



SPEAKER INFORMATION

MICHAEL BROWN



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<i>Lecture Titles:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>'Gardens in the Age of Chivalry.'</i> The medieval garden, the plants and symbolism. • <i>Knots and Bowers.'</i> The Tudor garden and plants. • <i>Many a Sundry Flower.'</i> The uses of herbs and plants. • <i>Death in the Garden.'</i> Poisonous plants that may be in your garden, with stories and myths connected with them. • <i>'A Medieval Christmas.'</i> Christmas food and folklore, with music on period instruments. • <i>'Then Longen Men to go on Pilgrimages'</i>. A journey along the pilgrim routes and why people suffered such hardship to visit the saints. 		
<i>Lecture Cost:</i>	£85		
<i>Travelling Distance</i>	Any distance	<i>Travel Fees:</i>	Included if within 45 miles
<i>Availability:</i>			
<i>Add-information:</i>	I will take a selection of tools and plant use sundries at no extra charge if they are requested.		



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My name is Michael Brown. I am a garden historian, freelance lecturer, researcher and horticulturist. I researched, designed, and created the largest authentic medieval garden in Europe at the Prebendal Manor, Nassington, Northamptonshire, UK.

The garden is included in 'The Good Garden Guide'. It has also been featured on BBC Radio 4 Woman's Hour, and Alan Titchmarsh's 'Royal Gardeners'. In his book of the same name Alan said that, 'Prebendal Manor is a stunning example of a reconstructed medieval garden.'

Alan also borrowed my tools to make a Tudor garden plot at Hampton Court, although this did not appear in the programme.

I am a lecturer, giving talks on garden History and general horticultural subjects. these are suitable for Garden Clubs, Historical Societies, Museum, Galleries and Luncheon groups.

'Gardens in the Age of Chivalry': An introduction to Medieval Gardens, their uses, symbolism and some of the plants.



'Knots and Bowers': The Tudor Garden and some of its plants. What is the difference between Medieval and Tudor gardens? Where did the idea for knots originate? Where were the new plants coming from?



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'Many a Sundry Flower': The uses of plants in the Medieval, Tudor or Stuart periods. I can bring examples of the uses of the plants for display if you wish.

'In Search of Arcadia'. The English Landscape Garden and its Buildings.

'Death in the Garden'.

Poisonous plants in the garden, and some others related to an untimely end for the victim. A look at historical uses and literary references.



'A Medieval Christmas' A look at the food and events during the twelve days of a medieval Christmas. Includes music on period instruments.

Please contact Michael to discuss your requirements and other subjects that can talk about. Fees start at £85 according to length of talk, distance etc.



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I am also available to lead garden tours: contact me if you would like to discuss this.

‘Thank you for the informative guided tour provided by Michael, with his boundless knowledge and enthusiasm for the medieval garden.’

Buckden Local History Society.

The Medieval Gardener Pruning Vines, and the Apothecary.

