pot
- Staff Only Beyond This Point Please

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required:

**Swan, Jack H**

41 Naseby Road  
Congleton, Cheshire  
CW12 4QX

01260276622

Email: j.hswan@talktalk.net

*Trained at Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh. Awarded AOH in 1994. Diploma in Field Biology(Birkbeck College U/L). Retired after managing and maintaining Jodrell Bank Arboretum for 23 years. In retirement involved in biological recording and surveying for Wildlife Trust. Enjoy travelling to study plants and wildlife in natural environment.*

- The Beauty of Trees and Shrubs
- Wildflowers of East Cheshire
- Mountain and Meadow Flowers of the Alps and Dolomites
- The Peloponnese: the Spring and Autumn of a Mediterranean Peninsula - Orchids, spring flowers and autumn bulbs - Crocus and Colchicum

- European Terrestrial Orchids

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: Screen

### **TARVER, DAVID**

9 CHURCH STREET

BELTON

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

LE12 9UG

01530222458

07974386143

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*Senior Lecturer Loughborough College of Art & Design (Loughborough University) 32 years Head Dept of Sculpture retired Grower and raiser of auriculas since 1974 Hon. Secretary, National Auricula & Primula Society Midland & West Section since 2000*

- Auriculas, Florists Flowers with a 450year history

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: Powerpoint presentation app 60 to 80 minutes All equipment provided including (small - 4x3ft) screen Use of larger screen appreciated where installed at venue Centrally placed table to carry projector & computer

### **Taylor, David**

30 Damson Trees

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Swindon, Oxfordshire

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01793783329

07921089908

Email: david@geraniumtalks.com

www.geraniumtalks.com

*Specialist Amateur Pelargonium grower for 20 years until 2006. Won seven Best in Shows as an amateur exhibitor at Specialist Geranium Society Shows. Currently Professional Nurseryman having run Gosbrook Pelargonium Nursery at my current address since 2006. Member National Pelargonium & Geranium Society Council. Accredited Pelargonium Judge.*

- Pelargoniums - Overview, Growing and Showing

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Provide Own Equipment.

Only Tables Required

### **Thomas, Hilary**

Surridges Farmhouse, Hanchett End

Withersfield

Haverhill, Suffolk

CB9 7RP

01440710919

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*Hilary Thomas is a qualified horticulturist and garden designer. She lectured at Capel Manor College for over 20 years and is the author of the book 'The Complete Planting Design Course'. She now works as a freelance lecturer, garden tour leader and is a verifier for the for the RHS.*

- Bulbs for every season
- A garden for all seasons
- Vertical gardening with wall shrubs and climbing plants
- Best plants for the smaller garden
- Right Plant: Right Place, the importance of soil, aspect and plants origins

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: A table or projector stand

### **Thornton, Richard**

Sandy Slopes, Honeysuckle Lane

Headley Down

Bordon, Hants

GU35 8EH

01483717604

- Gardens of China / Italy / N France
- Garden plants: rhododendrons / Swiss alpine / Italian Dolomites alpine & meadow / herbaceous perennials
- UK Gardens: Wisley / Sandy Slopes / general selection
- Kenyan Safari

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: screen, travel expenses

### **Thornton, David**

36 The Ridings

Ockbrook

Derby

DE72 3SF

01332676234

07778622628

Email: dthornton@rumenco.co.uk

*Current General Secretary of the National Vegetable Society, Chairman of Derbyshire Horticultural Association and National standard exhibitor. Growing vegetables for 30 years using modern techniques at home and on the allotment. Entertaining and informative speaker and brings samples and props when possible.*

- Growing Better Vegetables this Season
- Healthy Eating Aspects of Fruit and Vegetables
- The Long and Short of Carrot Growing
- Fertilisers for the Kitchen Garden
- Top Tips for Tomato Growers

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Nil. I supply all my own equipment including a very large screen.

#### **Thurlow, Bryan**

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33 Cavendish Road  
Clare, Suffolk  
CO108PE  
01787277305

Email: bryan\_thurlow@hotmail.com

*I have a background in professional theatre and a passion for plants. Perhaps it was inevitable that these two interests should combine in this 50 minute nostalgic performance piece*

- The Perennial Mr Potter

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: The Perennial Mr Potter, probably doesn't have an RHS category but I would like to offer it to your members. Mr Potter, born 1900, recounts his 50 years as a gardener at Glebe House, a fictitious Suffolk garden. Told in an authentic Suffolk accent Mr Pott

#### **Tibbs, Rodney**

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01638730780  
07732651962  
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*Journalist and author who has contributed to numerous publications over the years. For many years was feature writer, leader writer and in later years Features Editor of the Cambridge Evening News. Winner of the Glaxo award for science writing and a contributor to BBC's Midweek Theatre series.*

- Vegetables for Value
- Gardening Then and Now
- Cambridge Colleges and their Gardens
- Restoring a Cottage Garden
- Patio Gardening and Gardening in Small Spaces

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Provides all equipment for digital presentations. Might need use of small table for laptop computer.

