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THOMAS MAWSON'S GOLDEN AFTERNOON

Talk by Elaine Taylor and Hotpot lunch

**11.00 am Thursday 20th March - Samlesbury WM Hall
Cuerdale Lane, nr Preston PR5 0UY**



We explore the stellar career of Lancashire's talented landscape architect who rose from humble beginnings to the summit of the landscape profession.

He learned his craft reading avidly and attending night-school, in the late Victorian drive for self-instruction: an aptitude for writing led to his publication of a book which was to become the essential text-book on every aspect of garden design and planting, 'The Art & Craft of Garden Making'. It enshrines his ideal – perfection in every detail.

Establishing his practice in Windermere, an astute choice, led to introductions to wealthy industrialists and landowners who became the core of his clientele. Sir William Lever, later Lord Leverhulme, wrote asking for his advice and said: 'my friends warned me that you only work for dukes and earls'.

At its peak the practice had offices in Windermere, London, Vancouver and Greece; however political upheavals in the early decades of the C20 were to undermine foreign projects. Thomas gave his sons the architectural training which he had so much desired, but nonetheless the RIBA conferred on him honorary Associate membership, which made him very proud.

His legacy was the simply elegant style of garden where logic, geometry and decorative focal points satisfied the eye with harmony and rich colours. Suffice it to say that 'The Art & Craft of Garden Making' was consulted by Lawrence Johnston and the Sackville-Wests when designing Hidcote and Sissinghurst.

The price is £13 per person, £16 for a non-member.

Booking details

I require (member) beef or cheese hotpot.....total £

I require (non-member) beef or cheese hotpot.....total £

Payment to Lancashire Gardens Trust

Name (s)

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Contact details for phone or email, (write very clearly please)

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Bookings to Elaine Taylor 01204 496696

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The caterer requires notice so bookings please by 13th March 2024

Payment preferred by direct payment to Lancashire Gardens Trust,

Co-op Bank Account No. 65261512

Bank Sort Code 08-92-99

Please add your name and Heaton in the reference and advise Elaine of your payment.

Directions

On leaving the M6 at the Preston exit 31, follow the A677 Blackburn / A59 Clitheroe; as the dual carriageway ends, move into the centre of the road 'Blackburn'. You will do a U-turn to come round towards the Esso station then left into Cuerdale Lane B6230. Samlesbury Memorial Hall is in the field on the right.