



It's an Owling Experience!!

Christmas has finished and the New Year Celebrations are out of the way and you are probably wondering what to do with some of your winter evenings! A night time Owl Prowl at Arnos Vale Cemetery is just what is needed.

Picture the scene: A winter's brisk evening, fresh and perky, walking around the beautiful, serene 45 acre site, the scent of vanilla in the air from Heliotrope flowers, western red cedars smelling of pineapple and your breath freezing in the cold January air. Ian McGuire, from Wild Owl Educational Services, the owl conservationist and photographer will guide you around the site.

Ian McGuire says: "I will be giving an illustrated educational talk about all the British owls as we walk around the cemetery, and I will also be making the territorial call of tawny owls so that we can hopefully attract some of these wonderful birds to come swooping around us."

Arnos Vale trustee Mary Wood, who is also an ecologist with Avon Wildlife Trust, said: "Wildlife conservation is a high priority as we restore Arnos Vale. The Owl Prowl gives people a chance to find out more about one of the most magnificent animals living in and around the cemetery."

Suitable for the whole family to enjoy, the tour is available on 12th January for the incredible cost of £5.00 per adult and £3.00 per child with all proceeds going to Arnos Vale Cemetery Trust for the continued restoration and preservation of the buildings and grounds. The tour will last approximately 60-90 minutes and wellington boots and very warm clothing will definitely be in order! Sadly no dogs are allowed on the owl prowl. Children are more than welcome – the more the merrier!

Places on the Owl Prowl must be booked in advance. For details of the time and meeting place and to book a place, call Mary Wood on 0117 9721079 (eves and weekends) or email marywood@talktalk.net.