



Programme Forum 2017 – West Dean Walled Gardens

Glass and Glasshouses

Saturday 23rd September

9.00 Registration and coffee

10.00 Welcome followed by our speakers:

Sarah Wain & Jim Buckland - Head Gardeners of West Dean Gardens for nearly 25 years

Simon Harrison - Victorian Glasshouse Company

Chris Sawyer -Director at Alitex

Ben Hope– head gardener of private estate with restored walled garden near Petersfield, Hants

There will be a coffee break during the talks

1.00 – 2.00 Lunch

2.00 Tours of the Walled Kitchen Gardens with Sarah and Jim

Ending with tea, discussion and questions.

16.30 End of the first day

In addition to the main Forum, delegates will be able walk around West Dean's extensive pleasure gardens, before a reception that will be held in the Oak Hall of West Dean House. There will be a small additional cost (see below)

Sunday 24th September

9.30 Meet at West Dean to depart in cars for visits to other Walled Gardens

16.00 Provisional finish time for the Forum



The gardens we hope to visit will be confirmed in due course, but will all be within easy driving distance, we do however already have confirmation for Petworth and Whithurst Park, Kirdford.

Garden tours, coffee and lunch will be included during the day, car shares can be organised for anyone interested and will start and end at West Dean

Additional Plans

Friday 22nd September

As Alitex are relatively close at West Dean, we have been invited to have a look round their factory. This will be in the afternoon, but we will confirm the time in due course.

Alitex have been strong supporters of WKGN for many years and we are really pleased to have the opportunity to see the factory and discover the processes behind their glasshouses.

Saturday 23rd September

For anyone staying near to West Dean on the evening of the 23rd, we are arranging a Reception in the Oak Hall, West Dean House. The cost will be in addition to the Forum but we will send out information and prices as soon as we have decided on the best option. It will be around £12 - £15 per head

Accommodation

There is some accommodation at West Dean College if you are interested in staying there, please contact the College direct:

Tel 01243 818295, Zoe Lane, bookings manager. Let her know that you are attending the Forum

There are plenty of options locally for B&B or hotels – we will send out a list with booking confirmation. Let us know where you're staying and if you'd like to, we can put you in touch with other attendees at the same hotels or nearby

Or go to Tourist Information Chichester: www.visitchichester.org/where-to-stay