



SNOWDROP STUDY DAYS AT COLESBOURNE PARK

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16 & 23 2012

Colesbourne Park is renowned as the home of one of the finest collections of snowdrops open to the public, built up by members of the Elwes family since 1874, when Henry John Elwes discovered *Galanthus elwesii* in Turkey. Our Snowdrop Study Days enable enthusiasts to meet and learn more about snowdrops and their companions in the winter garden from experts, while enjoying a private viewing of the Colesbourne collection.

Our guest speakers this year are the Anglo-French galanthophile Mark Brown and perennial favourite Joe Sharman of Monksilver Nursery, while John Grimshaw from Colesbourne will give talks on both days. All have a wealth of information to present about the wide world of snowdrops; for fuller information please see overleaf.

PROGRAMME

10-10.15 a.m. Arrive. Coffee and biscuits will be served

10.30 Welcome by John Grimshaw

10.40 Talk,

THURS 16 FEB Mark Brown, *French Snowdrops*

THURS 23 FEB Joe Sharman, *Snowdrop memorabilia*

11.30 Tour of the garden to view the Snowdrop collection

1.00 Lunch break

2.00 Talk

THURS 17 FEB John Grimshaw, *Naming Snowdrops*

THURS 23 FEB John Grimshaw, *Primrose Warburg and her garden at South Hayes*

3.00 Tea and biscuits, plants for sale

3.30 Disperse

Numbers are strictly limited to 30 on each day.

Cost £35 per person.

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SPEAKER INFORMATION

Thursday 17 February:

Mark Brown, *French Snowdrops*

Mark Brown first grew snowdrops at his family home in Buckinghamshire, where he got to know Richard Nutt. His early discoveries included 'Phantomas', 'Flocon de Neige', 'Cowhouse Green' and 'Rushmere Green'. He has long been resident in Normandy, however, and his discoveries in France include 'Angelique', 'Ecusson d'Or' and many others that he'll tell us about. He is one of the pre-eminent galanthophiles and is seldom in the UK, so we are lucky to have him at our study day.

John Grimshaw, *Naming Snowdrops*

John will talk about the rules and recommendations for naming and registering snowdrops, and how to decide if your discovery is really worth a name. An important subject for all galanthophiles, and more interesting than it sounds!

Thursday 23 February:

Joe Sharman, *Snowdrop Memorabilia*

In addition to his extraordinary collection of living plants, Joe also collects anything to do with *Galanthus* and in this talk he will discuss these and show examples of how snowdrops have been put to decorative use in all manner of unlikely places.

John Grimshaw, *Primrose Warburg and her garden at South Hayes*

Primrose Warburg was a remarkable woman and gardener, whose home at South Hayes on the edge of Oxford was noted for its display of snowdrops and other bulbs, and as the venue for splendid snowdrop lunches. In this biographical talk John will speak about her life and activities, and provide the opportunity to see some of her records.

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BOOKING FORM

I wish to reserve ticket (s) for the Snowdrop Study Day at Colesbourne Park on _____
February 2012 and enclose a cheque for (£35/ticket) made out to Colesbourne Gardens
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