

Dr John Grimshaw

“Woody Plants for the Winter Garden”

We are delighted to welcome Dr John Grimshaw back to Shaftesbury. In 2014 John spoke at the first Snowdrop Study, Sale and Social day on the subject of 'Primrose Warburg and her garden at South Hayes', delighting the audience. This year he will tell us about his interest in woody plants.

About John: John is a respected gardener, botanist and author, who has written and edited several books, co-authoring “Snowdrops: A Monograph of Cultivated Galanthus”; “The



Gardeners' Atlas” a book on the origins of the world's most popular plants and “New Trees, Recent Introductions to Cultivation”.

John was awarded a First in Botany at Oxford. As well as writing he has enjoyed a varied and interesting career including 9 years restoring the Gardens at Colesbourne Park (famous for its drifts of snowdrops) before he became the Director of the Yorkshire Arboretum In 2012. His gardening interests are very broad, but specialities include bulbs, ferns and African plants.

John is also a member of the RHS woody plant committee. Perhaps he can persuade the naysayers amongst us that Buddleia is a welcome garden plant for more than just the butterflies!

We look forward to hearing John speak.