

Dear UK Poplar Forum Member,

UKPf: MEETING IN NORTHERN IRELAND: 14-16th OCTOBER 2002

The Forum has been invited to meet in Northern Ireland this autumn, with an interesting programme organised for us by Malcolm Dawson, Director of the Northern Ireland Horticultural and Plant Breeding Station at Loughgall, Armagh. We are writing to all members to invite you to join us for the meeting which will include our AGM. If you are interested in attending – please respond to this letter. Please note that only those who respond will be sent further details about the visit.

The provisional programme is as follows:

Monday 14th Oct.

Meeting starts 14.00 Welcome David Davenport (DD).
14.15 Introduction and arrangements Malcolm Dawson (MD)
14.30 Poplars in Northern Ireland and site visit.
(John Heatherington Premier Woodlands)
18.30 UKPf meeting (DD)
20.00 Dinner

Tuesday 15th Oct.

09.00 Visit NIHPBS: Poplar trials single stem & coppice.(MD)
12.30-13.30 Lunch.
14.00 UKPf AGM (DD)
15.30 Visit willow trials at NIHPBS (MD)
16.30 Visit agroforestry sites at NIHPBS (Dr Jim McAdam)
20.00 Dinner

Wednesday 16th Oct.

08.30-12.00 Visit Rural Generation in Londonderry
- Poplars and willow including the first farm
based combined heat and power plant using down draft
gasification unit in the U.K. (John Gilliland Managing
Director and President of The Ulster Farmers Union)
13.30 onwards delivery back to airport (s)

Accommodation can be booked for us ranging from an eccentric but good B&B (£20) to £85 hotel (person/night). Again we need to know who wants what so this can be arranged en-bloc.

We have no estimates of costs at this time. If only a few of us attend the meeting we may be able to have transport provided; higher numbers and we will need to hire – and share the costs of a small bus.

David Davenport has kindly looked into flights with GO: (see www.go-fly.net) Each member of the party will be responsible for booking their tickets, but it would be kinder to our hosts if we co-ordinated our arrivals and departures as far as possible. GO flies from Bristol and Stansted to Belfast International. Flights to/from Bristol are less frequent than from Stansted.

Outward journey:

From Bristol (BRS): Dep Mon 14/10/02 @7am Arr (BFS) 8.05 (£18.35)
From Stansted (STN): Dep Mon 14/10/02 @7.05am Arr 8.20 (£17.35)

Return journey:

To BRS: Dep Wed 16/10/02 @17.30 arrive BRS 18.35 (£18.35)
To STN Dep Wed 16/10/02 @16.35 arrive BRS 17.50 (£17.35)

There will undoubtedly be members of the party who want to arrive and depart at other times, and I'm sure they will be happy to make their own arrangements door to door! Please remember that photographic ID is necessary on all flights to Ireland (passport, photo driving licence, National ID card or services ID).

We hope you will be able to join us for this visit. Please complete and return the attached to Diana (**by 8th September**) who will be acting as co-ordinator for the party again.

Yours sincerely,

D M

-----**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN**-----

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I am able to attend / interested in attending * the 14-16 October meeting

I am likely to join the suggested flights from Bristol/Stansted * airport

I will make independent travel arrangements for a visit between (date/time
and date time approx)

I would like B&B/Hotel * accommodation to be booked for the nights of 14/15 *
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Any other details!.....

* delete or alter as necessary