Speakers

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CGS members giving talks

Adam Alexander - Speaker at our 2019 AGM

Talks about his vegetable hunting trips to exotic destinations.
3 Croes Bleddyn Cottages, Itton, Chepstow, NP16 6BN.
Email: adam@theseeddetective.co.uk Tel: 01291 629079 or 07860 646613

Nick Bailey, presenter, speaker and author

Website https://nickbailey365.com

Judy Berrow

Talks include: Private Gardens for Public Enjoyment and Foundation of the NGS, with slides of Worcestershire gardens open for the NGS.
Tythe Barn House, Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire. DY10 4Q B
Tel: 01562 777014

Bryn Bowles

Currently having two talks - Help the Bees & Going for Gold.
35 Benedict Street, Glastonbury, Somerset, BA6 9NB Tel: 01458 834007

Bob Brown - Speaker at our 2010 AGM

Nurseryman with an interesting range of plants
Cotswold Garden Flowers, Old Barn, Station Rd, Fladbury, Worcestershire, WR10 2QW
Email info@cgf.net

Kathy Brown - Speaker at our 2004 AGM

Award-winning garden writer The Manor House, Church Rd, Stevington, Beds
Email: info@kathybrownwsgarden.com Tel: 01234 822064
Website: www.kathybrownsgarden.com

Ursula Buchan – Speaker at our 2011 AGM

Ursula is an award-winning gardening writer who gives talks on gardening, gardens and garden history. Church Cottage, Main Street, Glapthorn, PE8 5BE
Email: ubuchan@talk21.com Tel: 01832 272594
Website: www.ursula-buchan.co.uk.

Stuart Dixon - Speaker at our 2009 AGM.

Horticultural lecturer (retired) with restored 18th C. garden, wide range of talks.
Hebb's Farmhouse, 22 Stoke Bardolph, Nottingham, NG14 5HS.
Tel: 01159 870168

Robert Edwards

See his website for more details
39 Lion Road, Twickenham, TW1 4JF
Email: rp.edwards@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 07849 915668 - www.englishgardeneclectic.com

Natalie Finch

Rosemary, Rectory Hill, East Bergholt, Nr Colchester, Essex CO7 6TH
Tel: 01206 298241

Maureen Flett

Gardening For Health. Talks on all aspects of gardening for health, health benefits of gardening and gardening with disability
5 High Buildings, Warwick Bridge, Carlisle, Cumbria. CA4 8RP
Tel: 01228 586236

Sally Gregson - Speaker at our 2005 AGM

Nursery-owner of Mill Cottage Plants, The Mill, Lane, Wookey, Somerset BA5 1AP
Tel: 01749 676966

Dawn Gough

Email: dawngough60@gmail.com Tel: 07538418421
Charge - £60 plus travel from Chirk.

Dr Richard Gulliver

46, Woodlands Avenue, Hanwood, Shrewsbury.
Email: richardlgulliver@gmail.com - please copy in mavisgulliver@googlemail.com
Tel: 01743 861117

Lucy Hartley

Designing a Border from Scratch I. Designing a Border from Scratch II
Designing a Border from Scratch III. Also available on Zoom for Talks
Living in Warwickshire - Web: www.lucyhartleygardens.co.uk

Jacqueline Iddon

For talks, trips round her garden, teas and much more. See her website for further information
Hazelton, North Road, Bretherton, Lancashire, PR26 9AY

Gordon Malt

Talks on Climbing & Wall Plants, Silver Foliage Plants, Salvias & Ornamental Grasses, Herbaceous Plants, and Bulbs I Grow and Love. Garden open for groups by arrangement.
Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8RR Tel: 01952 411408.

Janette Merilion

Qualified professional garden designer, writer, historian & part-time lecturer.
69 Victoria St, Billinghay, Lincoln LN4 4HQ. Tel: 01526 860270

Ingrid Millington

Runs a nursery of herbaceous plants. Talks include: Herbaceous perennials for the whole year; Primulas and auriculas; Propagation of herbaceous plants.
Hillview Hardy, Worfield Plants, Nr Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 5NT
Email: hillview@onetel.net Tel: 01746 716454

Dianne Nichol-Brown

Holds largest National Collection of polemoniums in the UK.
28 Sunnyside Terrace, Trimdon Grange, Trimdon Station, County Durham TS29 6HF
Email r.cooper738@btinternet.com