#### **Trehane, Jennifer**

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353, Hampreston Village  
Wimborne, Dorset  
BH21 7LX  
01202579368  
07738194992

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*Author of 'Camellias, the Gardeners Encyclopedia' & 3 other published books, many articles in gardening mags. Photographer. Active in the international camellia world. Consultant for most aspects of camellia cultivation. Was editor of the International Camellia Journal for 6 years. Travel widely & enjoy sharing experiences and knowledge with audiences.*

- Camellias around the world. How they have spread from wild origins.
- Gardening with camellias
- International Camellia Gardens of Excellence.

Fee: £201 - £500

Equipment required: Screen

#### **Trott, John**

Byways. Back Lane  
Downside  
Shepton Mallet, Somerset  
BA4 4JR  
01749344274

07711205806

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www.mendipbonsai.co.uk

*I started growing bonsai in 1969. Later to establish the Mendip bonsai studio. Cultivating, selling bonsai and exhibiting at various shows mainly RHS. End of 2012 we proudly hold 55 RHS gold medals. Best in show at Tatton park 2005, Wisley 2007. Talks, demonstrations, lectures both home and abroad available.*

- An introduction to Bonsai.
- Styling bonsai
- Bonsai with native trees
- Grafting of Pines and maples
- Talk on my life as a bonsai fanatic

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: Table space to display actual bonsai and demo where appropriate.

#### **Umpelby, Roger**

The Cottage, Elmley Road

Ashton-under-Hill

Evesham, Worcestershire

WR11 7SW

01386881449

Email: roger@bugman.free-online.co.uk

*A professional entomologist and horticulturalist with many years experience in research and consultancy to professionals and amateurs. A passionate plant and nature-lover who enjoys sharing his respect for the natural world with anyone prepared to listen. Thirty different titles offered, please contact for full list.*

- Friends and foes in the garden
- Fruit and/or vegetable growing
- Pests and diseases of garden plants and their control
- Useful, beautiful and unloved; an alternative look at weeds
- A plant-lover's view of New Zealand and/or Fiji and Samoa

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: No equipment required.

#### **Walker, Timothy**

Rose Cottage

Rose Lane

Oxford, Oxon

OX1 4DU

01865286695

Email: timothy.walker@obg.ox.ac.uk

*Director of Oxford Botanic Garden since 1988*

- Oxford Botanic Garden & Harcourt Arboretum
- Euphorbias
- Medicinal Plants
- Plant Conservation
- Several talks on cottage gardening

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: Screen please

#### **Walton, Richard Fishbourne & Terry**

The Folly

Common Hill Lane

Fownhope, Herefordshire

HR1 4QA

01432860323

07812028142

Email: richard@bugsandbeasties.co.uk

www.bugsandbeasties.co.uk

*Terry Walton (BBC 2 Jeremy Vine Show) is a seasoned broadcaster and Allotmanteer. Richard Fishbourne is a naturalist and wildlife garden designer, writer, broadcaster and builder. Together they have created many audio features and have thousands of listeners across the www. This is an tale of gardening experience and shenanigans!!!*

- Tales from Terry's Allotment

Fee: £201 - £500

Equipment required: None required all props supplied.

#### **Warren, Michael**

169 Valley Road

Ipswich, Suffolk

IP1 4PJ

01473253041

07748908907

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*Michael has been photographing plants and gardens for the past 45 years, both in the UK and abroad. He has illustrated many books and has had the pleasure of working with many famous authors and plantsmen. He is a member of many horticultural organisations including The Worshipful Company of Gardeners'.*

- Through the Year with a Horticultural Photographer
- Scents of the Garden
- Climbers, Creeper & Crawlers
- Autumn & Winter Colour
- The Passionate Gardener

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: Screen only. Has own PowerPoint projector etc

### **Watkins, Derry**

Special Plants

Greenways Lane, Cold Ashton

Chippenham, Wilts

SN14 8LA

01225891686

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www.specialplants.net

*Author of Complete Greenhouse Book and Sunspaces. Runs Special Plants. Spent three months in South Africa looking for new plants. In 1996 bought a derelict barn and converted the fields into garden. She teaches at English Gardening School, and in 2015 will write the monthly Nurserymans Favourites for Gardens Illustrated*

- Unusual and Long-Blooming Garden Plants
- New Plant Introductions from around the World –how new plants get introduced –
- Conservatory Plants – a romance
- Gravel Gardening – low maintenance, drought tolerant plants
- Summer Flowers from Seed – wonderful annuals and biennials

Fee: £201 - £500

Equipment required: screen, extension lead, tables

### **Way, Dr Twigs**

25 Elfleda Rd

Cambridge

CB5 8LZ

07931872145

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Email: twigsway@me.com

www.twigsway.com

*Professional Garden Historian, author and researcher. Accredited NADFAS lecturer. Media appearances television and radio. Working with*

*English Heritage and private clients on historic gardens, particular interest in social history of the garden, women in the garden, and art/literature and the garden.*

