

Wootton Hall Gardens & Lunch

From April 27th to 8th June (Excludes Weekends & Bank Holidays)

2 course lunch at the Duncombe Arms & ticket to Wootton Hall Gardens £25

Wootton is a twelve acre ericaceous garden and showcases rhododendrons, Magnolias and Cornus Kousa. It also has an established Arboretum of trees from across the globe.

The garden is now in its fifteenth year and continues to evolve with new planting schedules.

The History of Wootton Hall dates back to 1740 when it was in the ownership of the Bromley-Davenport Family. In that time the French Philosopher Jean Jacque Rousseau who gave to the world 'Liberty, Equality and Fraternity', 'lived at the Hall and wrote 'Confessions'.

During the latter part of the 19th Century there was an extensive programme to create a spectacular Victorian Woodland garden. Following the First World War which devastated a generation and caused severe financial hardship, many gardens were reduced in size or lost forever. Wootton like the lost garden of Heligan was lost!

Laura and Johnny Greenall bought The Wootton Estate in 1998 and have restored the Woodland garden and its remaining features whilst implementing an extensive planting scheme. This was carried out by the landscapers Colvin & Moggeridge but has been heavily influenced by Robert Vernon of The Bluebell Arboretum and Nick Macer of Pan Global Plants and Peter Tye from Lea Gardens Derbyshire