Stephen Powles

A passionate and award-winning wildlife photographer who often takes on the most challenging of subjects. He lives in Devon and has a particular interest in otters, tawny owls, hedgehogs and hornets and made three TV appearances.
Talks available (Live or online with optional hosting)
Otters – Coming to a River Near You
Hammer Scar – Five Years Together
Tawny Owls – Coming to a Wood Near You
Hornets – Gentle Giants
Wildlife Photography - In Pursuit of the Improbable
Wildlife Photography - In Pursuit of the Improbable 2
Wildlife Photography – Tips and Experiences
Hedgehogs – In Need of Your Help
For more information Email: s.w.powles@btinternet.com Tel: 01884 242965

Kevin Pratt- Speaker at our2003 AGM

Holds two National collections, Fritillaria and Eucomis; can speak on wide variety of unusual but obtainable plants
Alcombe, 7 Bosden Fold Rd, Hazel Grove, Stockport, Cheshire SK3 9NR.
Email info@kevinpratt.co.uk Tel: 0161 456 9009.

Andrew Sankey

25 different talks relating to Cottage Gardens, Plant Hunters, Garden History topics etc. Please email for full list.
26 Mulberry Close, Cambridge, CB4 2AS.
Email: andrewsankey747@btinternet.com Tel: 07709 909849

Maureen Sawyer

Artist, garden designer and award winning gardener. Opens her garden 'Southlands' for the National Gardens Scheme. With a range of illustrated presentations related to horticultural planting, design and management.
Southlands, 12 Sandy Lane, Stretford, M32 9DA
Email: moe@southlands12.com Web: www.southlands12.com Tel: 0161 283 9425

Zsuzsanna Serer

Talks on herbs, her topics include their culinary use as well as how to preserve and propogate them. She also talks on Hungarian traditional gardening and herb uses and demonstrates making Christmas decorations. She gives talks with a 50 mile radius of Newport Essex.
Email: sererzs@live.co.uk Tel: 07875 035181

James Smallwood

James has worked with multiple gold medal winning exhibitor Bill Lockyer at RHS Chelsea and other shows and at his nursery. He talks about his passion 'Growing auriculas for pleasure' which is illustrated with demonstrations and beautiful photographs. The talk includes information on history, botany and growing tips.
Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG32 3NA
Email: jamesandnicky@btinternet.com Tel: 07899 907457

Tim Smith

Illustrated talk: Plants and ideas for your garden.
28 Lowton Rd, Lytham St Annes, Lancs. FY8 3JG.**Carrie Thomas**
Over 20 topics, including: cottage gardening, attracting wildlife; growing from seed; unusual plants; aquilegias; the National Botanic Garden of Wales; gardens through the year, botany and Latin names. See her website for more information
Touchwood, 4 Clyne Cottages, Killay, Swansea, SA2 7DU
Email: carrie.thomas@ntlworld.com Tel: 01792 522443

Chris & Judy Yates

44 Church Lane, Bicknoller, Taunton, Somerset TA4 4EL. Tel: 01984 656681

Dawn Gough

Email: dawngough60@gmail.com Tel: 07538418421
Charge - £60 plus travel from Chirk.

Bees and Gardening My Two Joys
I'm a beekeeper and keen gardener and this talk combines the two. It's got some audience participation - guessing the answers, a bit of humour and lots of information. It focuses on what we can do in our gardens to encourage all types of bees -which flowers, trees, habitats etc and why.

The Cottage Garden
This includes a brief history of the Cottage Garden and the elements that make a Cottage Garden. Lots of lovely pictures including many from my own garden.

The Potager
The history and development of potagers. How a potager differs from an ordinary vegetable garden. Making a Potager today including varieties to use etc.

The Crafty Gardener
Lots of ways to save money by using household things and recycling items in new ways. For example, you need never buy plant food again and ways to treat bugs and diseases without pesticides. Easy things to make for your garden and projects using garden 'waste' like seedheads.

Gardening Styles
An introduction to many gardening styles. Includes Japanese, Prairie, Cottage, Modern and Mediterranean.

Ken Black

Email: Keneblack4@gmail.com Tel: 07753 683185

I live with my wife, Helen, in Mollington, Cheshire and have been growing clematis for more than 30 years.

Talks include

Clematis for year round colour in the garden
A basic Guide to growing Clematis
Spring flowering Clematis
Summer flowering clematis
Later flowering clematis
Propagating clematis
Growing clematis in pots and containers
A guide to pruning clematis