



## SPEAKER INFORMATION

# GEOFF HALES

<i>Speakers Name:</i>	Geoff Hales – Travelling Theatre		
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<i>Sp-E-mail address:</i>			
<i>Lecture Titles</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘The Chinese Gooseberry Man’ the travels in China of E H Wilson the famous plant-hunter</li> <li>• Victorian Evening</li> <li>• Private Kipling</li> <li>• The Murder of Dickens</li> <li>• Samuel Pepys</li> <li>• The voyage of Charles Darwin</li> <li>• The story of Isambard Kingdom Brunel</li> </ul>		
<i>Lecture Cost</i>	£50 negotiable		
<i>Travelling Distance</i>	any	<i>Travel Expenses</i>	Public transport
<i>Availability</i>	Full time, day, evening and weekend		
<i>Equipment Needed</i>	Small table		
<i>Add-information:</i>	<p>Geoff Hales read English at King’s College, London and wrote his Ph.D. thesis on the novels of George Orwell. In 1975 he went to Tonga in the South Pacific as the first lecturer in English at the new university there. On returning to the UK, he settled in Cambridge, where he still lives, and for several years taught English as a foreign language. In 1985 he left full-time teaching and started his own one-man theatre company, ‘Travelling Theatre’, which performs one-man shows about great writers, most recently Samuel Pepys. He has appeared all over England and in Prague, Stockholm, Amsterdam, Germany and Switzerland.</p>		



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### Horticultural Talk

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### Horticultural Talks & Tours in detail

#### **Ernest 'Chinese' Wilson**

Born in Chipping Campden, Gloucester, Ernest Henry Wilson (1876-1930) collected plants during several highly successful trips to China. His first two trips were on behalf of James Veitch & Sons, Chelsea before moving to America to work for the Arnold Arboretum in Massachusetts. His first trip to Central China was between 1899 and 1902 in search of the Pocket-handkerchief Tree, *Davidia involucrata* and secondly, in Western China from 1903 to 1905, principally for the Yellow Poppy, *Meconopsis integrifolia*. On his first trip to China, Wilson discovered 400 new plants earning him the title of 'Chinese' Wilson. He went on to collect more plants in China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, India and Africa and by the end of his career he had discovered approximately 1,000 plants which were previously unknown. In 1930 he and his wife were tragically killed in a car accident in the U.S.