

# REGISTER OF LECTURERS

**ACE G WNDH (RHS) Cert in Education - over 40 years professional lecturing experience.**

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**Tel:** 01252 323391

1. *Building gold medal gardens at the Chelsea Show.*
2. *Planning the small garden.*
3. *Rock and water Features.*
4. *Planning your planting.*
5. *Pruning trees and shrubs.*
6. *Dealing with drought.*
7. *Plants for ground cover.*
8. *Care of indoor plants (no slides).*

**25 mile radius. £45 + 25p per mile.**

**No equipment required.**

## **ALMOND Jim**

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**Tel:** 01743 242271 (before 8pm) 07940 678719 (m) - preferred

Jim is an experienced speaker specialising in alpine and dwarf bulbs. He is Plant Heritage collection holder (Juno Iris).

1. *Sowing, growing, showing - an alpine Triathlon.*
2. *Digital plant photography.*
3. *Alpines and bulbs from seed.*
4. *Some plants at the shows.*
5. *Showing alpines - behind the scenes.*
6. *Primulaceae in pots.*
7. *Juno Iris - with pots, grit and a hammer.*
8. *Fritillarias and other choice bulbs.*
9. *Snowdrops and other winter/spring bulbs.*
10. *Spring treasures at Kew.*
11. *Choice bulbs in pots.*
12. *Climbers and other favourite garden plants.*
13. *The all year bulb garden.*
14. *Alpines, dwarf bulbs and hardy Cyclamen.*
15. *Alpines through the post.*
16. *Plants through the post.*
17. *Wildlife in the garden.*
18. *Out and about - adventures of an alpine enthusiast.*
19. *Out and about II - more adventures of an alpine enthusiast.*
20. *Propagation a matter of life and death.*
21. *Special Snowdrops and how to keep them.*
22. *Plant treasures through a digital lens.*
23. *Pictures and Presentation.*
24. *More Special Snowdrops and how to keep them.*
25. *Snowdrops in the Green.*
26. *Life after Snowdrops.*
27. *Snowdrops - The Shropshire connection.*
28. *Cyclamen at AGS shows.*
29. *Sowing, growing, showing - a Primula Triathlon.*
30. *Out and about in New England.*
31. *Fritillarias from A to Z.*
32. *Growing species snowdrops*
33. *The Patch – a garden for all seasons (the garden of the late Margaret Owen)*

**Any distance. £85 + 30p per mile.**

**Screen required. Digital presentations offered. Talks on digital photography and snowdrops are a speciality. If any of the above lectures don't tempt you, a talk entitled 'Something for everyone' is aimed at a HPS audience.**

**AYRES Richard MBE, Associate of Honour RHS**

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**Tel:** 01223 811873

Head gardener 27 years Anglesey Abbey, retired 2000. Country Life Gardener of the Year 2000. Garden consultant with a great love of herbaceous plants.

1. *Fun with Herbaceous Plants.*
2. *My Life at Anglesey Abbey Gardens.*
3. *Snowdrops and Winter Interest Plants.*
4. *The Gardens of Kirtling Tower.*
5. *My Own Garden.*
6. *The Gibberd Garden.*

**250 miles. £200 + 40p per mile.**

**Screen required.**

**BABICZ Andrew Dip Hort (Edin)**

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**Tel:** 01277 200588 07803 249417 (m)

45 years in horticulture. Apprentice with National Trust for Scotland, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh. Garden Broadcaster, Writer, Judge and Lecturer.

1. *Great British gardens.*
2. *Seasonal container gardening.*
3. *Gardening quiz night.*
4. *Composting*
5. *The Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh.*
6. *Bulbs for indoor flowering.*
7. *The garden year.*
8. *Wisley Gardens.*
9. *Hedges.*

**Any distance. £85 per talk + 35p per mile travel.**

**Laptop, digital projector and screen provided.**

**BAKER John & COLLEY June**

**BA Cambridge (John) Ma / M.Sc Botany (June)**

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The Hanging Hostas of Hampshire, Narra, Frensham Lane, Lindford, Hampshire, GU35 0QJ

**Tel:** 01420 489186 07805 394550 (m)

John is a retired Director of an Engineering Company. June is Head of Technology for a Perfume Company. Garden is open during June-August for visits by appointment. Plants for sale in season. This small garden is packed with over 2000 plants including a collection of over 1500 different hostas.

1. *Heavenly Hostas – how to grow, propagate & protect from slugs & snails.*
2. *Lovely Lilies – how to grow & propagate oriental, asiatic, Alstromeria & day lilies.*
3. *Delightful dahlias – how to grow, propagate & show dahlias.*
4. *Gardens of Japan – Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima, & origins of the oriental garden.*
5. *Gardens of Ireland - in the footsteps of St Patrick gardens, castles, abbeys & landmarks.*
6. *The perfume of plants – why & how plants & perfumed, demonstration of essential oil perfumes.*
7. *The Gardens of Russia - Moscow and Saint Petersburg. Villages and flower shows*
8. *The world of butterflies – exotic, unusual, butterfly sanctuaries & attracting butterflies to your garden.*

**50-60 miles. £60 + travel costs.**

**Screen, projector stand required. PowerPoint presentations last for one hour with opportunity for questions.**

**BATES Jeff            Master of Horticulture (RHS)**

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**Tel:** 01332 679598            07803 422168 (m)

Full time horticultural lecturer for over 20 years; now self-employed horticulturist, garden designer and lecturer.

1. *The Royal Gardens, Windsor.*
2. *Great British gardens.*
3. *The garden in winter.*
4. *Moorish gardens of Andalucia.*
5. *Clematis and other climbers.*
6. *Garden design.*
7. *Trees.*
8. *Herbaceous borders.*
9. *Lawns, hedges and topiary.*
10. *Various others.*

**80 miles approx. £45 + 30p per mile. No equipment required.**

**BEAUFORT-MURPHY Helen            BS MS PhD Botany & Hortic**

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118 Hickory Tree Road, Mocksville, North Carolina, NC 27028, United States

**Tel:**

Plant Scientist. Conducted degree research at Kew, Edinburgh Botanic and the Smithsonian. Taught botany for 5 years at University of North Carolina. Many publications.

Worked with farmers to improve crops throughout South America for nearly 10 years.

1. *Andean prehistory: the land, plants, animals, people and archaeological sites (Peru, Argentina, Brazil and Chile including Patagonia).*
2. *North Peruvian Andes: the land, plants, animals, people and archaeological sites.*
3. *Southern Andes: the land, plants, animals, people and archaeological sites (Peru, Bolivia, Argentina and Chile including Patagonia).*
4. *Amazonian Jungles of Peru: plants (in nature and cultivation), animals and people.*
5. *Man and the Camelids of the Andes: Alpacas, Llamas, Guanacos and Vicunas (Peru, Bolivia, Argentina and Chile including Patagonia).*
6. *South American textiles (past and present) (Peru, Bolivia, Argentina and Chile).*
7. *South American art and artisans (past and present) (Peru, Bolivia, Argentina and Chile).*
8. *North Carolina: native plants and historic buildings from the mountains to the coast.*
9. *Florida wild flowers of the Northern Gulf - coast swamps.*
10. *Hardy and tender Gesneriads in nature and cultivation.*
11. *Alpine Gesneriads of Asia, South America and Europe - and collectors who discovered them.*
12. *Propagation and cultivation of tender Gesneriads.*
13. *Light intensity and day length (natural and artificial) and their effect on plant growth, development and flowering (or why plants don't always flower when wanted).*
14. *Sheep: eleven thousand years of domestication and history making by-products.*

**Any distance. £100-£150 + transportation/accommodation expenses.**

**Projector, screen and table required.**

**BENGER, Mary**

Burrow Farm Gardens, Dalwood, Axminster, Devon, EX13 7ET

**Tel:** 01404 831285

Owner/gardener of Burrow Farm Gardens. Mary has gardened her family home, Burrow Farm Gardens for more than 50 years. Ex-Chairman of Devon HPS.

1. *Development of Burrow Farm Gardens.*
2. *Gardening made easier.*
3. *Colour through the year.*
4. *My passion for plants.*
5. *Shady ladies and sunseekers.*

**60 miles. £60-£80 including travel.**

**Screen required. Slide presentation.**

**BOWES Russell          Dip Garden History**

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**Tel:** 020 88502395

12 years' lecturing experience - past clients include the Eden Project, National Portrait Gallery, Imperial War Museum, Blenheim Palace, National Trust (properties and Members Groups), U3A, Adult Learning programmes of Universities of Kent, Bath, Reading and Essex. Keen practical gardener.

1. *The painted garden - garden history as seen in works of fine art.*
2. *The Capable Mr Brown - the life and times of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown.*
3. *The inexhaustible Mr Paxton - the life and career of Sir Joseph Paxton.*
4. *Dig for victory - food production and gardening on the 'Home Front' during WW2.*
5. *An A-Z of garden history.*
6. *The roman garden.*
7. *A nice Cup of Tea - the story of England's 'national drink'.*
8. *The Art of the Folly - weird and wonderful buildings.*
9. *The Devil's Garden - horrible horticultural histories.*
10. *Flower Power - 4 individual talks - the Rose, the Lily, the Sunflower and the Tulip, looking at the history of each flower and how they have been used in paintings, which can be combined in any order or number to suit your individual interests and timing requirements.*
11. *Say it with Poison - stories of herbaceous murder from the herbaceous border!*

**150 miles. Fees strictly by negotiation with each individual client organization, exclusive of costs of travel by public transport.**

**Screen and projector stand required.**

**BROWN Michael          MA (Garden History) LCGI MIHort**

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Ex Head Gardener and College Lecturer. Designed and created the medieval gardens at the Prebendal Manor, Northants and consultant on other garden projects. I am now a freelance lecturer and consultant.

1. *Gardens in the Age of Chivalry - Medieval Gardens, uses, features and plants.*
2. *Knots and Bowers - Tudor Gardens, uses, features and plants.*
3. *Many a Sundry Flower - early uses of plants.*
4. *Shakespeare's Flowers - plants from the plays and their stories.*
5. *Early Gardening Methods - horticultural techniques from ancient times.*
6. *Death in the Garden - tales of the sinister plants that may be in your garden.*
7. *All in a Garden Green - the features you may find in an historic garden.*
8. *The Glory of the Garden - Victorian and Edwardian gardens and gardening methods - with a little help from Kipling.*
9. *In a Monastery Garden – plants and gardens in a medieval monastery.*
10. *The Medieval Gardening Year – gardening in the medieval times, using source material and pictures of the period*
11. *Other talks available, please ask for details or visit my website.*

**Any distance. £90 for journeys within 50 miles; for greater distances + 40p per mile.**

**Only digital presentations used, all equipment supplied. Displays can also be provided.**

**BROWN Bob**

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**Tel:** 01386 860519 (h) / 01386 47337 (w)

1. "Aconitums"
2. "First impressions, second thoughts"
3. "New Zealand plants for UK Gardens" (a botanical lecture tracing the origins of some plant characteristics typical to NZ).
4. "The garden makeover makeover" (aka "Gardens, a personal view" (looking at what's wrong with gardens)
5. "New Garden-worthy Plants"
6. "So Many Plants, So Little Space"
7. "Planting For Dry Conditions" can be done without pictures using fresh plant material for audiences numbering under 60 in summer or autumn, or with pictures
8. "Unusual Winter Flowers"
9. "Light in a Dark Season" (winter)
10. "Foliage for Effect"
11. "Brightening up the Garden in August"
12. "Native Plants as Garden Flowers"
13. "The Aster Family in the Garden"
14. "New Varieties of Old Plants"
15. "Geraniums - Restraint and Discrimination"
16. "My Thirty Best Plants"
17. "Plants for autumn"
18. "Garden-worthy Ferns"
19. "Plants Grow in Dirt" I always aim to send audiences away having felt some emotion - even if it is only anger. This is a talk designed to stimulate and provoke, challenging some accepted gardening practices.
20. "Hardiness in Plants" (for committed audiences) no pictures
21. "Propagation – A Sideways Look" could be condensed but is probably best given in two 50 minute slots.
22. "Variegated Plants".
23. "Good plants for difficult places"
24. "Sixty Years on" Changing tastes in gardening since the 1950's

I also do picture-less lectures with fresh plant material but not for more than 60 or so people ("**A Bucket of Stuff**"). This goes down better on sunny summer evenings, and can be done Apr-Oct. I will also consider doing "one-off" lectures to order.

If you do decide to book me can you please let me know the address of the venue (postcode, street name and number - if any - and village/suburb). This is very very useful on dark winter nights because my satnav will find it even though I've forgotten the map and my reading glasses.

