

# CHS Cotswolds Tour 16-19 SEPTEMBER 2024

## Monday 16th September

**Hampton Court Castle.** Privately owned with great kitchen garden and grand park setting. Also a small lake fed by a waterfall which one can scramble behind usually without getting wet. Light lunch hopefully outside.

**Kiftsgate.** A wonderful location in the Cotswold hills and developed by 3 lady gardeners between 1920 and the present day. Famous for possibly the largest rose in England, *Rosa filipes*, at least 50 ft tall if its not collapsed its Beech tree hostess, adjoins Hidcote Manor.

**Hidcote Manor Garden.** This was the first garden to be accepted by the National Trust in 1947. Developed by Lawrence Johnston and his mother, anglicised American enthusiasts of the Arts & Craft movement, its development continues with the current fashion of Wild and formal aspects.

## Tuesday 17th September

**Broughton Grange.** Centred in a 400 acre estate it has now become an important modern development of an historic park including a new walled garden and an 80 acre arboretum. We will be private visitors.

**Bourton House Garden.** Adjoining an 18th Century classical Manor house is this much loved 3 acre garden. It also has a cafe for a light lunch or snack.

**Broadway Village.** We stop off in this most admired village in the Cotswolds - for tea, or to just admire the buildings and shop contents.

## Wednesday 18th September

**Charlecote Park.** National Trust mansion and parkland with Fallow deer and Jacob sheep. Carriage collection, gardens and cafe.

**Coughton Court.** National Trust but still run by the Throckmorton family after 600 years. Riverside walk, bog garden and walled garden.

*There is a performance of Shakespeare's Pericles at 7.30 in the Stratford upon Avon theatre. Not part of our tour, but a great opportunity. If you wish to see it, please book it yourselves and let us know so that we can coordinate dropping off and collection.*

## Thursday 19th September

**Rousham Park and Garden.** Redesigned in 1740 by William Kent, the house and grounds are his finest work. We were shown round in 2007 by Mrs Cottrell-Dormer, who started by showing us lead-lined musket holes in the front door to repel the Parliamentarians in the Civil War. The family are still there, still Royalists and park and garden full of fruit trees and rare plants.

**Sezincote House.** Completed in 1805 in Neo-Mughal architecture designed by Samuel Pepys Cockerell. Built when the East India Company and British Imperial power controlled most of India, this house and garden are the best Indian private interpretation and most interesting. We will be shown round the house and can explore the gardens. A tea room should be available.

There will be a grand final dinner on the way home.