

## **Breadsall & District Gardening Club – 2018 Programme**

**Mar 14 Herbs Through the Seasons Malcolm Dickson**

*Founder of the Hooksgreen Herb Nursery, Malcolm will be talking about growing herbs from winter through the year to the end of Autumn, covering what looks good at what time of year, preparing plants for the onset of winter and how to get the best out of culinary annuals such as Basil and Coriander.*

**April 11 Creating Wildflower Meadows Mike Hinton**

*Mike, who has spent 40 years with Birmingham City Council and is now District Parks Manager and a horticultural lecturer, will be speaking about creating wildflower meadows both large and small scale.*

**May 9 Flowers & Gardens of Canaries Hilary Hutson**

*A botanist, lecturer and keen photographer, Hilary, will share her knowledge and images of the flora which can be found in the varied habitat of the Canary Islands.*

**July 11 Introduction to Living Willow Garden Structures Sally Smith**

*Organic gardening consultant, Sally, provides training and workshops on a number of gardening topics. In this talk she shares some of her 15+ years of expertise of working with willow.*

**Aug 8 Food for Free Patrick Harding**

*Botanist and mycologist Patrick looks at the many plants and fungi that can be safely eaten or made into interesting beverages. Starters, main course ideas and wonderful puddings, not forgetting the wine and coffee!*

**Aug 18 Breadsall & District Gardening Club 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Show + Plant Sale\***

**Sept 12 Container Gardening Throughout the Year Howard Drury**

*In this talk Howard looks at some imaginative and exiting planting ideas to provide longer term colour in the garden with less work!*

**Oct 10 Wildlife Crime PC Buckingham**

*Come and find out about wild life crime and how you might be able to help tackle some of the issues in our region.*

**Nov 14 Top Ten Gardens Don Witton**

*Yorkshire based garden expert, Don, talks about his top ten garden favourites. 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 to reminisce if you have already visited.*

**Dec 19 Flora and Pomona Michael Brown**

*A roman slave gardener will help you to understand the practical and luxurious gardens of ancient Rome. What did the Romans do for us? They gave us Ground Elder for a start!*

*A talk by garden historian Michael Brown followed by a Christmas fuddle.*

*\*Our club show secretary may provide further details of the show in the future.*