‘Eight Generations, One Passion’ A talk on Stewarts Garden Centres in the Conference Room, Barrington Centre, Ferndown on Thursday 20th February 2020 at 10:30am

Stewarts Garden Centres are a long-established local family business employing around 250 people, based on the outskirts of Wimborne and Christchurch. From beginnings in Scotland the Company has remained within the family for over 275 years, now in its eighth generation under Martin Stewart, MD since 1982. It has a fascinating history, which includes at least two game-changing innovations in the mid-1900s when Stewarts led the industry in Britain. Martin will take us through this history in a lively and entertaining talk.

The Barrington Centre is in the centre of Ferndown, accessed from the pedestrianised area opposite the main entrance to Tesco superstore. Free, unlimited parking is available in the Tesco car park (entrance off Ringwood Road at BH22 9AG) about 100 yds from the Centre, or immediately behind the Centre in Library Road pay-and-display car park (£2 for 3 hrs). Please arrive at 1030 for a welcoming tea or coffee, and the talk will start at 1100.

After questions we will take a short (approx. 250yds) level walk to Chianti Restaurant on Ringwood Road for a 2-course lunch with a glass of wine or fruit juice included. The main course choices are Lasagna, Penne Della Mamma (with chicken and mushrooms), Penne con Vegetali (roasted vegetables) or Pizza Pescatore (tuna and anchovies), each served with a side salad. For dessert there is a choice of Sicilian Lemon Cheesecake or Pistacchio Ice Cream. Please select your dishes on the booking slip below and remember your choices.

All this for only £22 per person. Payment can be made by cheque or bank transfer to The Cambridge Society of Dorset. Our bank account is with HSBC, sort code 40-17-22, account number 31130641. If you pay electronically, this must be done when you return the slip, and please give your surname and ‘Stewarts’ as the reference on the bank transfer. Please return your booking slip (and cheque if appropriate) to John Heath, 34 Craigwood Drive, Ferndown, BH22 8DP, tel 01202 890933, email brughiera@btinternet.com, by Wednesday 12th February. Please enclose a SAE if you wish your booking to be acknowledged.

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I/We wish to come to this event at a cost of £22 per person.

I enclose my cheque … OR I have paid online…. Please tick as appropriate. Online reference is your surname and ‘Stewarts’.

Member(s) _______________________________ Guest(s) _______________________________

Phone number __________________ Email (clearly please) ______________________________

Lunch choice (one main and one dessert per person). Please insert numbers required:

Main – Lasagna_____ Penne Mamma_____ Penne Vegetali_____ Pizza Pescatore_____

Dessert – Cheesecake_______ Ice Cream_____________

Any special dietary requirements? _________________________________