



THE FRIENDS OF CHARWOOD FOREST



Exploring the Gardens of The Brand, Woodhouse Eaves
Wednesday 11th May 2011
10.00 a.m. to 12.00 a.m.

This morning you have an opportunity to explore at your leisure the gardens of The Brand, Woodhouse Eaves. Our host for the occasion is Janie Martin.

The Brand has been in the Martin family since 1880 when the great great grand father of the present owner, Robert Martin, moved from the Anstey estate. The Martin family has been prominent in Leicestershire life since the fourteenth century and this is evidenced by various deeds and estate papers dating from 1547.

Robert's father was the well known Col. Sir Robert Andrew Martin who was Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire from 1965 to 1989 and a distinguished soldier.

The gardens at The Brand are well established and cover 40 acres. 3 acres are tended and the rest is wild but covered in pathways. The gardens are noted for their variety with streams, follies and there are 3 old slate quarries which now form small lakes.

Apart from the prodigious wildlife to be seen, the gardens are a riot of colour with significant amounts of rhododendrons, azaleas and magnolias. Also, with luck, we might just see the last of the bluebells.

The exploration starts at **10.00a.m. and is open only to Members**. You are reminded to wear stout shoes/boots and the appropriate outdoor clothing. Parking is in the front field to the right of the driveway. **Access** to the field is at the **top** of the driveway, please **park facing downhill** and the **exit** is from the gate at the **bottom** of the field.

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Please book _____ place(s) for The Brand visit on **Wednesday 11th May 2011**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

_____ **Post Code** _____

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