



# Kew Guild Events

## Bodenham Arboretum - Worcestershire's Hidden Garden Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017

The first event of the 2017 / 2018 year is being organised by Tony Overland.

The visit will start at 10:45 with a guided tour from a member of the Arboretum staff. To be viable this requires a

minimum of 15 people. The tour will highlight the key features for you to then explore on your own. Enjoy the beauty, peace and tranquillity of Bodenham, an oasis of plantations, pools and avenues beautifully landscaped including over 3000 species of trees and shrubs from all over the world.



The epicentre of the Arboretum lies around the big pool where many rare and ornamental trees can be seen in flower or fruit at all times of the year; their autumn colours are a special beauty. The Grand Avenue, which is in it's infancy, is planted with Pope's Seat Provenance Beech to mature over the next century. It stretches up the hillside to the Gazebo, built to celebrate the Millennium, and the higher reaches of the Arboretum where extensive views to the Clent Hills and surrounding countryside can be enjoyed.

Plants are selected which will survive the climate and the trees are laid out in sympathy with the landscape. There are a number of important collections such as Acers, North American Oaks and Alders, the policy being to mix up the colours, shapes and sizes of the trees throughout the Arboretum.



There is an on site restaurant that serves snacks as well as full lunches.

Plenty of free parking is available.

Bodenham garden is 20 miles west of Birmingham and 130 miles from London, so for many it is a day excursion. There are other interesting places to visit in the area, for example:

Wightwick Manor and Gardens, Dudmaston, Benthall Hall.

Please register by email with Brian Phillips at [brian@brianandsylvia.com](mailto:brian@brianandsylvia.com) **AND** send a cheque made out to "Kew Guild" to the address on the slip below.

Closing date: 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Full details of location etc will be sent to those attending.

**PRICE : £9.00 / person** including entrance and the services of a dedicated guide.

Refund policy: full refund available for cancellations up to 14<sup>th</sup> October



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Name (in BLOCK letters).....Number .....

I /we enclose a cheque for £..... .based on £9.00 / person

Please make cheque payable to "Kew Guild"

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