



**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

## PlotSearch Seminar Theatre

**10.30 – 10.50 PlotSearch Demonstration** (repeated again at the times shown below)  
PlotSearch is BuildStore's on-line land finding database of over 6000 plot, conversion or renovation projects. Visit the PlotSearch theatre, where you can see a full demonstration on how the database can help you find your perfect project.

**11.00 – 11.30 Self Build & Renovation Part 1 - Can Anyone Do It?**  
Every year, thousands of people will either build their own home or undertake a substantial renovation of an existing but dilapidated house. Find out what self building entails, what motivates people to do it and how to raise the finance required to successfully undertake your own project.

**11.35 – 11.55 PlotSearch Demonstration** (as above)

**13.30 – 14.00 Self Build & Renovation Part 2 - Finding a Plot or Project**  
Finding land for your self build dreams is often cited as the hardest part of self building. However, plots are out there, and in this seminar you will find out the best techniques for finding the right one for you, from the market-leading PlotSearch service to the more intriguing methods employed by professional developers.

**14.05 – 14.25 PlotSearch Demonstration** (as above)

**14.30 – 15.00 Self Build & Renovation Part 3 – Design and Planning**  
Design, Planning and your budget go hand-in-hand and must be in harmony for your project to succeed. Whether new build or renovation, find out how to develop your ideas and find a designer to create your ideal home within your budget. You'll also find out about how the planning system works and how to approach the Planning Authorities.

**15.05 – 15.25 PlotSearch Demonstration** (as above)

**15.30 – 16.00 Self Build Part 4 – Choosing Your Builders & Buying Your Materials**  
Managing costs means controlling the main outgoings on any project, namely the materials and labour. Find out how to identify, select and appoint reliable builders and trades and discover how to save both time and money when choosing your materials and suppliers.

**16.00 – 16.30 Self Build Part 5 – Project Management**  
Every project will require managing and that takes both time and effort. Thousands of people save money by managing their own projects, while others prefer to use the skills of others, either full or part time. Discover what's really involved and find out if you too could manage your own project successfully.

**16.35 – 17.00 PlotSearch Demonstration** (as above)

## Main Seminar Theatre

**14.00 – 15.00 Feature Seminar - Landscaping the Garden – Creating a Garden that Suits Your Lifestyle - Wienerberger**  
Gardens need not be a chore. Whether you are a keen gardener or a busy professional looking for a low-maintenance garden to relax and entertain in, this presentation is for you. In this Feature Seminar you can learn all about the basics of garden design and construction from Wienerberger, with a natural focus on natural clay paving, and get inspiration for garden design and outdoor living.

## Piazza Display Area

- **Hot Tub by Jacuzzi** – for the ultimate in outdoor living luxury!
- **Twinson Natural Decking by Kent Self Build** - with a 20-year warranty, Twinson Natural decking needs no chemical treatments and is not slippery even when wet, making it perfect for all seasons!
- **The Home Garden by Benfield ATT** – Inspirational way of creating living space in your garden!
- **Ornamental Brickwork** for Decorative Hard Landscaping by **Wienerberger**

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Take advantage of **FREE 1-1 consultations** with our **Garden Design & Hard Landscape experts** and let your ideas take root!



**Jill Blackwood**  
Jill Blackwood Garden Design



**Adam Frost**  
New Ground Landscapes Ltd



**Marshall's Plc**

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Neil Davey, BuildStore

**Eco Building Expert:**  
David Hilton, BuildStore

**Project Managers:**  
Chris Crowley, Vision Project Management  
Simon Comba, West Park Project Management

**Sculptor (of international renown):**  
Pat Elmore

**Self Build Expert:**  
Mike Hardwick, BuildStore

**Swimming Pool Expert:**  
Paul Ziller, Orca Pool & Construction

## Product Demonstrations in the Thatch & Open Demo Areas

### 11.00 – 11.45 Home Automation – An Affordable Luxury (THATCH) BPT Security Systems Ltd

Once the preserve of the super rich, Home Automation is now firmly fixed as one of the luxuries that self builders and renovators can incorporate into their projects without breaking the bank. From automated gates and video entry control to remote controlled outdoor fountains and lighting, this presentation by one of the leading providers of Home Automation products, will show how you can incorporate luxury into both the interior and exterior aspects of your home.

### 11.30 – 12.15 Twinson Natural Decking- Kent Self Build (OPEN)

You can use your garden to the full by incorporating decking into your design. For those looking for more than standard timber-treated timber decking, Kent Self Build will demonstrate their Twinson natural decking. Made from 50% wood waste, Kent Twinson Decking has a 20 year warranty, needs no chemical treatments and is not slippery even when wet, making it perfect for all seasons.

### 12.00 – 12.45 Garden Living (THATCH) Creating Extra Space under the Garden or Patio! Thermonex

Michael Marshall-Edwards of Thermonex, one of the UK's leading design and build basement companies, will show how to incorporate living underground, including cost and design ideas. Discover how this way of creating space can work out more effectively than moving!

### 12.30 – 13.15 Outdoor Living – A Room in the Garden (OPEN) The Home Garden by Benfield ATT

More and more of us are taking advantage of modern technology to work from home and significant numbers are setting up home offices in their own gardens in order to separate work from home life. Whether it's a home office you are looking for or simply a hobby room (or sun room) for total relaxation, the dream of outdoor living - once an aspirational choice for many - is becoming a reality. In this demonstration, one of the leading companies in the outdoor living field will explain the possibilities and potential for making outdoor living space in your garden.

### 13.00 – 13.45 Outdoor Innovation (THATCH) Gardening at the Touch of a Button & Other Innovative Features - Konnectiv-SmartHouse

For those who are more adventurous, there are a number of innovative products that can enhance the enjoyment of the outdoor space. In this presentation, Konnectiv-SmartHouse will explain their Outdoor/Garden range of products ... including an automated lawn mower!

### 14.00 – 14.45 Outdoor Lighting – Lighting up the Garden - Leax Ltd (THATCH)

Bringing indoor luxuries into the garden shouldn't have to stop when the sun goes down. Transform your garden into a magical experience by incorporating discreet but effective outdoor lighting systems. Presented by one of the leading providers of outdoor lighting systems, this seminar will show you how easy it is to install a high quality yet unobtrusive all-weather lighting system into your garden.

### 14.30 – 15.15 Hot Tub by Jacuzzi (OPEN) For the Ultimate in Outdoor Living Luxury! - Jacuzzi UK

For the ultimate in luxury, why not consider installing an outdoor Hot Tub by Jacuzzi? Jacuzzi UK, recognized innovators in superior hydrotherapy, will explain the available options and show you how you can create your own piece of paradise in your back garden!

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