**Wigmore and District Gardening Club List of speakers 2015**

Thursday February 19th

**“The gardens of Alhambra and Generalife, Granada, Spain” - Nathalie Mignotte**

Nathalie was formerly lecturer and Academic Manager of the Horticulture Department at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire. Her interest lies in the relationship between faiths and gardens and on how sociological and religious symbolisms have been represented in, and influenced the evolution of gardens.

Thursday 19th March

**‘Hereford Cathedral Gardens” - Dr Anthony Evans Volunteer coordinator of local group and has been out to visit TFSR projects in Africa**

A retired General Practitioner, Dr Anthony Evans has always had an interest in gardening and he is a member of the RHS, the Alpine Garden and Hardy Plant Societies. He has a special interest in Species Paeonies. For the last 10 years he has, on behalf of the Hereford Cathedral Friends, taken on the management of the Cathedral Gardens which are extensive; they are 10 volunteers and open regularly twice weekly as well as for the National Gardens Scheme. On retirement he took the RHS Diploma in Horticulture and did some research into the uses of Medicinal Plants, the subject of this talk.

Thursday 16th April

**‘ Rhododendrons at Hergest Gardens’ - Mr Stephen and Mrs Melanie Lloyd, 23 Ridgebourne Road, Kington, Herefordshire, HR5 3EG. Telephone Steve’s mobile 07968435627.**

Head Gardener, Stephen Lloyd will be coming along to speak assisted by Melanie his wife. A illustrated of the gardens and in particularly the Rhododendrons which are now in flower.

Thursday 16th July

**‘Gardening for bees, butterflies and other pollinators’- Jenny Steel**

Jenny is an Oxford plant ecologist, author, photographer and former plant nurserywoman with 25 years experience. She will bring copies of her books for members to purchase should they wish.

Thursday 18th September

**Members Talk – “Plants and recipes”**

Club members will be invited to give a 5 minute presentation / demonstration / slide show

Thursday 15th October

**‘Late summer perennials’- Jack Willgoss**

Jack trained at RHS Garden Wisley and is co-owner of Wildgoose Nursery at Millichope, Shropshire which specialise in the growing of perennial violas.

Thursday 20th November

**‘The cottage garden’ – Rachael Salisbury**

Rachael is a retired lecturer in horticulture and garden history. She also has experience of working in gardens, nurseries and a research station. She still does some freelance advisory work, whilst enjoying having more time in her garden and allotment.