

# Friends of Arley Hall & Gardens

## Care to join us ! ? ! ?

The Friends of Arley celebrated their 10th anniversary in 2004. Joining means you can benefit from our programme of talks, activities, and special events, as well as gaining concessions and giving support. A brief overview is as follows:

Evening Events, tickets for which cost between £10 and £15 per person are booked in advance. Information about these is given twice yearly via our Newsletters. There are usually four illustrated evening talks between October and March which take place in Arley Hall: these are followed by wine and canapés which are included in your ticket price. Examples are: *Managing an Ancient Agricultural Estate*, *Chelsea Physic Garden*, *Wines & Plants of South America*, *Impressions of Japan and China*, *Birds of Big Wood*, and similar topics. We also have 2 x Day excursions in the summer months usually giving Friends special access to guided tours from Head Gardeners. Examples are: *Harewood House*, *Dorfold Hall and Dorothy Clive Gardens*, *Ness Botanic Gardens*, *Newby Hall*, *Manchester Town Hall* and *Rylands Library* which holds some of the Arley Archives, *Harlow Carr*, and a private tour of *Eaton Hall Gardens*.

You can take part if you wish as an insured Volunteer in Friends' projects in the Gardens and Hall. These include

- Flower arranging for the Hall for the Garden Festival
- Visitor assistance: e.g. running the Plant Crèche and Information Desk at the Garden Festival
- Acting as guides for the very popular *Bluebell Walks* in late spring
- Greenhouse and Garden maintenance/care via our regular Gardening Group

Friends issue a Newsletter twice a year to around 400 members: full information will be given to you when you join but please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary (see below) who will be pleased to have an opportunity to give further details prior to your decision, such as the membership year, how to book Talks/events.

The funds generated by Friends, which are the surpluses from activities, Talks and raffles, are donated to the Arley Trustees towards special developments at Arley such as the memorial installed in the Walled Garden in May 2006 for Elizabeth, Viscountess Ashbrook, restoration of the "hot" walls, cleaning and restoration of art work, books and carpets. Friends Concessions, available on production of current membership card, include

- Reductions in the cost of Season tickets to the Gardens, around 15%
- 10% Discount on all purchases in the Arley Nursery, Gift Shop, (except confectionery and books), and meals in the Tudor Barn Restaurant over £10
- Free access to Gardens on a specified evening each month for members and guests with fine dining in the Tudor Barn restaurant after your stroll at value for money cost if you wish. Booking well in advance is essential if you wish to dine.

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

I / We apply for membership of the Friends of Arley Hall & Gardens, and enclose my / our subscription:

[ ] Individual . . . . . £14 p.a.

[ ] Two named individuals at one address . . . . . £20 p.a.

*Please make your cheque or postal order payable to: **Friends of Arley***

Please complete the following in block capitals, indicating by what you write, the names you would like on your membership card(s) and how you wish to be addressed in mailings:

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Opt-out: Please tick here  if you do not wish to receive (rare) contacts on Friends of Arley business only, via phone or email

**Please be assured: Your details will be kept confidential and not shared with any third party. You will not receive junk mail as a result of supplying your contact details.**

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