**Any distance. £250 + cost of fuel for a lecture of about an hour. Full sessions morning or afternoon £350; full day £550.**

**Some digital presentations, some slide presentations. Own projection equipment provided but screen or suitable wall required. Can bring plants for sale.**

**BROWNSWORD Malcolm****C Chem MRSC**

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Manor Close, West Hagbourne, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 0NQ

**Tel:** 01235 850668

Retired chemist. Over 40 years experience of lecturing and horticulture and wildlife photography. Member of HPS, AGS, Hardy Orchid Society. Particular interests; Pleione's (twelve species and over 60 hybrids grown), European and Asian hardy orchids, alpines, Japanese gardens and bonsai.

1. *Pleiones - Easy to grow, inexpensive windowsill orchids - this talk is best delivered in March or April to enable me to bring along many flowering plants to complement the presentation.*
2. *Butterflies and orchids of the Upper Thames - covering both common and rare species found in the Upper Thames counties of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire, including naturally-occurring orchid hybrids and rare butterflies such as Purple Emperor and Brown Hairstreak.*
3. *Wildlife experiences in the Upper Thames Region – this covers my more memorable experiences over the past 40 years and includes dormice, great-crested newts, wild orchids, dragonflies, bush crickets, butterflies and moths etc.*
4. *Return to the Picos - the flora and fauna of the Picos de Europa, N Spain; based on the experience of five visits over 30 years.*
5. *Chilterns Wildlife – a tour of about 8 nature reserves. This presentation concentrates on wild orchids (including pollination) but includes a little on butterflies, moths, great green bush cricket and other wildlife.*
6. *My garden year - this covers, season by season, successes and failures in my own garden, new plants grown, gardens and shows visited and new techniques tried.*
7. *Hardy Orchids - this covers European and Asian species and hybrids, and how to grow and propagate them in your garden and cold greenhouse. In February and March I can usually bring along plants in flower.*
8. *Flowers of the Costa Blanca - flowers of the coast and mountains of eastern Spain with a little on local garden plants.*
9. *Audio-visual show. The audience chooses short audio-visuals from a total of 50, each 5-10 mins long. Each is set to music or has a recorded commentary, and many use special digital effects. Subjects include Hidcote, Wisley, Ness Gardens, Waterperry & Biddulph Grange gardens, Malvern Show, Loughborough AGS show, as well as wildflowers & butterflies. My 'British butterflies' audio-visual was accepted for the Adelaide 2015 AV Fest.*

**Approx 40 miles radius of Oxford. £45 + 25p per mile.****All equipment supplied, including professional quality 1.8m x 1.8m screen. All presentations are digital and many include video-clips. Short notice booking often possible. Please send s.a.e. or email for further details.****BUSTIN Steve**

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Garden writer and journalist (Amateur Gardening, Beautiful Gardens and others, ex-BBC News), member of the Garden Media Guild, Fellow of the Professional Speaking Association, regular public speaker and event host. Chairman of Seedy Sunday Brighton, the UK's largest community seed swap, member of the HPS Sussex group. Has opened his Brighton garden in the National Garden Scheme.

1. *Gardens, cakes, charity: whats not to like? Opening your garden for charity.*
2. *Do you fancy having a Seedy Sunday?*

**South East/South Coast/London (up to 75 miles from Brighton). Rest of UK by arrangement – additional fee may be payable. £100 per talk + 45p per mile travel. £175 per talk + petrol/rail fare for venues over 75 miles from Brighton.****Talks using own laptop. Digital projector and screen required.**

**BUTCHER William**

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A career professional gardener, specialising in horticulture and garden history, who also has extensive broadcast experience.

1. *The Life and Extraordinary Times of Alan Bloom, founder of the HPS and creator of the world renowned Bressingham Gardens.*
2. *Plants, people, poisons, pirates and tales of derring-do.*
3. *Adam was a gardener. The story of the connection between the church and garden making.*
4. *A case study of the making of a Kentish Estate Garden documented over 150 years or so.*

**Within 50 miles. £60 inclusive of travel expenses.**

**Screen preferred. Digital presentations offered.**

**CHADWELL Chris**

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International speaker, having lectured in France, Norway, Switzerland and India. In 2013 he will undertake his 5th lecture-tour in N. America - this time covering the Pacific NW and Alaska. Leader of 27 plant hunting expeditions along the Himalaya. Recipient of 3 awards from HPS Kenneth Black Legacy towards his 'FLOWERS FIT FOR A DALAI LAMA Plant Conservation Project' (Himalayan plants used in Tibetan Medicine).

Freelance lecturer, plant hunter and photographer.

1. *Garden on the roof of the world - the beautiful flowers of Kashmir.*
2. *The valley of flowers - plant hunting in the NW Himalaya.*
3. *Plant hunting in Little Tibet - flowers fit for a Dalai Lama.*
4. *Growing Himalayan plants.*
5. *Wild flowers of Britain.*
6. *Plant introductions at National Trust and other properties.*

Any distance (by train). £75 (local) - £100 (overnight).

Digital presentations. Provides own equipment but screen and extension lead required.

**COOK Vanessa**

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Stillingfleet Lodge Nurseries, Stillingfleet, YORK, YO19 6HP

**Tel:** 01904 728506

Mature student at Askham Bryan College. 30 years running a nursery. Garden open to the public.

1. *My garden in spring and autumn.*
2. *My garden through the year.*
3. *Hardy Geraniums.*
4. *Foliage is more important than flowers?*
5. *Introduction to Pulmonarias and Hardy Geraniums.*

**100 miles +. £120 + 40p per mile.**

**Screen required.**

**CROWDER Chris****Dip Hort (Kew)**

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**Tel:** 01539 560301      07762 364557 (m)

Head Gardener of the award winning Levens Hall Gardens for the past 25 years. Trained at Kew

1. *The Garden at Levens.*

**Any distance. £150 + expenses.**

**This is a digital presentation, all equipment provided.**

**DANCER Marcus**

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**Tel:** 01425 652747      07709 922730 (m)

I present all day lectures at the English School of Gardening in London. Growing plants on my nursery has given me very specialist knowledge.

1. *Clematis - how to grow them successfully with a practical demonstration on pruning.*
2. *Climbing Plants for Sun and Shade.*
3. *Trees and Shrubs for Winter Interest.*
4. *Scented Plants throughout the year.*

**100 miles. £65 + travel expenses.**

**All talks/lectures presented with A4 colour photographs taken by myself and living plants so the talks contain much information and are a valuable learning experience. Can bring plants for sale relevant to the subject.**

**DAVIS Brian**

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**Tel:** 01635 860500      07840 855952 (m)

Author of numerous books and contributor to gardening magazines. Established gardening master classes & gardening newsletter. Gardening workshop leader and lecturer on 12 cruises. Lectured to horticultural societies, W.I., garden centres, gardening schools etc. at all levels. Started walking and talking plant and garden trips in the UK and Madeira.

1. *Growing in Shade.*
2. *The Evolution of the Clematis.*
3. *A Short 5,000 Year History of the Rose.*
4. *Colourful Hydrangeas.*
5. *Misunderstood Berberis.*
6. *Mighty Magnolias.*
7. *Magical Maples.*
8. *Ornamental Cherries, Plums and other Prunus.*
9. *Dogwoods from Around the World.*
10. *Versatile Viburnums.*

**Any distance. Fees by arrangement. No equipment required.**

**Many other gardening topics by arrangement (full list of 55 titles can be sent by email or post). Short notice booking sometimes possible.**

**DAVIES Ron**

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**Tel:** 01768 486618      07949 340785

Member of HPS Cumbria Group and Scottish & Northern Borders Group.

Head Gardener at a Cumbrian country house, open to the public for past 25 years. Now semi-retired.

1. *Plants for a cold garden.*
2. *Some of my favourites.*

**Any distance. £60 + travel. Willing to accept bookings at short notice. Fee for 60 or more negotiable.**

**de BEDEN Laura**

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A plant lover from birth. Studied humanities and foreign languages in Italy, and Landscape Architecture at University of Central England. An international lecturer, a designer and writer on 'Garden Issues', she delivers her talks with gusto and touches of humour, and thrives on audience participation.

1. *Create a garden as a work of art (as delivered at the Queen's Gallery May 2015).*
2. *The Glory of Colour.*
3. *Essential Elements of a Good Border.*
4. *Planning & Planting.*
5. *Working with plants and nature when making a garden.*

**Any distance. £200 + travel.**

**Digital projector, laptop and laser beam pointer provided. Screen, microphone (if needed) and leads required.**

**DIXON Stuart BA (Hons) CPSE MIHort**

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Horticultural lecturer. Writer. Broadcaster on gardening subjects.

1. *In Safe Hands - Gardens of the National Trust.*
2. *Rustic Charm - England cottage gardens.*
3. *They think it's all over - autumn in the garden.*
4. *The Four Seasons - a year in the flower garden.*
5. *A Woodland Garden including shade perennials.*
6. *Dreaming Spires - Delphiniums, Erumurus, Hollyhocks and more!*
7. *A vision of roses - old roses for a summer garden.*
8. *Best Borders - perennials for herbaceous borders.*
9. *Summer Time Blues - cool blue flowers for a summer border.*
10. *Choice Plants - phlox, penstemons and monarda.*
11. *Clematis - queen of climbers.*
12. *Ramblers 'n' Scramblers - roses and clematis.*
13. *English Roses - the roses of David Austin.*
14. *Some like it hot - sun lovers for warm borders.*
15. *All gardens Great and Small - the gardens of England and Ireland.*
16. *The Garden of Hebb's Farmhouse - restored from dereliction. (featured on BBC TV)*
17. *Paradise Gardens - Geoff Hamilton's Barnsdale.*
18. *Treasure Island - the unique gardens of St Michaels Mount.*
19. *Islands of Flowers - gardens of the Isles of Scilly.*
20. *Paradise Found - the lost gardens of Heligan.*
21. *Return to Eden - the Eden Project and Eden Gardens, New Zealand.*
22. *Kiwi Experience - gardens of New Zealand parts 1 & 2).*
23. *Jersey Royal - the magnificent gardens of Jersey.*

**100 miles. £80 + travel. Please send for full details.**

**All equipment provided for 35m colour slide presentation (no digital presentations). Hebbs Farmhouse garden open to HPS Groups by appointment.**

**DYER Glenis**

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Former college lecturer (Business Studies &amp; IT, not gardening).

Former committee member British Clematis Society, member of International Clematis Society, Alpine Garden Society.

Our garden has opened for NGS for 30 years.

1. *Clematis – the ultimate social climber*
2. *Year-round colour in the garden.*
3. *Favourite things.*
4. *Winter bloomers on display.*
5. *Hellebores and companion plants*
6. *History of the National Gardens Scheme.*
7. *Easy peasy alpines.*
8. *Good companions.*

**25 miles radius - more if Group prepared to pay fuel costs. £80 + fuel costs.****No equipment required.****EASTER Margaret**

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23 Wroxham Way, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, AL5 4PP

**Tel:** 01582 768467Holder of 3 National Plant Collections of *Thymus* (Scientific status), *Hyssopus* and *Satureja*. Brickell Award 2011.*Thymus* ICRA (International Cultivar Registration Authority). Backgarden nursery LW Plants – Plants from a Plantman's Garden. Experienced garden photographer. Garden Media Guild member.

1. *The Garden in Autumn and Winter.*
2. *Plants for the summer border.*
3. *Herbs in the garden.*
4. *Bulbs through the year.*
5. *Grasses for the small garden.*
6. *Thymes for the garden.*
7. *Thyme in the wild.*
8. *Thymus nomenclature.*

**From £100 (depending on group size) + travel by public transport. Locations in SE via London, but for longer distances, overnight accommodation please.****PowerPoint presentations for all talks, projector and laptop provided.****EDWARDS Robert BSc (Hons) Environmental Sciences**

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**Tel:** 07849 915668 (m)

Qualified professional gardener, garden/landscape designer, garden-maker, consultant and speaker/writer, Plantsman. I have gardened over much of the UK – in NW, extreme SW Cornwall, Midlands, Home Counties, and East Anglia; and have some overseas experience also. Previous experience in soft landscape design specification, management and building for both landscape companies and landscape architects - both in the UK and abroad. Written articles have appeared in CGS, HPS Half-Hardy Group et al. Regular blogger. Speaker/presenter for almost 30 years.

RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2008 Bronze Medal winner. RHS Chelsea Flower Show Silver Medal 2009. Professional gardener/garden-maker & designer, working mostly in W London, Surrey, Cheshire & Midlands. Working on planting, maintenance, building & consultancy. Plant retail experience as Plant Area/Horticulture Manager for Petersham Nurseries et al. Also growing experience, private & commercial.

1. *Backyards & tiny gardens.*
2. *The heat island effect.*
3. *Gardening with extremes.*
4. *Annuals - a modern approach.*
5. *Grasses – a selection of the best ones to grow.*
6. *Roses in the modern garden.*

**35 miles. Around £90 + travel. Screen required. Digital presentations - own projector supplied.**

**ELLIS Brian BA**

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Avondale Nursery, 3 Avondale Road, Earlsdon, Coventry, West Midlands, CV5 6DZ  
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Enthusiastic nurseryman and plantsman, 3 plant heritage national collections.  
Keen to share his enthusiasm for plants!

