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Invoice/Payment Details

Course fee per delegate:
Early Bird Discounted Fee £199 plus VAT (ends 31/08/08)
Full Delegate fee £249 plus VAT

Optional Private Guided Tour of Blenheim Palace to commence at 16:30:
Fee per person £10.50 plus VAT

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About Blenheim Palace

Blenheim Palace

Blenheim Palace, home to 11th Duke of Marlborough and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, offers a memorable day out.

Set in 2100 acres of beautiful parkland landscaped by 'Capability' Brown, the exquisite Baroque Palace is surrounded by sweeping lawns, formal gardens and the magnificent Lake.

Inside, the scale of the Palace is beautifully balanced by the intricate detail and delicacy of the carvings, the hand painted ceilings

and the amazing porcelain collections, tapestries and paintings displayed in each room.

Situated in Woodstock, just 8 miles from Oxford, the Palace was created a World Heritage site in 1987.

Optional Tour of Blenheim Palace

We are pleased to be able to offer our delegates a private guided tour of Blenheim Palace following the conference. Details can be found on the Booking Form..

We look forward to welcoming you to Britain's Greatest Palace very soon.



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Future Events

The Sustainable Farming Debate
"Meeting environmental challenges whilst ensuring future profitability and productivity"
Wednesday 5th November 2008
Lord Peter Melchett, Soil Association, Caroline Drummond, LEAF and Guy Smith, Wigborough Wick Farm alongside other key speakers will ensure a lively debate looking at the interaction of various farming methods in meeting agri environmental challenges and will work with delegates to ensure practical solutions to realise their potential in delivering sustainable, profitable and productive farming.
Case studies and expert opinion will guide participants through the pros and cons of a variety of systems, the practicalities of working within and interacting these methods, grants and funding, and the economic and community dimensions of sustainable farming.
Delegate rates from £199 plus VAT.

Annual Update for the Farm and Estate Owner/Manager
"What you 'must' know - in just one day"
Wednesday 3rd December 2008
Modern farming is in the spotlight. Modern farm management is about monitoring, analysis, planning and action. Cutting costs, increasing revenue and creating business efficiencies are just part of the huge role of the Farm and Estate Manager. The demands on the manager are increasing.
With no control over the climate and little over pricing it is vital that the manager controls the day to day running of the farm with smooth efficiency. A well organised and managed structure will vastly improve the risk management options open to the farm and estate manager when times are hard. Speakers from the NFU, SEEDA and the Country Land and Business Association will be joined by other key individuals to ensure and informative an effective route to compliance.
Delegate rates from £199 plus VAT.



BLENHEIM PALACE
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Presents

Agricultural Disputes The Law and You



A one day conference

Wednesday 8th October 2008

6 hours Solicitors Regulation
Authority CPD credit
Delegate prices from
£199 per person

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Practical solutions to today's rural business issues

Over the last decade the farming and estate sector has become much more commercially varied with farmers and estate managers diversifying into property development (conversion of farm buildings etc), Letting (cottages, pony paddocks etc) and other recreational pursuits (quad biking, venture rides etc).

Farmers are therefore being forced to work within new and proliferating legislation, both UK and EU, with changes being constantly introduced making the need for up to date legal awareness and advice on agricultural matters all the more important.

With many farms and estates now evolving from the traditional farms farmers can face a multitude of disputes about their land, their businesses and their entitlement to payment from customers and the state despite all the best intentions and precautions.

This practical conference aimed at both farmers, estate manager and their professional advisors will look at a variety of commonly occurring disputes and offer advice on dispute resolution.

Conference Venue

Blenheim Palace
Hospitality Suite
Woodstock
Oxon OX20 1PX



The conference is aimed at

- Those involved in managing rural businesses from small private farms to large estates
- Those managing the landholdings of public and private institutional bodies
- This may also be of interest to Professional Advisors working with the agricultural sector:

- accountants
- solicitors
- practising surveyors
- land agents

The excellent networking benefits to this sector are extensive and are combined with an opportunity to gain a broad update and hear current arguments and thoughts on key policy and endemic issues affecting the countryside today.

Programme

09:30 – 09:35	Welcome by Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Rural Faculty
09:35 – 10:15	Employment Law Disputes Since 1987, Louise has been continuously involved in training and consultancy, both for a wide variety of organisations and sectors. Until recently she also worked as an associate senior lecturer at the University of Portsmouth where she was mainly engaged on postgraduate teaching on the MBA, MA Personnel Management and MA Business Law. Louise specialises mainly in aspects of practical employment law, in company law and professional negligence, and has published widely in leading academic and professional journals. <i>Louise Dunford LLM, LLB Barrister, Cert Ed</i>
10:15 – 10:55	Liability to, and liability for, animals Christopher Price is Chief Legal Adviser to the Country Land and Business Association (CLA). He advises on many aspects of the law concerning the ownership and management of rural land, and has a particular interest in the law relating to animals. He was actively involved in ensuring that the interests of animal owners were properly protected under the Animal Welfare Act, and gave evidence before the EFRA select committee considering the draft Bill. More recently he led the CLA team backing Stephen Crabb MP's Private Members' Bill to amend the Animals Act 1971. <i>Christopher Price, Chief Legal Advisor, CLA</i>
10:55 – 11:10	Refreshments
11:10 – 11:50	Environmental Law disputes, including pollution, statutory nuisances, waste and environmental impact assessment cases Cate is a partner at Stevens & Bolton LLP where she heads the Planning, Environmental and Health and Safety team. She joined the firm in 1988 after 15 years in local government. She advises on a wide range of matters including contaminated land, water, environmental impact assessment, waste, and statutory nuisance. She does a lot of environmental due diligence work. Cate is an Executive Committee member of the UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA) and edits the on-line journal e-law. <i>Catherine Davey, UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA) and Partner, Environment and Planning, Stevens and Bolton LLP</i>
11:50 – 12:30	Mediation – a better way to solve agricultural disputes John is one of the pioneers of mediation in the UK having been a founder director of the largest mediation organisation in Europe. As a former experienced litigation lawyer, he is a gamekeeper turned poacher and now settles a wide variety of disputes by mediation rather than in the courts. John comes from a farming family and as well as being a mediator has farmed in the Derbyshire Peak District for 25 years. <i>John Winkworth-Smith, Consensus Mediation</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:10	Dealing with Disputes between the tenant farmer and the landlord Hugh was appointed the UK's youngest agricultural arbitrator in 1995 and has extensive experience in providing focus on issues of relevant fact and opinion in dispute. Hugh is an expert in Agricultural

