

Japan Society North West presents:

Ohanami Bluebell Walk



Sunday 29 April 2007, starting at 11:00 a.m.

In Japan April 29th is Greenery Day, a designated Bank Holiday. It is also the month when Japanese people enjoy cherry blossom viewing, or 'ohanami' (お花見). So what better way of celebrating this occasion than with a day to view our own nationally voted most popular wild flower, the bluebell.

Rich in history and beauty the Jacobean Mansion of Arley Hall has been the home of the Ashbrook family for 13 generations. There are also award winning gardens, a specialist plant nursery and a popular working farm, all of which can be visited. In early spring on just a few days there are special guided Blue Bell Walks of the woodland area, not normally open to the public, where there are thousands of blue bells and young spring plants. The guides are informed and knowledgeable on the history of the house and gardens as well as the wild life and plants of the beautiful beech woodlands.



So do come and join us on a Bluebell Walk on Sunday 29th April. Starting time is probably 11.00 or 11.30 am, the precise time will be confirmed when we book, the walk is of 1.45 hours duration.

This is an occasion suitable for all the family, but unfortunately is not suitable for wheelchairs or push chairs. Since spring weather can be fickle, it is requested that everyone wear waterproof footwear and bring waterproof outer clothing. It is amazing how the beauty of the woodlands and the natural colours can be enhanced in wet weather!

Included in the price of the walk is a visit to the chapel and the famous gardens. The Jacobean Hall too can be visited for an extra cost and takes about an hour. The refreshment rooms will be available all day. So there should be plenty of time to visit the gardens and hall should you wish to do so.

Numbers are limited to 25 in any group, and as this is a popular event early booking is essential.

Venue: Arley Hall & Gardens, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 6NA

www.arleyhallandgardens.com

Special JSNW subsidised rate for members:

Adults £3.00 each (£5.50 for non-members)

Children aged 5 - 16 £1.50 each (£3.00 for non-members)

If you would like to attend this event please return the booking form or else contact the JSNW events co-ordinator by 10 March at the latest.

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