- Gertrude Jekyll: Artist, Gardener, Craftswoman
- A History of Women in the Garden:
- 'The English Versailles': Wrest Park, Bedfordshire
- The Tudor Garden
- History of the Cottage Garden

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: I will bring my laptop and can bring digital projector or use yours. Will need screen as do not carry one. Fee band variable - according to distance and size of group

### **WHITE, SIMON**

6 SORREL DRIVE

ATTLEBOROUGH, NORFOLK

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07900197853

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*CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER AT PETER BEALES ROSES IN NORFOLK, WITH OVER 31 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE ON THE SUBJECT. QUALIFIED CRAFTSMAN IN HORTICULTURE, TRAINED AT EASTON COLLEGE NORFOLK & MEREIST WOOD COLLEGE SURREY. I HAVE A PASSION FOR THE ROSE WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH ALL PEOPLE WHO LIKE GARDENING*

- A - Z of ROSES
- GROWING FOR GOLD
- CLIMBING & RAMBLING ROSES FOR EVERY SITUATION
- WHO DARES PRUNE ?
- HOLLY WREATH MAKING DEMO

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: WILL PROVIDE ALL MY OWN EQUIPMENT

### **White, Stefan Edwin**

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*Stefan White is a professional speaker with a reputation for informative, entertaining talks. His talks are PowerPoint presentations lasting about 50 minutes. He has given talks to many Gardening Societies and is a regular Speaker on prestigious cruise ships. He is particularly interested in garden history and early gardening pioneers.*

- Skulduggery in the shrubbery - the extraordinary story of the Tradescant family
- The vegetable that changed world history- the humble, extraordinary potato
- Come into the garden, Maude - the great women pioneer gardeners
- The early plant hunters - pioneering discoverers of new plants
- 13. Plants that changed world history : The ones that had the greatest impact on our world

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: I can bring my own projector, screen and laptop for the Powerpoint presentations.

### **White, Mrs Susie**

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*Susie is a well-known plantswoman, author and photographer. For two year the English Garden magazine followed her as she created a new garden. A member of the Garden Media Guild, and on the NGS County Team for Northumberland, she has extensive knowledge of the gardens of the north of England.*

- Gardens of Northumberland and the Borders, based on Susie's book
- A blank canvas – making a garden from scratch; follow Susie as she creates her private garden over 2 years
- The Natural Garden; planting aesthetically for greater wildlife diversity
- Antique flowers: cottage garden heritage plants
- The Meadow Garden; how to create a naturalistic perennial garden

Fee: £101 - £200

Equipment required: Screen

### **White, Revd. Brian**

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- My Life around Scented Leaved Pelargoniums

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required:

### **Whiting, Angela**

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*I own a small Alpine Nursery near St Ives where we grow all our own plants using the organic principle. We encourage the wildlife on our nursery. My talk explains alpines and how to care for them especially when planting in containers such as troughs.*

- Alpines and Alpine Troughs
- What does into putting on a display for shows like Chelsea

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: screen

### **Wills, Howard**

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*I am a life-long gardening enthusiast (plantaholic!) with many years experience of growing a wide range of plants. I run a small nursery specialising in*

*Sempervivums and related plants. (Plant Heritage National Collection holder). I have exhibited, and been awarded Gold Medals, at all the main RHS Shows.*

- Sempervivums and related plants
- A plant lover's tour of New Zealand
- The beauty of leaves
- Great British Gardens
- Gardening for Wildlife

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: I provide all my own equipment and can bring plants for sale if required.

**Wiltshire, Dr Richard**

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*Co-author of local government association's good practice guide for allotment site management, and author of articles on political ecology of allotment gardens in the UK and Japan.*

- The Future for Allotments
- Allotments in Japan
- Community Gardens in San Francisco

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: Laptop with PowerPoint;  
Data projector; Screen

**Windhorst, Maïke**

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*Organic hands-on fruit, vegetable and flower gardener and budding marketeer. Keen interest in techniques and practical solutions as well as health, taste and beauty. Twenty years of experience in Essex but also different soils and weather constellations. Fairly self-sufficient in vegetables and currently working on fruit self-sufficiency.*

- Vegetable Self-Sufficiency in a Changing Climate
- Restoring an Edwardian Orchard
- Growing for the Flower Arranger All the Year Round
- Starting a Market Garden with a Handhoe

Fee: 0 - £50

Equipment required: Please provide screen or white wall.

**Wynne-Jones, Davina**

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*Davina Wynne-Jones started Herbs for Healing in 2005 creating a garden exclusively from plants with healing properties. She sells the plants and also uses them and makes creams and remedies for others. She has a degree in Fine Art loves the creative side of gardening.*

- Growing Herbs for Health
- Herb Gardens an illustrated talk covering historical and modern gardens
- How my late mother, Rosemary Verey, still influences me and others
- The Doctrine of Signatures. How did we first learn the uses of plants
- Demonstration. How to make remedies from your plants

Fee: £51 - £100

Equipment required: screen