

**VISIT TO GOODWOOD HOUSE & WEST
DEAN GARDENS
30 SEPTEMBER 2013
Report by David Jones (Social Secretary)**

This visit was well supported and went very well. The weather although doubtful at the start improved as we journeyed eastwards and was very pleasant by the time we arrived at Goodwood House. The traffic en-route was relatively easy and our timing was excellent.

Goodwood House is the home of the Duke of Richmond, set in the midst of beautiful countryside. We were all warmly welcomed on arrival with morning coffee/tea plus a selection of biscuits etc, then given an introductory talk by a senior member of staff. The group then split into two and then commenced our tour of the house, each led by a very competent guide. It all proved to be very interesting, especially the magnificent collection of art on display in many of the rooms, and many compliments were expressed as we voiced our appreciation before we left.

The coach then took us to West Dean Gardens, not very far away from Goodwood House, where we all had "free time" for lunch and then a look around the gardens, greenhouses etc. Again this proved to be interesting and enjoyable and worked out well.

Overall it was a good day out for everyone, and the journey home had only a couple of slight delays en-route.