

The Swiss Garden and Bedfordshire Gardens Trust present:



‘Durability Guaranteed’...?

A study day to celebrate Pulhamite rockwork and its conservation

On

Saturday, October 3rd 2015

9.45-16.00

In the 19th and early 20th centuries, the Pulham family became renowned for creating a wide range of artificial landscapes, from small, exquisitely planted rockeries and ferneries to grottoes and temples, from elaborate water gardens to massive coastal cliffs. These fashionable bespoke landscapes brought together many of the hallmarks of 19th century garden design, including the interplay of landscaping, botany and geology, engineering and architecture, and innovation in materials and techniques. Collectively, they gave tangible form to the Victorian passion for travel, for plant collecting, and for gardening.¹

The Swiss Garden showcases several Pulhamite features, namely the Pond Cascade, Punt Harbour, Grotto & Fernery, Rock Garden and Eagle Redoubt, which were added by Joseph Shuttleworth as embellishments to Lord Ongley’s late Regency landscape during the 1870s. This study day will bring together the history and work of the Pulham family, at sites across the UK, and will highlight issues concerning the long-term conservation of their ‘Durability Guaranteed’ features.

- 09.45 Registration
- 10.00 Corinne Price – Introduction to the Swiss Garden
- 10.30 Drew Bennellick, Head of Landscape & Natural Heritage, HLF
- 11.00 Coffee
- 11.30 Claude Hitching/Valerie Christman – ‘The Pulhams of Broxbourne’
- 12.45 Questions
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Simon Swann – Restoration of the Swiss Garden Pulhamite Features
- 14.30 Tour of the Swiss Garden, led by Simon Swann and Corinne Price
- 16.00 Tea available to purchase in Shuttleworth Restaurant

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Number of places: at **£35 per person.**

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Catering:

Please indicate if you would like Vegetarian ☐ Gluten Free ☐ Dairy Free ☐

¹ *Durability Guaranteed: Pulhamite rockwork – Its conservation and repair*, English Heritage guideline document (2008)