



Autumn Colour **Talk by Barry Grain**

Venue: Worleston Village Hall, Main Road, Worleston, Nantwich, CW5 6DN
Date & Time: Monday 16th November at 10.30 am for coffee and biscuits,
followed by the talk at 11am



Barry Grain at his Rosemeade Nurseries. Image: Alison Moore

The Events Team has arranged a series of four talks over the forthcoming winter months, November to March , and we are very pleased to give you details of the first to take place on Monday 16th November at Worleston.

This talk, titled ***Autumn Colour***, will be given by **Barry Grain**, master horticulturist and independent nurseryman. Barry is well known to many of you as Head Gardener at Cholmondeley Castle for twelve years, during which time Cheshire Gardens Trust visited on at least one occasion. Barry oversaw major projects at Cholmondeley like the 94-metre-long Lavinia Walk and the estate's renowned magnolia and rose collections.

Recently Barry launched his own independent plant nursery, **Rosemeade Nurseries**, in Holt (near Wrexham), focusing on climate-appropriate, unusual trees, shrubs, and perennials grown in peat-free compost. Barry is an expert in Magnolias, Acer, Quercus (oaks), Prunus, and Hydrangeas, utilizing specialized

propagation methods like winter hot-pipe systems. He also has received a Professional Gardeners Guild award

Barry's chosen topic on 16th November is Autumn Colour and it will be interesting to find out from Barry how climate change, such as the summer's drought, may be having an effect on the autumn colours.

Directions: Worleston Village Hall, Main Street, Worleston, CW5 6DN is on the B5074 between Church Minshull and Nantwich, on the right-hand side if you are heading in the south direction .

Cost: £9 for members, £12 for non members, including coffee and biscuits on arrival. *(Please note that the talk will finish by 12.30 pm- you may wish to consider lunch at the Royal Oak in Worleston, the Badger Inn at Church Minshull or pubs and restaurants in nearby Nantwich)*

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So, do book early to avoid disappointment! Please complete and return the separate Word booking form for this event by **Wednesday 11th November** at the latest.

Save the dates: three further CGT talks for 2026-2027 details of which will be circulated to members by the end of November, are:

Saturday 16th January, Dr Kristof Fatsar, Historic England, at The Friends Meeting House, Mount Street, Manchester, at 1.30 pm

Monday 8th February, Tracy Snell, Curator, RHS Bridgewater, at Marthall Village Hall at 2pm . Tracy's talk will include a focus on the beautiful, newly opened, Chinese Garden at RHS Bridgewater.

Monday 1st March , Sharon Maher, NGS Coordinator for Cheshire, at Marthall Village Hall at 2pm. Sharon will speak about the development of the NGS scheme which will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2027!

Look forward to seeing you there! All best wishes, The Events Team