

January 12th Phil Aubury will talk to us about **'No Space, No Problem'**. A talk based on growing various fruit, veg and plants in containers. Not only is Phil a local man but he worked in horticulture all his life becoming Director of Birmingham Botanical Gardens – a post he held for 20 years.. He is well qualified to talk on horticultural matters!

February 9th we welcome a new speaker, **Simon Gulliver**. Simon is another fairly local man, this time from Birmingham. He trained at Pershore College; has worked at Wisley and Birmingham Botanical Gardens and is currently a gardens advisor with the National Trust. His topic is **Chinese Wilson – B'ham's Plant Hunter**. Simon's talk is based on some of the adventures of a plant hunter at the turn of the 20th century. He assures me we will all be familiar with many of the plants he brought back from these adventures.

March 9th we are pleased to welcome Harry Green, **head gardener at Morton Hall Gardens**. He will talk about Morton Hall Gardens and give some tips and practical demonstrations on the planting combinations and techniques used there for staking and supporting plant.

April 13th we have another new speaker – **Gordon Malt**. He trained as a tree surgeon at Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh and has worked in horticulture for over 40 years. He now runs a small nursery in Shropshire. His subject will be **'Salvias and Ornamental Grasses'**.

May 11th sees the return of **Mandie Potter** with plants from **Bob Brown's Nursery**. Her theme will be **Colour Magic**. You may remember she brings plants with her and then talks about their particular virtues.

Sept 2nd The Main Show

Sept 14th Vic Aspland Chairman of the Cyclamen Society has agreed to talk to us about **'Cyclamen in the Wild and in Cultivation'**. Vic has travelled extensively looking for plants. He is an excellent speaker and photographer. Last winter he was one of the speakers chosen by John Massey at Ashwood Nursey to talk about cyclamen.

Oct 12th, We welcome **Nicci Gow from Burcot Nursery**. She has agreed to talk to us about **The Joys of Running a Garden Centre**.

Nov A.G.M. time again!

Dec 14th Winter in Bloom with Samantha and Nigel Hopes. Both are young plant enthusiasts who have worked at Ashwood Nursery, Birmingham Botanical Gardens and Wisley prior to setting up their own nursery in Halesowen.

Outings :

March 1st Morning tour round Bordon Hill Nurseries near Bidford on Avon. .

March 11th Annual Supper at Barnt Green Cricket Club

June 8th 7p.m. Evening visit to Rob Cole at Meadow Farm, Feckenham

June 28th Coach trip to Hampton Court Gardens, Herefordshire

July 13th 2p.m. visit to David's garden, David's Nursery, Martin Hussingtree

Sept 13th Coach trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park and garden near Burford