**Programme Forum 2019 – 5th & 6th October**

**Cranborne Garden Centre and Manor Gardens, Walled Gardens of Cranborne Chase, N. Dorset**

Walled Kitchen Gardens used as Garden Centres & Nurseries

Program for Saturday 5th October

9:00 am Registration in the Garden Room, Cranborne Garden Centre – coffee and tea available

10:00    Welcome from Susan Campbell

10:10 – 10:40 Patrick Fairweather – ‘Patrick’s Patch-a community project making business sense’

10:45 – 11:15 Charlotte Casella – ‘the Walled Kitchen Gardens of Cranborne Manor’

Coffee break 11:15 – 11:30

Garden Tour 11:30 – 1:30pm – a walk through Cranborne Manor gardens, and walled garden with Georgianna Campbell

Lunch 1:30 – 2:15 – return to the Garden Room for buffet lunch

2:15 – 2:30 - Richard and Jill Rallings – Mynd Hardy Plants, the Nursery in the walled garden at Delbury Hall, Shropshire

2:30 – 3:00 – Mark Pitman – Longstock Park Nursery, part of the Leckford Estate ’60 years of a walled garden – a rose nursery to successful plant centre’

3:00 – 3:20 – Andrew Haynes – will introduce the gardens at Edmonsham (our first garden visit on Sunday 6th)

3:30 – 3:50 – Q&A with Claire Whitehead of Cranborne Garden Centre (TBC)

3:50 – 4:30 Tea and discussion

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Sunday 6th October

10:00 am - We will meet in the car park at Cranborne Manor Garden Centre, where we can park and organise to share cars.

Edmonsham, will be our first garden visit, to see the large Victorian walled garden, managed organically since Andrew Haynes arrived as Head Gardener in 1984.

We will then depart for Long Crichel where we will be met by owners, Jamie and Rose Campbell, to visit their cob walled garden and also have an early ‘picnic’ lunch arranged for us, from their organic bakery – the Famous Hedgehog Bakery

After lunch we will go onto Deans Court, where we will meet owner William Hanham, who will show us the kitchen garden, ‘enclosed by an 18thC serpentine wall’ and talk to us about the work they do to run this productive, organic walled kitchen garden. <https://www.deanscourt.org/the-garden>

The National Trust garden at Kingston Lacy is very nearby. You might wish to visit the walled garden there before or after the Forum, as there may not be time to visit during the weekend.

People may wish to depart from the last garden we visit, but we will return to Cranborne Garden Centre to finish the day at about 4:30.

Saturday 5th October – evening Reception

As in the last few years, we are planning to meet up in the early evening, this year for a reception in the Garden Room at Cranborne.

Time is to be confirmed, but likely 6.00-8.00pm, so people can go on for dinner afterwards. Details will be sent to attendees, and times confirmed. There will a small extra cost, which we’ll confirm in the week beginning 16th September