

## The 2009 Basildon Horticultural Society Programme.

This year's programme features as usual a full calendar of Shows, Talks, Plant Sales and a Coach Trip. All events take place in the Village Hall, Upper Basildon.

DATE	EVENT
Thurs. Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Joffre Evans Memorial Talk 8.00p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Mr Christopher Chadwell</b>  <b>“Flowers from the last place on Earth- the Himalayan Mountains”</b>            Chris is an internationally recognised authority on the flora of the Himalayas. He recently completed his twenty-second expedition to the region; he organised his first plant-hunting trip to Kashmir in 1983. Since then he has visited this area many times and continues to return to each October to lead expeditions. His approach to plant hunting includes an interest in the indigenous people and how they use the plants.</p> <p>This talk will be one of interest to not only gardeners but to those with a taste for adventure or travel in the most mountainous region of the world.</p>
Friday February 20 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Annual Dinner at Goring &amp; Streatley Golf Club.</b>  <b>7.30 for 8.00p.m. Lounge suit. £ 28.00 per head.</b></p>
Thurs. March 12 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>The Bruton Talk, 7.45p.m. Doors open at 6.45 pm.</b></p> <p><b>“An evening with John Cushnie”</b>            John is arguably one of the most entertaining speakers on BBC Radio 4's famous “Gardeners Question Time”. His quick and sometimes irreverent sense of humour is well known and he will bring it with him to this talk which will probably be one of the most entertaining you will hear this year.            A garden designer and author of several books, John has a wealth of experience to bring to bear on his subject and to entertain his audience. Signed copies of his books will be on sale on the evening.  <b><u>Ticket event only.</u> Members £ 7.00, non-members £ 10.00</b></p> <p><b>Phone 01491 671416(Abi) or 01491 671792 (Steve) for tickets. Refreshments included in ticket price.</b></p>
Sat. March 28 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Spring Show, open to public from 2.00p.m.</b>            A visual feast of colourful Spring flowers and flower arrangements.</p>
Thurs. April 23 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Frank &amp; Annie Dixon Memorial Talk, 8.00p.m.</b>  <b>Peter Jones “The Night Garden”</b>            Peter is an experienced gardener and speaker on horticultural matters. His talk this evening will be on The Night Garden, what plants to use for both colour and scent for evening enjoyment. He has given a talk to local gardening clubs and he comes very highly recommended. This is not Peter Jones of “The Dragons Den” so do not come along with your big business idea!</p>
May 8th	<p><b>Full day Coach outing to The Malvern Show £30.00 per head for coach and entry to the Show.</b></p>
Sat. May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<p><b>Bring and Buy Plant Sale. 2.00 - 4.00pm. Activity for Children: Making a garden on a plate.</b></p>
Sat. June 27 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Garden Party 12.30-5.00p.m.</b></p>
Sat Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Basildon Summer Show.</b>            Present your best fruit, vegetables, homemade wine and cookery, photographic and artistic skills; compete for the many prize cups!</p>
Thurs. Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Robert Smillie Lecture, 8.00 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Mr P Wright “Growing fruit and vegetables on an allotment”</b>            Peter is keen to spread the word of growing your own and is passionate about the benefits gained from home grown over mass-produced.</p>
Sat. Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Bring and Buy Plant Sale. 2.00- -4.00pm.</b></p>
Thurs. Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Annual General meeting 7.15 p.m. “Bring and share” supper with demonstration of Christmas flower arrangement. Take one home with you!</b></p>

