

Arley News

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Dates for your diary in 2020



With so much planned at Arley for 2020 we really thought you would need some dates for your calendars.

We like to think there's something for everyone so whether it's an event celebrating horticulture, or something for your family, hopefully you will find it with us.

For a full list of events including Spring and Autumn Plant Fairs, mushroom and bluebell walks, wedding open days, antique fairs and theatre in the Walled Garden, see our website.

You will also find ticket prices, opening times and online booking on the website
www.arleyhallandgardens.com

Events not to be missed...

Fairy Tales & Trails Day

Sun 17 May

Geronimo Family Festival

Sat 23, Sun 24 and Mon 25 May

Arley Garden Festival

Sat 27 and Sun 28 June

NMC Outdoor Charity Concert

Sat 11 July

The Arley Garden Soirée

Thu 13 August

Firework Champions

Sat 15 August

The Great British Food Festival

Sat 26 and Sun 27 September

Shopping Spectacular

Tue 17 and Wed 18 November

Christmas Floral Extravaganza

Sat 5 to Thu 10 December



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Thousands of visitors enjoy the Christmas Floral Extravaganza



A Christmas to remember

THERE was plenty of festive cheer during Arley's Christmas Floral Extravaganza thanks to our amazing team, great visitors and all the florists, students and schoolchildren who supported the event.

We enjoyed one of our busiest

Christmases ever thanks to the demand to see the hall decked with foliage and flowers, Jonathan Moseley's floristry demonstrations and the Candlelight and Carol evenings.

Once again the schools' Christmas trees brightened up the

Cruck Barn with prizes awarded to Statham Community Primary School and Weaverham Forest Primary. Arley's Christmas tree by the staircase provided a sparkling centrepiece, which - at 24ft tall - was the largest we've ever decorated.

Hall tour shortlisted for national award

IN 2019 Arley was nominated for Best Guided Tour alongside the likes of Bletchley Park, The London Dungeon and Discover Newmarket.

Although we didn't win it was one of those occasions where we were just truly honoured to

be among such company and thankful to those who nominated us in the Group Leisure and Travel Awards.

Several members of our team travelled to Milton Keynes for the awards ceremony where our category was won by the Houses

of Parliament. The nomination was made in recognition of the quality of hall tours provided at Arley. We want to say congratulations to everyone who has run one of those tours over the past year and thank you to those who nominated us.

Putting on a show about filming at Arley



HAVE you visited the television exhibition yet? It's full of anecdotes about when the likes of Disney, the BBC and ITV came to Arley.

Everything from Antiques Roadshow to Coronation Street and 1980s' classic Cluedo have been filmed here and all are mentioned in the new display.

Many of you will know that

Peaky Blinders is filmed at Arley so there is the chance to put on a Peaky Blinders' hat and be photographed next to a Tommy Shelby cutout.

There's also the actual cake used in one of the most famous scenes filmed at Arley, Tommy's wedding to Grace. Fans of the show will enjoy learning more about the attention to detail that goes into

putting it together as well as some backstage stories.

Associate producer Bryony Arnold discusses why Arley was chosen to be Tommy's home in a video interview that runs in the exhibition.

For details of the hall's opening times - which vary during the year - please go to www.arleyhallandgardens.com

Can you lend a hand?

IF your New Year's resolution was to volunteer then how about lending a hand at Arley?

There's always space for helpers in the award-winning gardens or in the beautiful hall.

"Over the years some of our volunteers have retired or moved on so they have left an opening for others to

get involved," said head gardener Gordon Baillie.

"It's a great opportunity to learn more about the art of gardening."

If you would like to volunteer at Arley Hall – either in the gardens or in the hall – please email enquiries@arleyhallandgardens.com or call 01565 777 353 (ext 20)



A recipe for success

WE are proud to be working with Barrett's Specialist Event Caterers to deliver memorable events at Arley Hall.

The new partnership will see Barrett's provide catering for events at Arley including corporate occasions and weddings as well as making sure meals in The Gardener's Kitchen are as delicious as ever.



Date is set for wedding open day

ARLEY is opening its doors on Sunday 26 January to couples looking for a place to get married.

The open day will be between 11am and 3pm when the hall will be set for a wedding and our suppliers will be offering advice on your big day.

Arley offers the grandeur of a stately home with an intimacy that will capture your heart.

The romance of the architecture and landscape adds a finishing touch to your day beyond compare.



Welcome to Arley's new manager

WE'D like to welcome Bridget Roberts to Arley Hall & Gardens as our new General Manager.

Bridget joined us in October 2019 and has over 13 years' experience of working within a country estate environment including Tatton Park and most recently Adlington Hall & Gardens



Bridget lives locally and when not at work spends her time walking her two energetic Beagles. She enjoys finding new places to visit and just loves how welcoming Arley is for families and their dogs.

Bridget is very excited about this new chapter in her career and has a passion for ensuring the future success of Arley for all visitors.

Arley gift vouchers

ARLEY gift vouchers are now available - perfect for friends and family who love to visit.

There are vouchers available to spend in our gift shop, restaurant and as entry to the hall and gardens.

For more details go to www.arleyhallandgardens.com/gift-vouchers

A time and place for walkies

IF you are looking for a place to walk with your dog this winter then head to Arley.

Both you and your four-legged friend will be more than welcome in the gardens and in The Gardener's Kitchen cafe.

Arley is recognised as a dog-friendly destination so why not pop along and blow the cobwebs

away with a wander through The Grove and Woodland Walk.