Holdings legislation and has a proven track record as a successful mediator in partnership and corporate business disputes. Hugh is chairman of the RICS Rural valuation Group and a member of the RICS board on Valuation standards applied internationally.

Hugh Fell, Managing Partner of George F White and member of the RICS Rural Faculty Board.

14:10 – 14:50

Defending against animal welfare, trading standards and health and safety prosecutions

Peter Cusick joined Thring Townsend Lee and Pembertons in 1992 and is Head of Agricultural Litigation at the firm. He acts for farmers, farming organisations, agri-businesses and horticultural clients. He is the lead solicitor in relation to a number of claims being brought, against Pirbright, by premises infected, in 2007, by Foot and Mouth Disease. Thring Townsend Lee and Pembertons are also advising the NFU with regard to its related class action. Peter's expertise includes contractual disputes, disputes with DEFRA, RPA and other public bodies, particularly within the context of IACS/Single payment scheme, judicial reviews and human rights cases. He also deals with issues arising from animal welfare, Trading Standards and Health and Safety prosecutions. He also has a keen interest in Environmental Law and undertakes matters relating to pollution, Environmental Impact Assessment regulations, statutory nuisance and various waste related regulations. He has been successful in a large number of cases involving the interpretation of UK and EU legislation arising both out of Judicial Reviews and the RPA's internal appeal procedure. Before qualifying, Peter worked for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. He is a member of the Agricultural Law Association's Litigation Committee, a member of the United Kingdom Environmental Law Association and a frequent contributor of articles to specialist agricultural publications.

Peter Cusick, Head of Agricultural Litigation, Thring Townsend Lee and Pembertons

14:50 – 15:05

Refreshments

15:05 – 15:45

Contract Disputes – general agriculture related litigation

Over the last thirty years Guy Harvey has acted in numerous contractual and professional negligence disputes arising from the ownership, use and occasional abuse of land and agriculture. His team at Dickinson Dees supports the Firm's Agricultural and Wealth Management departments both in the avoidance of disputes and the conduct of court proceedings where they become necessary. Guy joined Dickinson Dees twelve years ago after twenty years with a leading Yorkshire firm and now splits his time between North Yorkshire and London.

Guy Harvey, Partner, Dickinson Dees

15:45 – 16:25

Possession Claims, removal of trespassers, boundary disputes and rights of way

Henry's main area of work covers business and property disputes. He has extensive experience of land and agricultural disputes, acting for both land owners and tenants.

Nick is a specialist in commercial and property litigation. He acts for a numbers of land owners and is regularly instructed in possession claims.

Henry Mendus, Head of Darbys Commercial Litigation Team and Nick Wright, Associate, Darbys

16:25 – 16:30

Roundup and Close

Optional 45 minute guided tour of Blenheim Palace.

About Blenheim Palace Conferences

Welcome to Blenheim Palace Conferences

In association with Blenheim Palace, Blenheim Palace Conferences provide a series of key practical conferences on a range of rural business development issues, presented by some of the top industry speakers within the magnificent surroundings of Blenheim Palace in Woodstock, Oxfordshire.

Richard Good and Jo Ross, Directors, Blenheim Palace Conferences

Why choose a Blenheim Palace Conferences' event?

Changing times require novel approaches to rural business development. Blenheim Palace Conferences offers an intensive and innovative insight into a variety of key issues and topics affecting the farming

Terms and Conditions

Fees: The fee for this event covers all written materials and refreshments. A VAT invoice will be sent once your booking has been made. Please contact us if you do not receive this within fourteen days of booking. Joining Instructions will be sent approximately three weeks before the event. This includes a full statement of our terms and conditions and a venue location map which may also be found at www.blenheimpalaceconferences.co.uk
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industry today whilst ensuring time away from the farm and estate is kept to a minimum.

Our one day events focus on:

- Improving your business profitability,
- Ensuring you are up to date with the latest regulatory challenges
- The latest environmental issues and thinking

The conferences provide excellent networking opportunities and a platform for debate amongst like minded people in inspiring surroundings.

"We are delighted to work with LRM Consultancy (UK) Ltd to create "Blenheim Palace Conferences" and to stage a series of key practical conferences on a range of rural business development issues here at Blenheim Palace into 2008 and beyond. It is vital for all of us to keep pace with change and these events should provide an ideal platform for stimulating debate as well as offering a valuable networking opportunity in inspiring surroundings"

John Hoy, Chief Executive, Blenheim Palace

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