1. *Pictures from the library garden - recent photographs from our nursery display garden (digital).*
2. *Texture and foliage in the garden (digital). (March to September).*
3. *Roots and Shoots - practical demonstration on propagation of herbaceous perennials.*
4. *I just can't help myself - diary of a national collection holder (digital). (Anemone nemerosa, Sanguisorba and Aster novae-angliae).*

**One hour radius from Coventry. £100 + 40p per mile.**

**Projector screen + tables for plant sales and/or demonstration required.**

**EVERITT Donald**

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**Tel:** 01275 462700

Trained in Horticulture. RHS Wisley. Have been lecturing throughout England and Wales for over 45 years. Cover a wide range of topics. Have been a member of HPS since it was formed and on the lecturers list since it was first drawn up.

1. *Scree and Gravel Gardening.*
2. *Ideas for the Small Garden.*
3. *The Flower Arrangers Garden.*
4. *Herbaceous Plants in the Modern Garden.*
5. *Cottage Gardens.*
6. *Lilies and other Summer Flowering Bulbs.*
7. *The Rock Garden.*
8. *Spring Flowering Bulbs.*
9. *Colour and interest in the Winter Garden.*
10. *Low Maintenance Gardens.*
11. *Autumn - the forgotten season.*
12. *The Fascination of Foliage.*
13. *Plants Worthy of being Grown more Often.*
14. *Tender Perennials in the Garden.*
15. *Tubs and Containers for Winter colour.*
16. *Fragrance in the Garden.*
17. *Gardening with Wildlife.*
18. *Herbs and Fragrant Plants.*
19. *Shrubs.*
20. *Perennials for Long Season of Interest.*
21. *Trees for the Smaller Garden.*
22. *Tubs and Hanging Baskets.*
23. *Evergreens.*
24. *Plant Propagation (talk/demonstration).*

**200 mile radius. £30 + travel. Plants and bulbs for sale.**

**Screen and projection stand required if available, otherwise can bring. Slides used. .**

**FISHER Michael****BSc (Hons) Horticulture**

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**Tel:** 0115 9224383 0793379917 (m)

Employee at Garden Organic, Studentship at University of Oxford Botanic Garden, owner of Plant Revelations Nursery. Showed at Hampton Court floral marquee 2015.

1. *Plants for late colour.*
2. *Plants for dry shade.*
3. *Creating a tropical garden using hardy plants.*
4. *Plants for wildlife.*

**Any distance. £100 + 40p per mile.****Projector, screen (powerpoint presentation available), but prefer to use plants and props if possible.****FITZGERALD Lady Rosemary**

ro@lilstock.eclipse.co.uk / www.beggarsroostplants.co.uk

Beggars Roost, Lilstock, BRIDGWATER, Somerset, TA5 1SU

**Tel:** 01278 741519

20+ years in wild plant conservation UK and Ireland. Botany in Portugal, Turkey, Gulf, Iceland.

2001-2009 small nursery Beggars Roost Plants. Organic principles. Now Mail Order only. Book 'A Gardener's Guide to Native Plants of Britain and Ireland' published January 2012 The Crowood Press.

Currently garden consultancy work.

1. *The Meeting of Wild and Garden Plants - focuses on how wild species and habitats can aid successful conventional gardening.*
2. *People and Plants - our intimate lifelong involvement with plants, as food or medicine, in art, culture, history, memories, sense of place etc.*
3. *Our Friends the Bulbs - clues from their wild (and sometimes extreme) habitats, can help choose and place these stalwart plants to enhance gardens year-round.*
4. *Love or Loathe - garden styles and plant fashions in this most individual of crafts.*

**100 miles. Daytime only unless accommodation offered. £100 for 1 hour talk/slide show + 50p per mile.****All talks illustrated with RF's own quality slides taken in gardens and the wild, at home and abroad.****Own projector but screen required. Can bring copies of book if requested, for sale and signing, and good flower and plant cards by local West Country artists.****FOLEY Peter**

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Waddow Lodge Garden, Clitheroe Road, Waddington, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 3HQ

**Tel:** 01200 429145

Formerly of Holden Clough Nursery. Plantsman, lecturer and broadcaster.

Garden awarded Green Business Scheme Gold Award and open for groups to visit as well as NGS Yellow Book.

1. *Environmentally friendly gardening and introducing wildlife into your garden.*
2. *Herbaceous perennials old and new.*
3. *Fantastic Foliage - perennials, grasses, ferns, shrubs, etc.*
4. *Plants for problem places - including tips on encouraging wildlife into your garden.*
5. *Plants for the smaller garden.*
6. *The nurseryman's year - an interesting miscellany.*
7. *Winter colour in the garden - everything to brighten the garden in winter.*
8. *Hardy Plants for cold places.*
9. *The autumn garden.*
10. *Primulas - a diverse group of plants.*
11. *The development of the garden at Waddow Lodge.*
12. *From nurseryman to gardener - the joyful transition!*

**Any reasonable distance. Fee depends on distance.****Lectures are illustrated with slides and live plant material. Screen and tables for plants for sale required.****Level access into hall for plants.**

**FORD Richard      BSc (Hons) Botany**

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25 years in commercial agricultural/horticultural research, and owner for 28 years of a specialist Hosta nursery, winning over 60 RHS Gold Medals. Author of 'Hostas - an essential guide'.

1. *Hostas – why, where and how.*
2. *Hostas – pots and pests*

**Anywhere in England and Wales. £150 + 40p per mile.****All are digital PowerPoint presentations, projection screen essential.****FOSTER Tracy**

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39 Gledhow Wood Grove, Leeds, LS8 1NZ

**Tel:** 0113 2667828      07711 888627 (m)

A full time garden designer since 2002, I am also a tutor and mentor as well as running my own short courses. Educated to degree level in Plant Biology, I am a registered member of the Society of Garden Designers, a local radio plant expert and an RHS registered speaker. I regularly create gardens at RHS shows and have won several medals including three gold, one of which was at Chelsea 2012 for 'The Brontes Yorkshire Garden'.

1. *Gardens through the ages – a history of the different influences and fashions that have shaped our gardens over the centuries. A fascinating gardening journey through time!*
2. *Designing tips for your garden – tips and tricks to help you make the most of your space, whatever its shape or size, and give your garden a designer feel including advice about shapes, colours, materials and plants.*
3. *Behind the scenes at the Chelsea Flower Show – Ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at an RHS show? Do the designers all get on? Who pays? How do the gardens look as though they have been there forever? The full story from that first idea right through to medal day.*
4. *Make your garden unique - the special touches that will give your garden a personality and identity to match yours. Including ideas for easy garden crafts, using found objects and stunning planting combinations.*
5. *Hedgehogs in the garden – find out about Britains best loved wild animal. What strange things do hedgehogs get up to at night? Where can you find blonde hedgehog? Why are our hedgehog numbers declining so rapidly? And what can we do in our gardens to help them?.*
6. *How to plant a beautiful mixed border – design tips and inspiration to help you create a wonderful border. You will learn how to choose the right plants and plant them to give you the best effects.*
7. *Colour Round the Year – a look at some of the best plants to use to bring colour and interest to a UK garden throughout the year.*
8. *Plants and gardens of the Canaries and Atlantic Isles – a look at the unique and special plant life of this area.*
9. *More tales from the garden – more facts, figures and strange goings on from RHS shows and other gardens.*
10. *Gardening in retirement – plentiful ideas and information for the retired gardener or really for anyone who is thinking of making changes to the garden. From gardening activities to do with the grandchildren, planting to please the senses, wildlife gardening, choosing the best and easiest tools to use through to design ideas to keep the hard work to a minimum.*

I am also happy to write talks to order.

**Any distance if reasonable expenses paid. £85 per one hour talk + 45p per mile.****I have a laptop with digital presentations but require a compatible digital projector.**

**GARRETT Fergus Head gardener at Great Dixter**

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Great Dixter House and Garden, High Park Close, Northiam, Rye, East Sussex, TN31 6PH

**Tel:** 01797 254045(w)

Head Gardener at Great Dixter since 1992, CEO of The Great Dixter Charitable Trust since 2006, RHS Trials, RHS Gardens Advisor.

1. *Great Dixter, past, present & future.*
2. *Designing with plants.*
3. *Succession planting.*
4. *Exotic gardening*
5. *Meadows at Great Dixter.*

£300 for travel distance up to 100 miles (1 way), £500 for travel of up to 250 miles (1 way) Up to 300 miles.

Good size screen and projector required. Digital presentations offered.

**GAYTON Barry RHS**

Desert World Gardens, 2 Park Bunglaow, Thetford Road, Santon Downham, BRANDON, Suffolk, IP27 0TU

**Tel:** 01842 765861 07713 091727 (m)

Certificated, Head Gardener – public gardens, now retired. BBC Radio Norfolk & Cambridgeshire Gardeners Question Time. Writer of articles for books, magazines and newspapers. Daily Telegraph Gardeners Question Time Road Show – countrywide. 53 years growing cacti/succulent 12,500 species.

1. *Gingers and Cannas.*
2. *Echeveria and Aeoniums..*
3. *Pot Plants - part I & part II.*
4. *Modern day conservatory plants large and small.*
5. *Alpines and other rockery plants.*
6. *Indoor alpines.*
7. *Sink gardens and plants.*
8. *Sempervivums.*
9. *Garden pests and diseases.*
10. *Nature walks of Breckland.*
11. *Fungi.*
12. *Wild flowers of Britain - part I & part II.*
13. *Mammillaria group.*
14. *Annuals and biennials of the flower border.*
15. *Agaves and allied species.*
16. *Garden trees and shrubs - part I & part II.*
17. *Wild trees and shrubs.*
18. *Cacti of Desertworld/Succulents of Desertworld.*
19. *Euphorbiacae*
20. *Cristate and Montrose - Cacti and succulent.*
21. *Mesembryanthemums and allied Species.*
22. *Hardy Cyclamen.*
23. *Hardy border plants - common/hardy border plants - choice.*
24. *Variegated plants in the home and garden.*
25. *Growing plants for the flower arranger.*
26. *Winter garden colour.*
27. *Propagation of plants.*
28. *The scented garden and glasshouse.*
29. *The making of a garden (my own).*
30. *My life as a gardener.*
31. *Gardeners' questions answered.*
32. *Painful and poisonous Plants.*
33. *Tender perennials.*
34. *Hardy Geraniums (Cranesbills).*
35. *Hellebores.*
36. *The hidden nurseries of East Anglia.*
37. *Weird and wonderfuls of the plant kingdom.*
38. *Passion flowers.*

39. *A year of colour in the garden.*
40. *Plants identified.*
41. *Drought tolerant plants.*
42. *Bulbs, corms and tubers for all seasons.*
43. *Climbing plants and wall shrubs.*
44. *Plantsman's plants.*
45. *Exotic plants.*
46. *Cacti-common/Cacti-choice/Cacti-unusual/Cerei Cactus.*
47. *Succulents-common/Succulents-choice/Succulents-unusual(cauderforming).*
48. *Plectranthus species.*
49. *Holly wreath making (the old way).*
50. *Show Auriculas and other Primulas.*
51. *Shade tolerant plants in the garden.*
52. *Magnificent Magnolias.*
53. *Epimediums.*
54. *Colour themed plants.*
55. *The Good, Bad and Ugly.*
56. *Woodland gardening.*

**Any distance. £40 + 38p per mile. No equipment required. Digital or slide.**

**Visits welcome; May - August. Talks - evenings and day all year round (will turn out at a moment's notice if a speaker lets you down).**

#### **GREEN Paul**

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**Tel:** 01531 820154 07890 413036 (m)

I've worked in commercial horticulture for over 25 years in the UK & USA briefly. Running my own business (Green's Leaves) since mid 90's. We grow a range of choice & unusual plants - Southern Hemisphere, scented foliage/flowers, coloured foliage, anything weird! We sell at Plant Fairs & Shows, Mail Order.

1. *Plants of the season. This is a practical talk using real plants, not pictures, with many variants depending on season, including propagation, pruning, best use in gardens, any pest & disease problems etc.*
2. *It's not all about flowers – foliage and stem interest.*

*Other talks can be arranged including unusual recipes for containers.*

**Midlands, Wales. Most talks I give are between March & October.**

**Standard rate £60 + 40p per mile. Just a few strong tables required please.**

#### **HARDY Rosy**

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**Tel:** 01256 896533

***An award winning Chelsea Gold Medallist. Nurseryman growing herbaceous perennials for the past 21 years. Exhibits at all major flower shows - consistent medal winner at RHS Westminster Shows,***

***16 Gold medals at The Chelsea Flower Show, Gold medal garden designer at The Hampton Court Flower Show 2001, 2004-2008. Studied horticulture at Writtle College.***

1. *Early spring perennials*
2. *Spring flowering perennials*
3. *Early summer flowering perennials*
4. *Summer flowering perennials*
5. *Early autumn flowering perennials.*

**Will travel to most places as long as travel is paid. £250 + petrol.**

**No equipment required**

**HART DYKE Tom**

Please contact my talks agent: Keith Murdock - keith@dfmanagement.tv

Lullingstone Castle, EYNSFORD, Kent, DA4 0JA

Tel: 01264 771726

Fanatical plant nut all my life!

