

**The Friends of Dyffryn Gardens Society.**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 Coach Trip to**  
**Coughton Court nr. Alcester, Warwickshire and Whitcombe House.**

Coughton Court is a lovely Tudor house, home of the Throckmorton family since 1409. It features a half-timbered courtyard, an impressive gatehouse, and no less than two churches. The Throckmortons were heavily involved in the Gunpowder Plot, and a compelling exhibit in the house outlines the story of the plot and its impact on the family.

The grounds of Coughton Court are managed by the family, while the house is currently managed by the National Trust. Clare McLaren-Throckmorton inherited the estate in 1992 and, together with her daughter, garden designer Christina Williams, has devoted the past 20 plus years to developing what is now one of the finest gardens in Britain.

On the way we will stop at Whitcombe House owned by Faith & Anthony Hallett. They open under the ngs who describe their garden as "An alluring acre for every season in a Cotswold stone walled idyll."

The coach will leave Dyffryn at 9.00 am. and we should be back at Dyffryn by 7.30 pm., depending on the traffic. To reserve your place please fill in the form below and return it, with a stamped addressed envelope & payment, by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September, to :-

Mrs M. Ponting, Friends of Dyffryn Gardens, 4 Church Terrace, St. Mary Church, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7LU.

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Name(s).....Tel.....  
 Address.....  
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Category	Number	price	Total
NT/RHS Members		£32	
HHA Members		£35.20	
Neither of the above		£41.60	
Guests of FOD Members please add £5 p.p.		£5	
GRAND TOTAL			

Cheques should be made payable to The Friends of Dyffryn Gardens. **Please include a separate cheque and stamped addressed envelope for each event. Thank you.**

**Holiday Inn Pick up Point:**

If you, or any of your group, wish to be picked up at the Holiday Inn, Coldra, Newport please state Name(s).....  
 and, if possible, Mobile phone number .....