

Workshop joining details

Wednesday 24th January 2018

Taking gardens and landscapes to a whole new level

Ashford International Hotel – Ashford Kent

REGISTRATION

Signing in starts at 8.45am, after which delegates are encouraged to visit the exhibition stands and bookshop. The talks begin at 9.40am promptly. Delegates travelling to Ashford International on the 8.47am fast train from London St Pancras should reach us in good time for registration, etc.

VENUE

Ashford International Hotel, Simone Weil Avenue, Ashford, TN24 8UX (01233 219 988). The hotel is easy to get to, has excellent facilities and plenty of parking. There will be talks during the day with breaks for coffee and lunch. The seminar will finish between 4.30pm. and 4.45pm.

TRAVELLING TO THE WORKSHOP

By car

Take Junction 9 on the M20 and follow signs for the town centre and then the A28 for Canterbury. Keep a lookout for the Palmstead sign. The hotel is just next to Sainsbury's.

By train

A 50-seater drop-off shuttle bus to the hotel will be leaving Ashford International (domestic entrance) at 9am and 9.20am (the times are linked with the London St Pancras fast trains: leaving at 8.12am and arriving at 8.50am; leaving at 8.39am and arriving at 9.14am).



A Palmstead representative will be at the station entrance to help. There may be limited capacity on the shuttle buses so if you did not tick the bus box when registering online you may need to get a taxi for the short ride to the hotel. Delegates arriving by train after 9.20am will need to get their own taxis (Arrow Taxis: 01233 666 666; United Taxis: 01233 666 999).

HOTELS FOR OVERNIGHT STAYS

- Ashford International Hotel (www.qhotels.co.uk): ££££
- Holiday Inn, Canterbury Road (www.holidayinn.com): £££
- Premier Inn, Eureka Park (www.premierinn.com): ££
- Travelodge (www.travelodge.co.uk): ££

GUIDED NURSERY TOUR

We would encourage you to come along to the nursery – a visit is worth a thousand pictures. As most of the plants are in their winter dormancy period, we have included an invitation in your delegate pack to attract you to visit Palmstead for a tour later in the growing season.

Programme

- 8.45-9.30am Registration opens + exhibition viewing
Coffee, tea + Danish available
(Please note photography and filming taking place) *
- 9.40-10am **Welcome and introduction**
Nick Coslett, marketing manager, Palmstead Nurseries
- 10-11am **Managing the Barbican: a case study**
Professor Nigel Dunnett, Professor of Planting Design, Sheffield University
Alex Piddington-Bishop, City of London gardens supervisor
Q&A session
- 11-11.40am Coffee break and exhibition viewing in the Canterbury Suite and Kent Foyer
- 11.40-12.10pm **Why soils matter in podium landscapes**
Tim O'Hare, the UK's leading soil consultant
- 12.10-1.05pm **A model for future urban development: planting and maintaining the 'Bosco Verticale' in Milan**
Laura Gatti, landscape consultant and visiting professor at Milan University
Q&A session
- 1.10 -2.25pm Buffet lunch in Canterbury Suite and Kent Foyer
Delegates with pre-notified dietary requests in Canterbury Suite please
Palmstead team available for advice; exhibition viewing in both rooms
- 2.30-2.40pm **Mycorrhiza: an aid to success**
Dr Louisa Boyer, technical director of PlantWorks
- 2.40-2.55pm **Creating Wild Garden's for children**
Adam White & Andree Davies, Davies White Landscape Architects
- 2.55-3.15pm **Biosecurity update: *Xylella fastidiosa* and other threats**
Professor Nicola Spence, Chief Plant Health Officer
Q&A session
- 3.20-4.20pm **Taking gardens and landscapes to a whole new level: planting on podium decks and creating urban gardens**
Dan Pearson, landscape and garden designer, plantsman and writer
- 4.20-4.35pm Q&A session and wrap up
- 4.45pm Close and depart
The shuttle-buses departure from the hotel is targeted at the 5.16pm fast train from Ashford International station
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