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**CAVERSHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
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**2008 programme of Events**

- **MARCH** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 7.45pm. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & SOCIAL GET TOGETHER**, at *Caversham Primary School, Hemdean Road*
- **APRIL** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.45pm. **“ORNAMENTAL & MEDICINAL PLANTS FROM THE LAND OF THE THUNDER DRAGON” (Bhutan)** WITH CHRIS CHADWELL at *Caversham Primary School, Hemdean Road*
- **MAY** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am. **SPRING PLANT SALE** at *Oakley Road Allotments*
- **MAY** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 7.45pm. **“DELIGHTS OF THE KITCHEN GARDEN”** WITH TIM MILES at *Caversham Primary School, Hemdean Road*
- **JUNE** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Outing TBA
- **JULY** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 7.45 pm. **“DEALING WITH DROUGHT”** WITH GEOFF ACE at *Caversham Primary School, Hemdean Road*
- **SEPTEMBER** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 12-4. **“AUTUMN SHOW”** venue TBA
- **SEPTEMBER** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 7.45 pm. **“PANSIES, VIOLAS & SWEET VIOLETS”** WITH ELIZABETH FARRAR at *Caversham Primary School, Hemdean Road*
- **OCTOBER** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am. **AUTUMN PLANT SALE** at *Oakley Road Allotments*
- **NOVEMBER** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 7.45 pm. **“WINTER WONDERLAND” (plus quiz)** WITH JOHN NEGUS, & **SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER** at *Caversham Primary School, Hemdean Road*

**Membership is only £5.00 pa and £3.00 senior membership**

**APRIL Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.45pm**

at *Caversham Primary School, Hemdean Road*

**“Ornamental & Medicinal Plants from the land of the Thunder Dragon”**

Chris Chadwell has a passion for the Himalayas. He has visited 22 times and is a freelance botanist, lecturer, plant hunter & Himalayan consultant. He is the Founder and Secretary of the Sino-Himalayan Plant Association. He is also the curator of the Kohli Memorial Himalayan Garden.

As a consultant to The Royal Government of Bhutan, Chris was afforded privileged access into the fascinating world of traditional medicine in the least visited country in the Himalaya. Many wild species, most of which are highly ornamental, are still used in herbal formulations which constitute the primary health care. Chris comes attired in national costume to add flavour to the occasion. An extra attraction is Chris' son, Joseph who will give a brief performance as a witch in Macbeth to relate Bhutanese medicine to ingredients utilised in “herbal” medicine in Medieval Britain.

We hope that you will be able to join us for what should be a memorable evening.

Caversham Horticultural Society is a flourishing club with the aim of enjoying gardening and encouraging others to do so too, including children. It has over 600 members from Caversham and surrounding areas. Regular events provide the opportunity to meet fellow gardening enthusiasts, share experience and develop horticultural passions. Members are also kept up to date with the CHS newsletter.

The society's evening talks and slide shows, with speakers who are experts in their field, are both entertaining and informative.

CHS' own plant sales are excellent for stocking up the garden and the trading shed in Oakley Road, Caversham, offers many garden sundries at very reasonable prices. All proceeds are ploughed back into the society.

Further information available from:

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