Now leading the ongoing development of the World Garden at Lullingstone Castle.

1. *Tales of a modern day plant hunter - orchid hunting, 9 month kidnap ordeal and the stories of the creation of the World Garden.*
2. *A horticulturally endowed tale - including the above and my return to South America after my Colombian kidnap ordeal, Venezuela in '06, Ecuador in '07.*
3. *All for a national collection - Puya hunting in the South American Andes.*

**Will travel anywhere! £300 + expenses 40p per mile.**

**Can offer a digital presentation but would ideally need a screen.**

**HICKMAN Steven**

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Hoyland Plant Centre, Market Street, Hoyland, South Yorkshire, S74 0ET

54 Greenside Lane, Hoyland, Nr Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S74 9PZ

Tel: 01226 744466 07717182169 (m)

Nursery owner for 31 years, prior to this worked in Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong and the South Pacific. National collection holder for Agapanthus and Tulbaghia. N.D. in horticulture 1975-1977 Askham Bryan College / Cambridge Botanics.

1. *Cultivation and propagation of Agapanthus. This is a hands on practical demonstration on all aspects of Agapanthus cultivation and propagation with questions/answers start to finish. Clumps are split and potted, examples of composts, tools used, potting various sizes, examples of splits and tissue culture explained simply. Plants for sale available.*

**Any distance. £70 + expenses 40p per mile.**

**No equipment needed.**

**HILEY Brian**

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**Tel:** 01872 862733

Specialist nurseryman and exhibitor.

1. *Getting you through the winter.*
2. *Shape, form, colour and texture.*
3. *Tender and unusual perennials.*
4. *Exotic and eccentric.*
5. *Container plants and something different.*
6. *South African plants.*
7. *Hiley recommended.*
8. *Southern hemisphere plants.*

**Distance willing to travel at cost.**

**Fees by arrangement + travel at 35p per mile. No equipment required.**

**HODGE Geoff**

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22 Mead Close, Walton, PETERBOROUGH, Cambridgeshire, PE4 6BS

**Tel:** 01733 762042

Garden writer, book author, local radio & TV broadcaster.

Former Web Editor for the RHS and Gardening Editor for Garden News & Garden Answers.

1. *A tapestry of foliage.*
2. *Bugs & garden plagues - pest and disease control.*
3. *Easy gardening - low-maintenance gardens.*
4. *Gardening on chalk.*
5. *Gardening on clay.*
6. *Gardening with climate change - gardening in the global greenhouse.*
7. *Gardening in drought conditions.*
8. *Gardening in the shade.*
9. *Greenhouse gardening.*
10. *GYO Veg - grow your own vegetables.*
11. *Happy, healthy Roses.*
12. *Happy houseplants - the indoor jungle.*
13. *Luscious lawns - lawncare for perfect lawns.*
14. *The life and times of a gardening Editor.*
15. *Plants for problem places.*
16. *Propagation - plants for free.*
17. *Pruning - making it simple.*
18. *Scented plants.*
19. *The 12-month garden - colour all year round.*
20. *Weeds & the weed-free garden.*
21. *Winter colour in the garden - beating the winter blues.*

**175 miles.**

**£100 + 36p per mile.**

**Practical demonstrations or illustrated talks.**

**Happy to use supplied screens and projector stands or can provide own. Illustrated talks are by PowerPoint on own computer and digital projector.**

**HOLMES Caroline**

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Garden Historian, Lecturer, Broadcaster, Author, Designer, Past Chairman of the Herb Society. Garden tour leader in France and Italy. 11 books including: *Water Lilies and Bory Latour-Marliac, the genius behind Monet's Water Lilies*; *RHS Herbs for Gourmet Gardeners*; *Monet at Giverny*; *Why do violets shrink?*; *Answers to 280 thorny questions in the world of plants.*

1. *Plants to poison mind and body - special reference to The Poison Garden, Alnwick.*
2. *Seasoned landscapes – herbs and gardens.*
3. *Joseph Bory Latour-Marliac and water lilies - in, on and beyond the pond.*
4. *How does your garden grow Mr. Shakespeare?*

**Any distance. £250+, local reduced rates November-February.**

**Lectures, demonstrations, tours, day courses available. General/specialist herb topics. Garden History.**

**Digital presentations offered - own equipment available.**

**HOLT Pamela          Dip Hort (Kew) Cert Ed (FE)**

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**Tel:** 01483 283370          07909 963466 (m)

Horticulturist since leaving school, has worked in the industry both commercially and in a private capacity.

30 years lecturing experience and practical instruction at both private and local authority county colleges..

Collected plants in Bolivia and Peru for RBG Kew, where she trained with Alan Titchmarsh. Recently retired Tree Officer with London Borough of Barnet.

1. *Plant collecting in Peru.*
2. *Trekking and plant collecting in Bolivia.*
3. *Alpine plants of Europe and Asia.*
4. *Lakeside gardens of Northern Italy.*
5. *French landscape gardens.*
6. *Hardy Annuals.*
7. *Tree planting and aftercare.*
8. *Pruning ornamental shrubs.*
9. *The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.*
10. *House plant propagation.*
11. *Plant naming and identification.*

**Will go anywhere – accommodation please.****£110 inclusive of travel - willing to negotiate for local/small organisations. Has own Kodak carousel projector, stand, screen and extension lead.****HORTON Elaine**

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Dol Y Wawr, Llannon, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, SA14 6AH

**Tel:** 01269 834981

1. *Gardening on clay.*
2. *Autumn jewels.*
3. *Plants for pain and pleasure.*
4. *Aspects of shade.*
5. *Bulbs, corms and tubers.*
6. *Irises.*
7. *Hemerocallis and companions.*
8. *Hellebores and what to plant with them.*
9. *Plants for different seasons and situations.*
10. *The forgotten season.*
11. *Fancying foliage.*
12. *Good companions.*
13. *The self-seeders, annual to perennial.*

**Distance by arrangement. £80 + 40p per mile.****No equipment required.****HUMPHRIS Andrew**

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**Tel:** 01952 550452          07769 037557 (m)

Head Gardener at Wollerton Old Hall..

1. *Wollerton Old Hall garden, past and present.*
2. *Ultimate garden plants.*

Other talks may be available.

**Any distance.****£80 plus travel to cover petrol.****Digital presentation offered. No equipment required.**

**HUTSON Hilary**

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I was trained as a botanist but have a passion for gardens & gardening. I particularly like to try unusual decorative species and to find ways of growing plants which are of borderline hardiness. I am a keen photographer, and have given talks for many years, both in UK and abroad.

1. *The adventurous gardener.*
2. *Flowers and gardens of Barbados.*
3. *Gardening in troughs and sinks.*
4. *The world of climbing plants.*
5. *Patio Panache.*
6. *Fifty shades of green (fantastic foliage).*
7. *Going native (gardening with native plants).*
8. *Flowers of the American West.*
9. *Flowers of the Mountains.*

**Anywhere served by public transport from Sheffield. £60 + travel by public transport.**

**Laptop and data-projector provided.**

**Screen, table/projector stand, power supply, suitable length extension leads with 2 sockets (or 2 leads).**

**KINGSBURY Noel**

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Montpelier Cottage, Brilley, Whitney on Wye, Hereford, HR3 6HF

**Tel:** 01497 831189      07947 771318 (m)

Well known garden writer, planting consultant and independent researcher.

1. *New ways with perennials – a look at the contemporary naturalistic use of perennials.*
2. *The Piet Oudolf story.*
3. *Perennials and not-perennials, long term plant performance.*
4. *Plant ecology for gardeners.*
5. *The Daffodil – a social and cultural history.*
6. *Women, men and gardening – an entertaining look at whether men and women garden differently?*

Many more topics – please see website.

**Anywhere.**

**££350 + travel. Screen required.**

**Digital presentations offered.**

**LACEY Stephen**

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**Tel:** 020 75848410

Gardening columnist for the Daily Telegraph, author of RHS Companion to Scented Plants, Gardens of the National Trust, Real Gardening and The Startling Jungle, and former Gardeners' World presenter.

1. *Scent in your garden.*
2. *Real gardening.*
3. *Borders and beyond.*
4. *Atmospheric gardens – a world tour.*
5. *Gardens of the Mediterranean.*
6. *Gardens of the National Trust.*

**Any Distance.**

**£500 - £600 + VAT – travel expenses only required for distances of more than 100 miles from London or Chester.**

**All equipment required. Digital presentations offered.**

**LEEDS Everett**

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Flat 1, 4 Hardwicke Road, REIGATE, Surrey, RH2 9AG

**Tel:** 01737 247399

**Council Member International Clematis Society 1987-1990. Chairman British Clematis Society 1991, 1993-1994, 2004.**

Co-author 'An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Clematis' 2001 and 'Timber Press Pocket Guide to Clematis' 2006.

1. *Clematis through the Seasons.*
2. *Herbaceous Clematis.*

**Radius of 50 miles - more by arrangement. £60 + travel by agreement. No equipment required.**

**LOGUE Victoria**

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After a career as an accountant, I went to Pershore College for a year in 2001 and then worked at Cotswold Garden Flowers with Bob Brown for several years. I now run a tiny plant nursery high up in the Cotswolds, and sell plants to the public at farmers markets and plant fairs.

1. *Extending the season in your garden without replacing all your plants.*
2. *Practical propagation – seeds, cuttings and beyond.*
3. *Gardening with and for wildlife.*
4. *Gardens of South Africa (from 2016)*

**Round trip up to 120 miles. £50 + 40p per mile.**

**Screen and table or projector stand. I bring my own laptop, projector and extension lead.**

**LOVESEY Neil**

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Nursery owner. Propagating 100% of our vast plant list. Qualified teacher but now enjoying life.

1. *The Bee-friendly garden.*
2. *Propagation - part 1. workshop session. Bulbs, corms and cuttings.*
3. *Propagation - part 2. More technical, covering many more aspects of propagation.*
4. *The history (and future) of the cottage garden.*
5. *Months of colour.*
6. *Herbs, more than just stuffing balls.*
7. *Gardening in clay.*
8. *Wildlife in the garden.*
9. *Seeds. Gardeners gift, nurseryman's nightmare.*
10. *A year at Picket Lane. A look behind the scenes at our busy nursery.*

**Prepared to travel up to 60 miles but please discuss if it further.**

**£50 + travel at cost. Usually 15p per mile from Crewkerne.**

**Digital presentations offered. Screen and table required.**

**MALT Gordon      Dip Hort (RBG Edinburgh) Cert Ed**

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Trained at Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh. 45 years experience in Horticulture/Arboriculture.

1. *Climbing & wall plants.*
2. *Silver foliage plants..*
3. *Salvias and ornamental grasses.*
4. *Herbaceous plants, trees and shrubs, structure in the garden.*

**80 miles radius. £55-120 inclusive depending on distance.**

**Digital presentations offered.**

**MCINDOE Andy**

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35 years' experience in retail and production horticulture. A book author and regular contributor to magazines, newspapers and BBC radio. Lecturer to gardening groups and societies at home and abroad and leads numerous gardening tours. As Managing Director of Hillier Nurseries, he has been responsible for the Company exhibit at RHS Chelsea for the past 25 years, maintaining an unbroken record of gold medals.

1. *The creative shrub garden.*
2. *Planting for wildlife.*
3. *Design and planting.*
4. *The winter garden.*
5. *Beautiful bulbs.*
6. *Planting with trees.*
7. *Behind the scenes at Chelsea.*
8. *Beautiful English gardens.*
9. *Permanent and seasonal planting for pots and containers.*

**£250 to include first 10 miles in each direction +40p per mile over 10 miles from Romsey. Other charges apply at weekend – by arrangement.**

**All lectures are illustrated with around 60 slides and lasts between an hour and an hour and a quarter. Screen required.**

**MERILION Janette**

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Lavender Cottage, Victoria Street, Billinghay, Lincoln, LN4 4HQ

**Tel:** 01526 860270

Designer, broadcaster, garden historian. Wide experience of lecturing to societies and on cruise ships.

