

### Garden Bugs: Cohabit, Control or Conserve?

On 17th August at 7.30pm, Dr Ian Bedford, Research Entomologist & Speaker, will give a talk on the above subject. The talk will last about 1 hour. Ian will take a Q&A session following the talk.

Ian has been fascinated by insects and other invertebrates for most of his life. From studying butterflies on the South Downs as a youngster, he pursued a career in Research Entomology and ran the Entomology Dept at the John Innes Centre in Norwich up to his recent retirement. He now provides independent entomological advice to companies that are developing environmentally safe plant protection products and promotes and encourages wildlife-friendly home gardening.

Ian talks on a number of radio shows for BBC Radio Norfolk, Suffolk and Lincolnshire and he is the 'Entomologist who Entertains' on Toby Buckland's Sunday morning show for gardeners on BBC Radio Devon. He has also featured on BBC Gardeners Question Time, Gardeners' World, Inside Out, Tonight, Horizon, BBC Breakfast, A to Z of TV Gardening, The Great British Garden Revival and (just to be different) Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule!

This talk will cover Ian's research work on how insects can spread plant viruses in commercial farming, and then cover the bugs, both pests and beneficials, that you find in your garden. Ian will talk about environmentally safe controls, invasive pests and with a special mention of the Spanish slug.

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