

Forum 2019 5th & 6th October, Cranborne, Dorset

Cranborne Garden Centre and Walled Kitchen Gardens in North Dorset

‘Walled Gardens now used as Garden and Plant Centres’.

Our venue is the long established Cranborne Garden Centre sited in the walled kitchen garden, part of the wonderful 17th century Cranborne Estate.

Many walled kitchen gardens fell into sharp decline following both world wars, what is seldom noted is how many became wholesale or specialist plant nurseries, some of which evolved to become renowned plant and garden centres today.

The Cranborne Estate is on the southern edge of Cranborne Chase AONB and to the west of the New Forest. The whole area displays beautiful, unspoilt and historic landscapes and gardens.

Our speakers come from some of the most well known and long established, of these walled gardens and we'll hear about others – successful and still evolving in the 21st Century:

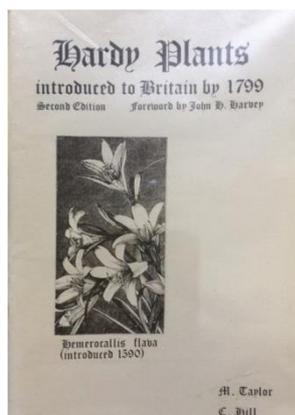
Patrick Fairweather – Plantsman and owner of Fairweathers Nursery, Beaulieu Hampshire

Mark Pitman – Manager of Longstock Park Nursery, Hampshire, previously Operations Manager for Hillier Garden Centres

Charlotte Casella – Project coordinator for the restoration of Luton Hoo Walled Garden, now programme Manager for the Chalke Valley History Festival.

Andrew Haynes – Head Gardener at Edmonsham since 1984, President of the Dorset Hardy Plant Society.

Richard and Jill Rallings - owners of Mynd Hardy Plants, nursery in the Walled Garden at Delbury Hall in Shropshire.





Cranborne Manor Gardens, Dorset

Saturday 5th October 2019

The Forum will start with our speakers in the Garden Room at Cranborne Garden Centre, where we will spend the first part of the day. Following lunch, by very kind invitation of the family, we will be taken to the walled garden and gardens of Cranborne Manor.

Sunday 6th October 2019

We will leave from Cranborne Garden Centre, to visit the Gardens of Edmonsham and Long Crichel where we will also have lunch. We'll then go on to another garden(s) to be confirmed nearer the time, returning to Cranborne to finish the weekend.

Link to download the form for booking: <https://www.walledgardens.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Booking-form-Cranborne-Walled-Garden-and-Dorset-Gardens-2019.pdf>

In addition:

Saturday 5th October

Following our previous evening events on the Saturday of the Forum, we hope to arrange a reception or dinner close to the Forum venue. This is in addition to the Forum itself, and we'll let attendees know what we hope to do nearer the time.

There will be a cost per head, but we hope that most delegates will be able to join us.

Accommodation:

There are a number of B&Bs in and around the village, and in neighbouring villages. Wimborne is the nearest town, about 10 miles from Cranborne (15 minute drive), Sixpenny Handley is only 5 miles from the venue.

We hope you can join the Walled Kitchen Gardens Network 2019 Forum, and look forward to seeing you in Dorset