1. *A calendar of colour.*
2. *Birds, butterflies and bees.*
3. *Brightening up the shade.*
4. *Drought resistant plants.*
5. *French renaissance gardens.*
6. *Gardening design - past and present*
7. *Gardening through the ages.*
8. *Gardening on walls and fences.*
9. *Herbal delights.*
10. *Ideas for improving your garden.*
11. *Italian renaissance gardens*
12. *101 of my favourite plants.*
13. *Plants for difficult places.*
14. *Christmas crackers - plants for the festive season.*
15. *Raiders of the lost Plant Kingdom.*
16. *Small is beautiful.*
17. *Some of my favourite gardens.*
18. *The scented garden.*
19. *The brighter side of winter.*
20. *The sensual garden.*
21. *The tints of autumn.*
22. *The flower arranger's garden.*
23. *What's in a name?*
24. *Unexpected tales of plants and gardens.*
25. *Yesterday's plants for today's gardens.*
26. *Spring fever.*
27. *Going Dutch.*

**Any Distance. Fee negotiable depending on distance and size of group.**

**Screen and projector stand required if available - otherwise can bring.**

**MILLINGTON Ingrid / John / Sarah**

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Hillview Hardy Plants, Worfield, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 5NT

**Tel:** 01746 716454      07974 391608

Trained in horticulture. Started nursery 30 years ago. Nursery grows herbaceous plants and have 2 national collections – Acanthus and Albuca.

1. *Seasonal plants. This is a talk with plants that are looking good at the time of the talk.*
2. *Early spring perennials.*
3. *Colour in the garden with bulbs throughout the year.*
4. *Acanthus and Acanthaceae - history and plants.*
5. *The dry garden.*
6. *Herbaceous perennials for the whole year.*
7. *Primulas and Auriculas.*
8. *Propagation of herbaceous plants (practical).*
9. *Colour for 12 months of the Year.*
10. *Plant hunting on holiday.*
11. *Cannas.*
12. *Autumn colour in the Garden.*

**Any distance. £85 + 35p per mile.**

**No equipment required. Digital presentations.**

**MOORE Jane**

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5 Beaufort Mews, Walkhall, Bath, BA1 6QF

**Tel:** 01225 447424      0777 5801931

Head gardener at Bath Priory Hotel since 2003. Writer in BBC Gardeners World magazine, The Times and The Guardian. Chelsea silver medal in 2003 and British Garden Writers Guild 'Journalist of the Year' 2007.

1. *The colours of spring – bulbs and seasonal plants to give your garden a lift in the early months.*
2. *Colour in the garden – clever colour combinations.*
3. *Vegetables great and small – how to create a vegetable garden.*
4. *Chelsea Fashion – as a veteran and exhibitor, talk on the show and inspiration.*
5. *Crops for small spaces.*
6. *Autumn colours and winter structure – how to make the most of your garden in winter.*
7. *Keeping the colour going – extending the season to keep the show going into autumn.*

**Distance up to 70 miles. £95-£150 depending on group size and distance. 45p per mile.**

**Screen and projector stand required. Digital presentations.**

**MORTIMER Chris**

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Mill Barn, Goosefoot Close, Samlesbury Bottoms, Preston, Lancashire, PR5 0SS

**Tel:** 01254 853300      07742 924124 (m)

Ex chemistry lecturer. Long term member HPS and garden opening (20 years) NGS. Recently degree in Ceramics.

1. *Garden Dreams - the development, design, philosophy of my garden at Mill Barn (NGS website. The English Garden Feb 2009).*
2. *Art through garden dreams - the relationships between art and garden design.*

**150 miles with overnight accommodation, 60 without. £50 + 25p per mile.**

**No equipment required.**

**MYLECHREEST DrMurray FIHort**

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41 Regina Close, Lower Wick, Worcester, WR2 4DF

**Tel:** 01905 422467

*Honorary Research Fellow, University of Worcester. Career in education.*

1. *Botany for gardeners.*
2. *Gardens in Trust.*
3. *Origins and conservation of garden plants.*
4. *Sugar and spice and all things nice - plants used by people.*
5. *Thomas Andrew Knight (1759-1838) - Pioneer of scientific horticulture and President of the RHS (1811-1838).*
6. *Changing places - plant dispersals and migrations.*

**By negotiation. £45 + expenses.**

**Screen required. No digital presentations. Send s.a.e. for further details.**

**NICHOL-BROWN Dianne BSc (Hons) Plant Biology**

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Lecturer at our nursery on plant science, garden design and conservation. Attended two botanical expeditions to the mid-west USA. Author of monograph on Polemonium and other magazine articles. Several appearances on TV and radio. Exhibitor at Hampton Court Flower Show. Joint holder of the National Plant Collection of Polemoniums, Collomia, Gilia, Leptodactylon (polemoniaceae) and Hakonechloa along with husband David who runs the family nursery and Bed & Breakfast.

1. *Polemoniums - the National Plant Collection contains over 70 different kinds, the most in the world. See for yourself the wonderful variety you could be growing.*
2. *Plant hunting in Colorado - in search of polemonium species, a glimpse of many other American natives that have become popular garden plants.*
3. *National plant collections in the Northeast - where are they, what are they, and what is involved in looking after one.*
4. *Cottage gardening - year round interest from flowers, fruit and herbs, which can be successfully mixed even in small spaces to create a garden you can relax in.*
5. *Foliage and colour combinations - good plants for providing a long season of interest and create an interesting garden all year round. Using colour in successful combinations, and some more unusual ones.*
6. *Propagation - a practical demonstration giving hints and tips, and with appropriate plant material for the time of year, which will be available to take away at the end.*
7. *Slugs and snails - the latest ideas on how to get the better of them, including examples of plants not affected by them. Know your enemy if you want to defeat him.*
8. *Hampton Court Palace Flower Show - slides from several years showing a personal selection of highlights of the exhibits, plants and gardens. Tips for would be exhibitors and behind the scenes stories.*
9. *Making a garden - the entire garden was concrete and we were to open for the Red Cross in five months!!!!*
10. *Barking up the wrong tree - many people don't plant trees because they think they don't have room. This talk demonstrates the benefits of trees in the garden, suggests suitable ones for different areas and illuminates the 'wrong' ones.*
11. *A-Z of garden features - alphabetical stroll through the bizarre, the delightful and the making of the British garden.*
12. *Understanding your soil - a practical workshop on soil analysis and soil testing.*

**Distance unlimited, available any time. £35 + expenses.**

**Can provide own projector and small screen if not available. Other talks by request. Garden visits and tours by appointment. Plants for sale.**

**PAYNE Mary MBE**

2 Old Tarnwell, Stanton Drew, Bristol, BS39 4EA

**Tel:** 01275 333146

Horticultural consultant, broadcaster and writer, specializing in planting schemes.

1. *Making the most of a small garden.*
2. *Grasses and perennials make good companions.*
3. *Autumn, so they think it's all over.*
4. *Compton Acres – revisited.*
5. *Minimum effort for maximum effect.*

**50 miles.** £160 + 45p per mile.

**Screen required. Digital presentations.**

**PICTON Helen**

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Old Court Nurseries & The Picton Garden, Walwyn Road, Colwall, Worcestershire, WR13 6QE

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Trained as a botanist at Reading and have been working full time in the family business, Old Court Nurseries, since finishing University. Third Generation of Pictons to be working with the Michaelmas Daisies at Old Court Nurseries, where the Plant Heritage Collection of Autumn Flowering Asters is held.

1. *Daisy Days - Michaelmas daisies; the rise, fall and renaissance.*
2. *A Gardeners Year.*
3. *It's Not Time for Bed Yet - rethinking autumn in the garden.*

**200 miles.** £80 + 25p per mile.

**Screen and projector stand required. Digital presentations.**

**PLANTE CLEALL Judith BSc MA**

Cross Keys House, All Cannings, DEVIZES, Wiltshire, SN10 3NY

**Tel:** 01380 860283

Experienced lecturer for National Trust. Retired headteacher and former member Wessex Regional Committee of NT. Member HPS, Society of Architectural Historians of GB, Wilts Gardens Trust, Garden History Society etc. Keen amateur gardener.

1. *Wessex gardens of the National Trust: 400 years of garden design.*
2. *Eating through the ages in National Trust properties, from medieval great hall to the twenty-first century tea room, an architectural journey including the 18th Century drawing room and Victorian dining room.*
3. *Women and the National Trust, as gardeners, protectors, donors and builders of National Trust properties.*
4. *The Grand Tour.*

**Happy to travel in GB if accommodation or expenses provided. Usually £1 per member of audience as donation to Nat Trust + travel (usually 30p per mile).**

**All talks are accompanied by professional slides in digital presentation. All equipment provided for PowerPoint presentations.**

**POTTERTON Rob**

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Pottertons Nursery, Moortown Road, Nettleton, Caistor, MARKET RASEN, Lincolnshire, LN7 6HX

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Runs a full-time nursery with my wife in Lincolnshire specialising in alpines, dwarf bulbs and woodland plants.

1. *A labour of love - 40 years at Pottertons Nursery.*
2. *Pottertons nursery quiz.*
3. *Alpines & bulbs from mountains to market.*

**Any distance. October to March. Price - please contact for cost.**

**Talks are presented in digital format; no equipment required but would appreciate use of a large screen, if available.**

**PRATT Kevin**

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7 Bosden Fold Road, Hazel Grove, STOCKPORT, Cheshire, SK7 4LQ

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Lecturer for over 30 years. Specialist private garden consultant. Freelance gardener. Writer. Former holder of the NCCPG collection of Fritillaria as seen on BBC Gardeners World 1996, 2004, 2005. Triple Gold Medalist. Speaker at CGS AGM 2005 & HPS AGM 2009.

1. *Hardy and unusual plants.*
2. *The private gardens of Cheshire.*
3. *Winter talk – don't go to sleep in winter.*
4. *Unusual bulbs.*
5. *Flower hunting in Portugal.*
6. *My garden, a plantsman's garden.*

**Any distance, throughout UK, Wales and Ireland. £90 + travel at cost. Screen required.**

**PRIDHAM Charlie**

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Roseland House, Chacewater, TRURO, Cornwall, TR4 8QB

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Owner of Roseland House Garden and Nursery. Specialist growers of climbing plants. Holders of National Collections of Clematis viticella and Lapageria rosea.

1. *Height in the garden.*
2. *Growing Clematis.*
3. *Climbing plants.*
4. *Maximum effect for minimum effort.*
5. *Conservatories for plants and people.*
6. *Easy Clematis for hard places.*
7. *Madeira - a gardeners view.*

**Any distance but depends on timing. £50 + per mile travel expenses.  
2 tables away from the screen required for plant sales.**

**REGAN Gill & Peter**

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Frith Old Farmhouse, Otterden, Faversham, Kent, ME13 0DD

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We have travelled to many parts of the world to see plants in the wild. Our own garden over last 35 years, containing a wide variety of plants for all-year interest.

Garden interest:

1. *A Plantaholic's Garden.*
2. *Alpines.*
3. *Bulbs through the year.*
4. *Buttercups and their relatives.*
5. *Colour and interest in the garden*
6. *Plants and gardens of New Zealand*
7. *Self seeders*
8. *A woodland garden through the year.*

Plants in the wild:

1. *Iran – a plantsman's paradise*
2. *Ontario – Trilliums and Trout Lilies.*
3. *Oregon and N. California.*
4. *Plants, places and people - Yunnan.*
5. *Riding high in Kazakhstan.*
6. *The wonderful world of the Dolomites.*

**Up to 200 miles. For evening meetings further than 50 miles from home we would appreciate overnight hospitality. £35 + fuel costs (30p per mile). Screen, and projector stand or table.**

**RITCHIE Julie**

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Hoo House Nursery, Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 7DA

**Tel:** 01684 293389

Run perennial and alpine nursery for 30 years, lecturing for over 25 years. Trained as landscape architect.

1. *A Perennial Year - interesting perennials from January to December.*
2. *Small is beautiful - easy alpines and low growing perennials.*
3. *Late summer colour – ideas for plants to keep colour going in the garden.*
4. *Hardy Geraniums – the tried and tested to the new and worthwhile varieties.*
5. *Buttercups and Daisies – the well-known and the unusual from both families.*
6. *Penstemons and other summer sun lovers – a closer look at a flamboyant genus.*
7. *Plants for awkward corners – ideas for those tricky spots in the garden.*
8. *Winter into spring – perennials and bulbs to interest over the quiet time in the garden.*
9. *Cut & Come Again - perennials for the garden and floral display.*
10. *Colour combinations – perennials that compliment each other.*
11. *Propagation of Perennials and Alpines - demonstration.*
12. *Success with Peat-free Compost – demonstration at the nursery.*

**70 miles (further if overnight accommodation offered). £70 + 40p per mile.**

**Screen, table and extension lead required.**

**RUSSELL Tony**

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Avening Park, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, GL8 8NE

**Tel:** 01453 836730 07974 107217 (m)

BBC garden writer and broadcaster, former Head Forester of Westonbirt Arboretum and editor of the annual publication 'Gardens to Visit'.

