



# SNOWDROP STUDY DAY at COLESBOURNE PARK

**Wednesday, 15 February 2017**

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 companion plants in the winter garden from experts, whilst also enjoying a private viewing of the Colesbourne collection.

In 2017 our guest speakers will be Judge Ernest Cavallo, an American galanthophile, and Lady Elwes whose enthusiasm for this lovely flower rescued and re-established the snowdrop collection at Colesbourne Park.

## **Programme for Wednesday, 15 February 2017**

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| 10.00 - 10.15 am | Arrive. Coffee and biscuits will be served.   |
| 10.30 am         | Welcome by Arthur Cole, Head Gardener.  |
| 10.40 am         | Talk: <b>Doctor John Grimshaw</b><br><i>“Snowdrops and Good Plants for the Winter Garden”</i> |
| 11.30 am         | Tour of the garden to view the Snowdrop collection.   |
| 1.00 pm          | Lunch break: bring your own or the Old Rectory Restaurant does a special Snowdrop Menu.       |
| 2.00 pm          | Talk: <b>Judge Ernest Cavallo</b><br><i>“Galanthia – The American State of Snowdrops”</i>     |
| 3.00 pm          | Tea and biscuits. Plants for sale.  |
| 3.30 pm          | Disperse.   |

## SPEAKER INFORMATION

### **Doctor John Grimshaw - “*Snowdrops and Good Plants for the Winter Garden*”**

A renowned expert on snowdrops and their cultivation and author of the monograph “*Snowdrops*”. Through his work at Colesbourne in the early years of the restoration of the gardens, John Grimshaw lifted the Colesbourne collection onto a new level described by *Country Life* as “England’s greatest snowdrop garden”. John will talk about developing a winter garden with snowdrops and other plants.

### **Judge Ernest Cavallo - “*Galanthia – The American State of Snowdrops*”**

Born and raised by non-gardening parents, Ernest Cavallo discovered soil as a young man and has never had clean hands again. The month after he retired in 2008, he decided to treat himself to a trip to Colesbourne Park where he fell in love with snowdrops. Through the generosity of the Galanthus community and his own research, Ernest has learned much which he is eager to share in his new talk.

Numbers are strictly limited to 35 on each day. Cost £35 per person.

### **Further information is available from:**

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