1. *Ornamental trees for the garden.*
2. *Ornamental shrubs for the garden.*
3. *British gardens through time – from the Romans to the present day.*
4. *The finest gardens in the Cotswolds.*
5. *The finest gardens in Wales.*
6. *The finest gardens in the South-West.*
7. *The gardens of Cornwall.*
8. *Westonbirt the National Arboretum.*
9. *Overseas garden tours and garden themed holidays.*
10. *Gardening with trees in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*
11. *The lost Sub-tropical Gardens of La Chaire in Jersey.*
12. *The World Garden at Lullingstone Castle in Kent.*
13. *Japanese gardens.*
14. *The gardens of Spetchley Park, Worcestershire.*
15. *The Amazon rainforest.*
16. *'Tall stories' – the amazing world of trees.*

For further details on all these talks please visit [www.gardenstovisit.net](http://www.gardenstovisit.net).

**Any distance. £150 + 40p per mile + cost of overnight accommodation if appropriate.**

**Digital presentations offered. No equipment required, although a white screen is helpful.**

**SANKEY Andrew**

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26 Mulberry Close, Cambridge, CB4 2AS

**Tel: 01223 362595                      07709 909849 (m)**

Garden designer, nurseryman and lecturer, specializing in cottage gardens and dry sun/shade.

1. *Arts and crafts gardens.*
2. *Shakespeare's flowers.*
3. *History of the cottage garden.*
4. *Joseph Banks.*
5. *Great glasshouses.*
6. *Temples of delight.*
7. *Ellen Willmott and Warley Place.*
8. *Re-thinking your garden.*
9. *Frank Kingdon-Ward.*
10. *Grottoes and hermitages.*

**Midlands, East Anglia and Home Counties. £150 (includes petrol).**

**May need projector and screen depending on talk.**

**SHARMAN Joe                      HND Commercial Horticulture**

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Monksilver Nursery, Oakington Road, Cottenham, Cambridge, CB24 8TW

**Tel: 01954 251555**

Worked in nurseries here and abroad. Articles in local and national magazines. Produced original NCCPG pink sheet.

1. *Snowdrops - explaining the differences between the many cultivars, cultivation, pests and diseases, the history of snowdrops in gardens.*
2. *Variegation - explaining the origins and types of variegation in some depth.*
3. *Hellebores - showing all the species and how they contribute to the development of the modern garden hybrids.*
4. *Finding Plants in the Wild - collecting, field notes, conservation, legislation, many slides of plants in the wild.*
5. *Herbaceous Perennials - an overview of the subject.*
6. *Grasses - explaining how to tell the main groups apart and showing the range of size, form and colour, how and where to use them. Best from September to November.*
7. *Primroses - showing how a few original wild species have produced the huge range of varieties available today.*
8. *The autumn flowers of the Peloponnese - the many autumn-flowering plants and bulbs found there and how to grow them.*
9. *The spring flowers of North West Turkey - the many spring-flowering plants and bulbs found there and how to grow them.*
10. *The Spring flowers of Mallorca.*
11. *The Spring flowers of Mount Olympus, Greece.*
12. *Other topics on request. This has included; plants for dry places; rare plants and the work of Plant Heritage; the history of the nursery; summer/spring colour in the border; garden thugs; all methods of propagation, the selection and domestication of wild plants for garden use; the geology of Cambridgeshire.*

**Expenses - within 60 miles plants are sold in lieu of expenses, over 60 miles petrol costs are charged and plants are sold as well.**

**A projector and slides are used for the majority of talks - a screen is required. Display plants can be used for Variegation and Grasses when possible. Not available between May and August. Midweek evenings preferred but can do other times by arrangement.**

**SHIELDS Steffie**

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The Old Orchard, Church Lane, Welby, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG32 3LS

**Tel:** 01400 230880

Garden photographer, writer and lecturer/Cambridge tutor. A Licentiate member of the Royal Photographic Society, member of the Garden Media Guild, Professional Garden Photographers Association, and a regular contributor of illustrated articles to Lincolnshire Life. Recently retired Chairman of the national charity The Association of Gardens Trusts (AGT), elected a Vice-President of The Gardens Trust (the new merged organization formerly the Garden History Society (GHS) and the Association of Garden Trusts).

1. *Moving heaven and earth – 'Capability' Brown and the gift of the landscape – celebrating Lancelot Brown Tercentenary 2016.*
2. *'Bloomin' lovely – garden photography techniques without too much technicality!*
3. *Impressions of Lincolnshire – historic gardens and contemporary designs.*
4. *The Artist in the Garden - visual stimulation from early gardens to modern designers.*
5. *'He paints as he plants' - trees, shrubs and flowers in Capability Brown's portfolio.*

**60 miles (further if accommodation provided). Fee by negotiation + 30p per mile.**

**Screen required as digital equipment is used for digital presentations.**

**SKEYS Brian**

brimfields@icloud.com

19 Winnington Gardens, Hanley Swan, WORCESTER, WR8 0DJ

**Tel:** 01684 311297

Freelance gardener likes cottage gardens and Japanese style gardens.

1. *Inspirational gardens from cottage gardens to japanese style gardens.*
2. *A Royal Greenhouse, a Water Fountain and a Chateau - the greenhouses of the King of Belgium, the water gardens at Annevoie and the flower festival at the Chateau Beloeil.*
3. *Wild gardeners from William Robinson to Piet Oudolf.*
4. *Inspirational gardens of the East (East Anglia)*
5. *Dutch floriade 2012*

**30 miles. £50 + travel costs.**

**No equipment required. Digital presentations offered.**

**SMITH Christopher**

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Pennard Plants, The Walled Gardens, East Pennard, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 6TU

**Tel:** 01749 860039      07968 193732 (m)

Award-winning nurseryman, exhibiting at Chelsea and other major flower shows. Many years growing vegetables and edible plants. Owns and runs Pennard Plants. Agapanthus in a walled garden, together with heritage vegetable seeds and plants.

1. *Growing for gold – the Chelsea story.*
2. *Heritage vegetables.*
3. *The edible garden – perennials to eat.*
4. *Agapanthus – myths and mysteries of growing.*

**£100 + 45p per mile. No equipment required.**

**Digital presentations require a digital projector to be provided. Will bring plants and seed for sale unless requested not to. Talks are normally limited to Oct - end of March due to our commitment to displaying at flower shows.**

**SMITH Linda**

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Waterside Nursery, Sharnford, Leicestershire

**Tel:** 01455 273730      07931 557082 (m)

We have been running a water plant nursery since 1995 where we grow a large range of plants for ponds and miniature varieties for container ponds. All available mail order through website. We exhibit at RHS Chelsea and have received 5 gold medals 2011-2015.

1. *Pond Owners Calendar - showing the planting and wildlife highlights in the pond year with propagation and other tasks for the 'hands on' water gardener.*
2. *Creating and planting a pond - designing a pond and the choice of water plants available for creating the finished pond.*
3. *Wildlife in your pond - showing the wildlife visitors to the pond through the year and how to encourage them with well-balanced planting.*
4. *Enjoying water in small garden spaces - the many opportunities of incorporating water into the smallest of garden spaces.*
5. *Creating a bog garden - how to construct a special area to grow moisture loving plants.*

**1.5-2 hours from home.**

**£100 + 45p per mile.**

**Tables required for selling produce. No equipment required.**

**SPENCER Graham**

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Plants for Europe Ltd, 27 Maypole Cottages, High Hurstwood, UCKFIELD, Sussex, TN22 4AJ

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Owner of Plants For Europe Ltd, an independent plant breeders' agent. Part of the family behind Croftway Nursery, specialist perennial growers. Past Chair of HPS Sussex Group.

1. *I've got a new plant – what do I do now?*
2. *New Plants – the future for your garden.*
3. *From Cutting to Garden Centre – how plants are produced for your garden.*
4. *A Beginner's Guide to Plant Variety Rights.*
5. *The History and Running of a Specialist Nursery.*
6. *Hardy Geraniums.*
7. *Hardy Perennial Garden Plants.*

**Any distance (including international). From £92.50 + travel. Screen required.**

**All talks lively and humorous. Available throughout the year.**

**STEWART Doug**

**M Hort, B Phil, FI Hort, MILM**

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"Ginkgo", 7 Cottage Mews, Morton Lane, Beverley, East Yorkshire, HU17 9HD

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**Fax:**

Doug is a professional horticulturist. He started his career in the propagation department of Hilliers Nurseries. He is an RHS Master of Horticulture, and worked as Head of Horticulture at a leading land-based college for 20 years. Doug presents the Great Outdoors, a weekly 2hr gardening phone in on BBC Radio Humberside, and is often heard on other BBC local radio stations. His talks are packed with facts and humour in equal measure.

1. *10 new 'must have' plants – a roundup of the latest new plant introductions.*
2. *The way we were – humorous but informative look at how we used to garden.*
3. *Snuffles and tweets – creating a wildlife have.*
4. *Why plants talk to insects, and why pumpkins can't fly! – how your plants grow, why they do the things they do, Doug shares the latest thinking in Botany and plant science.*
5. *Novel new pest and disease control – with chemicals being withdrawn, researchers are working on new and novel ways of controlling pests and diseases, Doug shares latest research findings.*
6. *The drunken gardener – humorous look at the role many of our beloved garden plants have in making our favourite tipples.*
7. *Flowers, foliage and fat rascals – Doug is a tutor at RHS School of Horticulture, Harlow Carr Gardens. In this talk he shares the history of some of the outstanding plants from this fantastic norther garden.*
8. *The secret garden of the lakes – Doug has been leading gardening holidays to the Lake District for over 10*

years, in this talk he shares some of the finest hidden gems, along with some of the more well know Lakeland gardens.

9. *Flowers of verge and byway – One of Doug's passions is photographing and researching the folklore of our native wildflowers.*

10. *Wicked plants – a humourous look at plants that hurt, mame and kill...*

Check out Doug's website for more of his talks.

**Whole of UK. Doug charges according to the number of people present with his fee starting at £65 for smaller groups. £180 + VAT for larger groups.**

**£65-£180 depending on size of group + 35p per mile + VAT. No equipment required.**

**SUMMERFIELD Gail BSc (Hons) Botany / MSc Plant Phy / Dip. Hort.**

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

**Tel:** 01724 733940 0787 5732535

P/T lecturer Bishop Burton College (1998-2009). Nurseryman since 1985. Training officer in retailing (1969-1975).

1. *Ornamental grasses – weeds in your borders.*
2. *Grasses master class - the next step for groups who have already heard 'Ornamental grasses' and wish to know much more.*
3. *Staff only beyond this point please - behind the scenes in a small nursery.*
4. *Microgardens - gardening on a small scale in pots and containers.*
5. *Pride in the fall - exploring possibilities in the autumn garden.*
6. *Summat for nowt - low tech methods for propagating plants.*
7. *The twilight garden – seeing plants as daylight fades and the use of artificial light.*
8. *Plot to Pot - growing vegetables and fruit for fun and flavour.*
9. *Where have all the flowers gone? - contributions made by foliage form and texture.*
10. *Tender loving care - getting the best from the plants in your garden.*
11. *Crew yard to courtyard - converting a cattle yard into our private Mediterranean style garden.*
12. *Winter Whys? – quiz and demonstration designed for December and New Year meetings.*
13. *Going for Gold – developing strategies for successful exhibiting at shows.*
14. *.Planting companions – design guide for successful planting schemes*
15. *Winter survival – strategies used by plants to survive the winter and methods by which the gardener can help.*

**130 miles or 3 hours travelling whichever the shorter - negotiable.**

**£50 + 35p per mile. £60 for audiences larger than 50.**

**No equipment required.**

**All talks are digital; laptop, projector and screen provided. When appropriate we bring plants to sell with no commissions.**

**SWAN Jack**

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Early retired arborist 23 years (1975-1998). Arborist in Charge Jodrell Bank Arboretum.

**Fax:**

Trained at Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh (1962-1965). Assistant Manager Nursery Cornwall.

1. *Wildflowers of Norway's Fjordland and the Gol Plateau.*
2. *European Terrestrial Orchids.*
3. *The Beauty of Trees and Shrubs.*
4. *The Canadian Rockies - flowers, wildlife and scenery.*
5. *Mountain and Meadow Flowers of the Alps and Dolomites.*
6. *Wildflowers of East Cheshire.*
7. *Flowers of the Peloponnese - autumn bulbs and spring orchids.*
8. *Narcissi and Spring Flowers of Andalusia.*

**Any distance.**

**£40 + 30 p per mile. Screen required.**

**Other talks available.**

**THOMAS Carrie**

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A biologist with an absolute fascination for plants.

A keen gardener whose passion is growing from seed, particularly unusual and interesting plants. Was holder of National Collections of *Aquilegia vulgaris* cultivars and of *Aquilegia* hybrids (mainly red and yellow doubles).

1. *Edible Flowers.*
2. *Cottage Gardening.*
3. *Growing from Seed.*
4. *Latin Names.*
5. *Attracting (and the fascination of) bees, butterflies and other wildlife.*
6. *Gardens through the Year.*
7. *Botany of Plants including: movement, sex and breeding.*
8. *Wildflowers.*
9. *Unusual Plants.*
10. *National Botanic Garden of Wales.*
11. *Aquilegias (granny's bonnets, columbines) including information about the new killer disease, downy mildew.*

**Will travel any distance, but overnight stays may be necessary and expenses incurred will be higher. Plenty of notice may help me plan lectures to other nearby groups, or arrange possible holidays or gardening trips whilst visiting you. £40-£100 + expenses (minimum £5). No equipment required.**

**Plants, seeds and *Aquilegia* DVD for sale. Please visit [www.touchwoodplants.co.uk/Talks.htm](http://www.touchwoodplants.co.uk/Talks.htm) or contact Carrie for a full list – over 20 titles of talks and workshops.**

**TIMM Neil**

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Nurseryman and garden designer. Fern grower and life-long gardener, wildlife enthusiast.

1. *World of ferns – all aspects of ferns.*
2. *Flower show - showing and flower shows.*
3. *Astride the fence – wild flowers in the garden, garden escapes in the wild.*
4. *A Gardeners south – landscapes and wild flowers of the Mediterranean and sub-tropics.*
5. *Basic pruning – demonstration.*

**Any distance. £60 + 50p per mile.**

**No equipment required. Digital presentations offered.**

**TURNER Roger Dip Arch MA**

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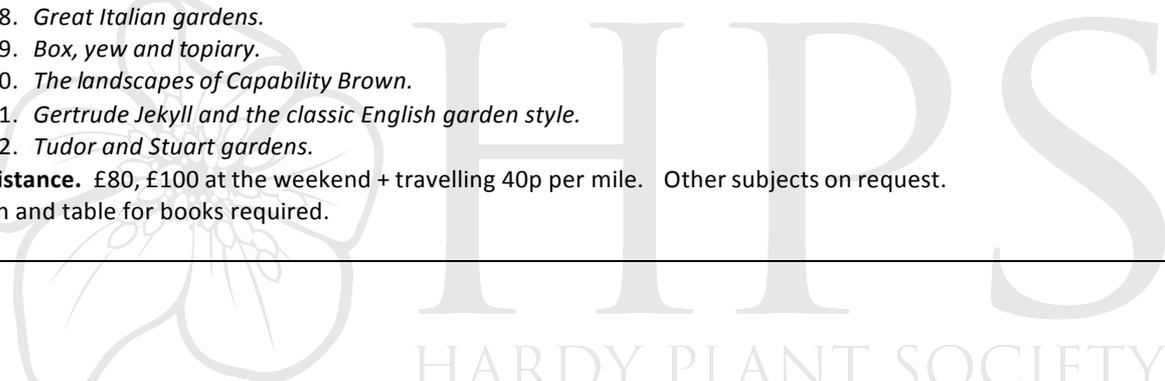
**Tel:** 01452 627811 07502 091353 (m)

Author of 5 books on gardens, plants and garden history. Architect. Garden designer.

1. *Improve the look of your garden.*
2. *Lust and loveliness in the garden – improving the look of the plant enthusiast’s garden.*
3. *Creating a garden at the Chelsea Flower Show.*
4. *My gardens – the speaker’s own garden, the plants in it and the gardens he has designed.*
5. *Fascinating front gardens.*
6. *Hard gardening – ideas for paving, steps, ornaments, garden features.*
7. *Unusual perennials*
8. *Amaze the neighbours! – large and unusual perennials.*
9. *Euphorbias and other unusual perennials*
10. *Michaelmas daisies and other late summer flowers.*
11. *Plant associations and borders.*
12. *Graceful grasses and first rate ferns.*
13. *Umbellifers*
14. *Shrubs for flowers and foliage.*
15. *Ferns and other shade-loving plants*
16. *Plants for late winter and early spring.*
17. *Wild flowers and scenery in the Italian Alps.*
18. *Great Italian gardens.*
19. *Box, yew and topiary.*
20. *The landscapes of Capability Brown.*
21. *Gertrude Jekyll and the classic English garden style.*
22. *Tudor and Stuart gardens.*

**Any distance.** £80, £100 at the weekend + travelling 40p per mile. Other subjects on request.

Screen and table for books required.



Gardening with hardy perennials

**WALKER Timothy**

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Botany lecturer of Somerville College Oxford. Former Director Oxford Botanic Garden and Harcourt Arboretum (1988-2014). 4 gold medals at Chelsea Flower Show 2011. Presented BBC4 TV series on History of Botany 2014.

1. *Bordering on insanity - creating an all-year-round border.*
2. *The subtle art and exact science of pruning.*
3. *How to be a 21st century gardener.*
4. *The University of Oxford Botanic Garden - the first 100 years.*
5. *350 years of glasshouses at Oxford Botanic Garden.*
6. *Colour in a small garden.*
7. *Plants, borders and gardens.*
8. *Rockery in the garden.*
9. *Blaze of Glory.*
10. *Euphorbias: probably the best plants in the world.*
11. *Boggery in the garden.*
12. *On top but never in control.*
13. *The healing power of plants.*
14. *The family life of plants - plant classification made simple.*
15. *The University of Oxford Botanic Garden – the first 393 years.*
16. *Sex, lies and putrefaction - the story of pollination.*
17. *Garden hunting in China.*
18. *A year in the life of Oxford Botanic Garden.*
19. *The Plants of the Algarve - a gardener's paradise.*
20. *The land of giants and volcanoes.*
21. *From diaz to diamonds - plant hunting in South Africa.*
22. *Can the Americans garden?*
23. *Plant hunting in Eastern Anatolia.*
24. *Plant hunting in Japan.*
25. *The Harcourt Arboretum - Oxfordshire's best kept secret.*
26. *Plant hunting in Australia - part 1:down the track; part 2:across the plain.*
27. *What have plants ever done for us?*
28. *In the not so bleak mid-winter.*

**Start at £154 for an audience up to 60 expenses 50p per mile.**

**All + 50p per mile or the cost of rail travel and a bed for the night if it's too far to return to Oxford on the same day.**

**Talks last about 1 hour.**

**Laptop, digital projector, stand, extension cable and 6' square screen provided.**

**WARD Andrew**

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Nurseryman specialising in choice and unusual herbaceous perennials. 1 acre garden with over 2,500 different, many unusual plants. Featured in the prestigious Great Gardens Guides 2012-2016 editions. Give 50 talks a year all over the UK and beyond, have had the pleasure in giving several National HPS AGM talks, study weekends, and specialist group lectures. Plant Scientist.

1. *Beautiful buttercups and priceless Polemoniums - a look at the many and varied plants that make up the large family of Ranunculaceae and the much smaller Polemoniaceae including: Aconitum, Actaea, Anemone, Aquilegia, Clematis, Delphinium, Hellebore, Ranunculus, Thalictrums and the Phloxes.*
2. *Fabulous foliage - a foil for flowers. Even those of us devoted to 'flower' gardens gradually come to see the value of foliage. This talk looks at the role and worth of differing leaves and leaf effects, but not to the exclusion of flowers.*
3. *Plant and prejudice - focusing on plants which can be dismissed in the garden and which can evoke strong emotions. This talk aims to show a different side to these plants highlighting more acceptable or unusual family members e.g. daisies, variegated plants, double flowers.*
4. *Marvellous mints and perfect poppies - a selection of my favourites from these two diverse plant families, including the best of the spiky Salvias, Ajugas and Phlomis contrasting with the diaphanous chalices of Papavers, Meconopsis and Sanguinarias.*
5. *Plants that excite - a personal selection, mainly of herbaceous perennials that excite my passion.*
6. *Plants with fleeting and enduring flowers - a comparison - why plants with a short flowering period have a place in your garden.*
7. *Delightful daisies - Asteraceae/Compositae are a large and very varied group from cheerful perennial sunflowers to the spheres of the Echinops there is something (including a few surprises) for everyone. Excellent autumn talk.*
8. *Scents & desirability? - this talk investigates why some plants have aromatic foliage or scented flowers. It looks at the attraction of pollinating insects and shows some of the plants we can use to garden in four dimensions.*
9. *Indispensable plants - a selection of more uncommon plants which are a must in our gardens.*
10. *A Year of garden colour - trying to do the improbable and provide colour all 12 months in the garden.*
11. *Woodland gems - woodland plants provide us with some of the most beautiful of spring flowers. This talk shows such gems as Erythroniums, wood anemone cvs, Meconopsis, hardy orchids as well as garden stalwarts such as Pulmonarias, Hostas and hardy geraniums.*
12. *Ringing the changes with Bellflowers - from the occasionally subdued carillons of Campanulas to the more ostentatious flowers of Penstemons, this talk looks at the many varied plants with bell-shaped flowers.*
13. *The astounding Asteraceae – NEW for 2016. The daisy family is one of the largest and my talk 'Delightful daisies', only scratched the surface. This is a follow up for groups that have already had 'Delightful daisies'. It looks at Eupatoriums, Heleniums, more Asters, Chrysanthus, Dahlias, Gazanias and Erigerons to name but a few; a mixture of the zingy, and elegant above all, growable good garden plants.*
14. *\*\* Plants of the Moment - a talk highlighting the plants of particular interest at Norwell at the time, showing what can be achieved on the heaviest clay soil. Including scree, raised beds, hot beds, daisy beds, bog gardens and woodland plantings.*

**Any distance. Fee dependent on group size, day of the week and distance, minimum £65 + 40p per mile.**

**Table for the selling of plants required.**

**\*\* This is only for visiting groups (normally late May to end July and September to early October for evening or day visits). Mixture of slide and digital presentations.**

**WARD Colin**

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Swines' Meadow Farm Nursery, 47 Towngate East, Market Deeping, Peterborough, Cambs, PE6 8LQ

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Diversified farmers running a small family nursery for 11 years. Has a keen passion for plants especially rare and unusual catering for the novice right through to plantaholics and plants people.

1. *Propagation of our more unusual plants - fern propagation and hardy begonias in particular.*
2. *Madeira in January - part one. A slide presentation of our trip to Madeira in January 2009.*
3. *Madeira in January - part two. A slide presentation of our trip to Madeira in January 2009.*
4. *Madeira in January - part three. A slide presentation of our trip to Madeira in January 2009.*
5. *Hardy Exotics and creating Microclimates - general talk on bananas, palms, tree ferns and bamboo plus a few other plants and how to create a microclimate in the garden to even grow plants not necessarily considered hardy.*
6. *Bamboos and Grasses - talk on bamboos and grasses with the emphasis on bamboo, its requirements, culture and how to pick the right one for the job!*
7. *Ferns - a talk on ferns in general including tree ferns and some of the more unusual varieties of garden ferns.*
8. *Shade, Semi Shade Plants - a talk about shade and semi shade plants encompassing heucheras, ferns and other woodland, edge of woodland gems.*
9. *Plantsman's choice - talk on Colin's Favorites!*
10. *Looking good at the moment - a talk and hands on of plants looking good at point of season booked.*
11. *Hostas - building a national collection. Talk on our quest to restore a national collection also covered our tips for having whole free Hostas and also some of our favourite varieties.*

**100 miles (over this amount possibly with increased fee to cover time and possible accommodation).**

**Digital presentations offered.**

**£50 + travel (to price of diesel for vehicle 25 mpg). Can provide all equipment but if screen available please let us know.**

**WARREN Michael      FloH**

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52 years photographing plants and gardens for publications around the world. Enthusiastic plantsman & gardener.

Judge & photographer for the London Gardens Society, The Worshipful Company of Gardeners' & Ipswich In Bloom.

Past President & Lifetime Achievement Award Winner of the Garden Media Guild. Fellow of the Institute of Horticulture.

1. *Through the year with a horticultural photographer.*
2. *Climbers, creepers and crawlers - plants for every situation.*
3. *Autumn and winter colour - possibilities for year round colour.*
4. *The passionate gardener - my experiences, anecdotes, life story!*
5. *International escapades - shows and gardens from my travels.*
6. *Flowers in the city - my activities in London.*
7. *Gardeners delight - my productive and ornamental garden.*
8. *Scents of the garden.*
9. *Irish gardens from Cork to Bantry Bay.*
10. *Gardens of Belgium and Holland - gardens large and small.*

**Any distance.**

**£100 + travel expenses. Screen required.**

**Talks combine photography with garden and plant knowledge and tales of the unexpected.**

**Talks are digital presentations (own projector, screen requested).**

**WATKINS Derry**

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[derry@specialplants.net](mailto:derry@specialplants.net)

**Tel:** 01225 891686

Has run small nursery for 25 years. Spent 3 months plant hunting in South Africa in 1993 and returned in 1995 to collect seed in the Drakensberg. Won a silver medal for her black and white exhibit at Chelsea in 1999. Teaches at The English Gardening School. Author 'The Complete Greenhouse Book' and 'Sunspaces'. Wrote the monthly Plantsman's Favourites for Gardens Illustrated in 2014.

1. *Pushing the boundaries - borderline hardy and tender plants you can't live without.*
2. *Gravel gardening - low maintenance, drought tolerant plants.*
3. *Unusual and long-blooming garden plants.*
4. *Conservatory plants - a romance.*
5. *Self sowing plants - allowing nature to help design your garden.*
6. *New plant introductions from around the world - how new plants get introduced.*
7. *Derelict hill farm to garden - in a year or two or twelve.*
8. *Summer flowers from seed - wonderful annuals and biennials.*
9. *Late summer colour – the big, the bold, and the beautiful.*

**Maximum distance 50 miles except by prior arrangement for large clubs.**

**£250 + 60p per mile (£300 from 2017). Screen required.**

**Plants for sale related to the lecture. Not available for lecturing in April - July.**

**WEDDERBURN Theresa****RHS Dip Hort HNC Garden Des**

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RHS Silver Gilt & Bronze Awards for Show Gardens. Director of Garden Design Company 1999 - 2006.

Tutor for MK Adult Education (Garden Design & Allotment Gardening, Planting Design). Horticultural Therapist.

Project Manager at Branch-out MK CIC (offering supportive work experience in horticulture to adults with learning difficulties / autism) 2012 – current.

1. *Hardy exotic planting.*
2. *Therapeutic horticulture.*
3. *Seasonal flower projects.*
4. *Growing cut flowers.*

**Any distance.**

**£75 per hour + 40p per mile travel expenses. Screen required.**

**Digital (PowerPoint) presentations offered.**

**WHITEHEAD Alun & Jill**

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Owners of a nursery and an established 3 acre garden, which has been created since 1996 from a bare field on heavy Herefordshire clay. Open for individuals, groups and the NGS. National collection of Siberian Iris. Alun served on the RHS Joint Iris Committee and Jill is secretary of the West and Midlands Iris Group.

1. *Iris, some history, some people, some plants!*
2. *Iris for the natural garden.*
3. *Hidden gardens of Herefordshire.*
4. *Aulden Farm – from conception to chaos.*

**Any distance by negotiation. Local £70 + 40p per mile.**

**Screen preferred.**

**Digital presentations offered. Can bring plants for sale.**

**WILLS Howard**

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Life-long gardening and wildlife enthusiast. Holder of Plant Heritage National Collections® of *Sempervivum*, *Jovibarba*.  
RHS Chelsea Flower Show Gold Medals - 2005, 2006 and 2010.

1. *Sempervivums (houseleeks) and related plants.*
2. *Phormiums (New Zealand Flax).*
3. *A plant lover's tour of New Zealand.*
4. *The beauty of leaves.*
5. *Gardening with a digital camera.*
6. *Exhibiting at RHS Flower Shows - a 'behind the scenes' account.*
7. *Plants, gardens and landscapes of Madeira.*
8. *Gardening for wildlife.*
9. *Numbers, patterns and plants.*
10. *Plants, gardens and volcanic landscapes of Tenerife.*
11. *The wonderful world of flowers.*
12. *A trek in the Himalayas.*
13. *Great British gardens.*
14. *Nature reserves of Costa Rica.*
15. *Plants of the Italian Dolomites.*
16. National parks of the American West.

**Any distance.**

**£65 + 35p per mile.**

**No equipment required. Digital presentations offered.**

**An illustrated leaflet giving further details of the topics is available on the website or by post.**

**WILSON Jeremy**

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Over 25 years in horticulture, wholesale nursery, gardener at Uni of Cambridge, English Heritage, Head Gardener at private estates. Co-owner of Camellia Nursery with over 250 varieties.

1. *Camellias.*
2. *The fragrant year.*

**Approx 50 miles. £50 + 25p per mile.**

**Screen and stand required. Digital presentations offered.**

**WILSON Matthew**

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Whiteacres, 1a Glaston Road, Bisbrooke, Rutland, LE15 9EN

**Tel:** 01572 829812

Garden designer, writer, Gardeners Question Time panelist.

1. *My Chelsea story.*
2. *New gardening: how to garden in a changing climate.*
3. *A tale of two gardens: Harlow Carr and Hyde Hall.*
4. *Making a garden: key elements of design.*
5. *Star plants for small gardens.*
6. *Where the wild things grow.*

**Any distance. £650 + 45p per mile or rail travel.**

**Projector and screen required. Digital presentations offered.**

**WITTON Don**

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Retired Primary school teacher. Gardener for 40+ years.

Former Chairman South Pennine HPS Group. Author of HPS booklet on Euphorbias. Holder NCCPG National Collection of Euphorbia featured on BBC2's Gardeners World and in numerous garden magazines including the RHS journal The Garden. Chairman Notts & Derby NCCPG.

1. *People, plants, pleasure and passion* - written for a HPS 50th birthday lecture day, this talk contains funny people stories and fabulous plant images classified into interesting themes. Pleasure and passion, being abstract nouns cannot be illustrated but permeate the whole talk.
2. *Walking with flowers* - combining my two passions of walking and wildflowers, these are holiday snaps with a difference! Whether it's coastal, countryside or mountain walking we see beautiful pictures of many of our garden plants in stunning scenery, where they choose to grow naturally.
3. *AGM - A Glorious Medley of Plants* - a plethora of highly garden worthy plants that have received the RHS Award of Garden Merit. A little more entertaining and colourful than the other AGM evenings we attend!
4. *Ten top gardens* - no historic parks or landscaped gardens in this talk. Just fabulous gardens where herbaceous plants and planting take pride of place. New ideas for garden visiting days out or just reminisce if you have already visited.
5. *Hardy planters winter survival kit* - plants, projects, activities and strategies to help you get through the dark nights and cold days between October and March. An amusing talk with some wonderful slides of winter plants.
6. *Euphorbias* - all you need to know about this very popular genus delivered in a highly amusing and informative way. Great slides show the wonderful variety of plants throughout the year.
7. *The National Plant Collections of Great Britain* - involves 2 spectacular journeys. A 3 mile vertical journey and a 3000 mile horizontal one visiting around 40 different and diverse National Collections. There is a conservation theme to the talk which concludes with an exhilarating climax to the talk which concludes with an exhilarating climax.
8. *Perennials throughout the year* - a comprehensive look at herbaceous perennials with slides from January - December and peaking in the months of June and July.
9. *An A - Z of garden perennials* - do you know any perennials which begin with Q, X or J? Some surprising inclusions, as well as plenty of our favourites. Many of the slides in close up detail.
10. *Summer perennial colour* - no whites or pastel colours in this talk. Just spectacular rich and vibrant floral colours which are around during the peak summer months.
11. *Living with a National Plant Collection* - written for the successful HPS Autumn Weekend. Hilarious anecdotes and experiences from owning a very trendy and active National Collections. Oh, and some good slides as well.
12. *Herbaceous perennials and borders* - a short evolution of the English herbaceous border since Victorian times. We visit many of England's most famous and spectacular herbaceous borders and gardens. The second half of the talk focuses on plants which are grown in these borders.
13. *Euphorbias and other spring flowering perennials* - all the Euphorbia jokes and an excellent selection of other seasonal flowering perennials which pay homage to euphorbias during the spring.
14. *Late herbaceous perennials* - a sumptuous array of perennials which give of their best from midsummer to October. Including numerous examples of the more colourful and fashionable genera.
15. *Euphorbia study days* - 2 x 1 hour sessions, 1 practical & 1 slide presentation. Available March - June, maximum group size 30 (£100 + travel).
16. *Is big ever beautiful?* – great things don't always come in small packages. Whether it's giant blooms, big plants or large gardens, there's something to be admired and enjoyed about being oversize.
17. *Once seen never forgotten* – whether it is unforgettable garden scenes, beautiful flower blooms, bizarre artefacts or hilarious encounters, this talk has an eclectic mix of images caught on camera during my garden and wildflower travels around this country and further afield. A colourful and entertaining talk that will last long in your memory.
18. *Great Yorkshire gardens* – the largest county in England has wonderfully diverse range of gardens. Whether it's landscape parks, historic gardens, herbaceous borders or contemporary plots, there is something in this talk for everyone; but pride of place is reserved for gardens with colourful herbaceous planting.

**Any distance - accommodation required for evening lectures over 120 miles away. Small groups (less than 50) £70; large groups (50+) £80. All + 35p per mile. No equipment required.**

**All talks are digital PowerPoint presentations.**

**WRAY Nicholas**      **MHort RHS FIHort**

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Nicholas Wray is a professional horticulturist and educator who has worked at the University of Bristol Botanic Garden for thirty one years. He has travelled widely studying plants in the wild, in particular the flora of South Africa. In 1992 he became a copresenter on BBC Gardeners World working for three years alongside Geoff Hamilton. In 1998 he was appointed South African plant consultant to the Eden Project in 2002 he became a Fellow of the Institute of Horticulture. He is currently responsible for developing, and curating the University of Bristol Botanic Garden, the first new university botanic garden in Britain for over forty years. A former member of the RHS Tender and Ornamental Plant Committee and now member of the RHS Herb Advisory Group, he has judged at many RHS shows including Chelsea.

1. *The Relocation and Development of the new University of Bristol Botanic Garden. This is an exciting project that has seen the development of the first new University Botanic Garden in the UK for 30 years. It explores the work of botanic gardens, the planning, preparation and building of this new botanic garden, which has involved the propagation and transplanting of over 12,000 plants and has created a garden with a strong evolutionary theme.*
2. *The Evolution of Flowers. Our gardens are full of them, we would starve without the fruits they yield, yet few gardeners give a second thought as to when & how they first evolved into such a diverse range of plants. The many and varied methods by which flowers attract pollinators will be introduced, and new research which shows that pollinators are not just attracted by colour and nectar.*
3. *Voyages of the Beagle. Charles Darwin's epic voyage of discovery aboard the Beagle helped change the way we view the natural world. Darwin's voyage will be charted including the habitats he travelled through and the plants that he came across en-route.*
4. *Flora of the Western Cape of South Africa. The Western Cape has the greatest level of plant diversity in the world. This lecture reviews many of the habitats & the unique plants that grow there; it will focus on some of the gardens to be found and the projects they are involved in to help protect the indigenous flora & help previously disadvantaged people lead more sustainable lives.*
5. *Making the most of your Garden's Microclimates. Every garden has small variations of local climate, so called 'microclimates'. This lecture explores garden microclimates & suggests how these can be manipulated to create better growing conditions for a wider more diverse range of plants.*
6. *Japanese Gardens, Historic Gardens of Tokyo, Nara & Kyoto. Over a thousand years of gardening traditions have created a unique garden style that is far removed from our western tastes in garden design and the choice of plants. Looking at the history & evolution of Japanese gardening styles & highlights some of the key features & links between gardens & Japanese culture.*
7. *From Namaqualand to Namibia. The seasonal floral display in Namaqualand is one of the most spectacular on earth. This lecture explores the fascinating diversity of this area from the lush mountain slopes to the carpets of annual flowers and rocky landscapes filled with 'Living Stones'.*

**150 miles (longer by special arrangement).**

**£120 if under 80 people in the audience; £150 if over 80 people + travel expenses 45p per mile.**

**Screen, projector stand and table required.**

**YOUD Sam      MIHort FIHort Assoc Honour RHS**

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Head gardener at Tatton Park from 1983 to 2012. Member of the Garden Writers' Guild. RHS Advisory Group. Exhibitor. Judge. Writer.

Founder Japanese Garden Society in Britain.

1. *General Tatton including Japanese garden and kitchen garden restorations.*
2. *Japanese gardens.*
3. *Kitchen gardens.*
4. *Glasshouses.*
5. *Tales from the Bothy (quotes, stories, poetry).*
6. *Cuttings from a gardeners diary.*

**Usually within 30 miles but will do overnight if required. £195+ negotiable.**

**No equipment required. Other subjects depending on requirement.**

**ZENICK Mark**

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American nurseryman who has lived in England for 11 years. Grown Hemerocallis/daylilies for more than 35 years. I no longer own Mynd Hardy Plants nursery, after running that walled garden nursery for 7 years but continue to grow and sell my more than 150 varieties of daylilies there. Gardener's World aired a six-minute feature on my daylilies in April 2015.

1. *Daylilies - 'the Poor Man's Orchid'.*
2. *An American Nurseryman's Reflections on English Gardening.*

**An hour from South Shropshire. £70 + 25p per mile.**

**Screen, projector table required. Slide presentation.**

HARDY PLANT SOCIETY  
Gardening with hardy perennials