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FRIENDS' VISITS PLANNED FOR 2021 AND 2022

25th June 2021

Please contact the Visits Secretary if you are interested in any or all of these visits.

There are still major uncertainties about when and if the restrictions imposed to control the spread of Covid-19 will be relaxed sufficiently to allow our visits programme to restart, but the following information is sent out to Friends hopefully and with fingers crossed!

We feel that two visits this year, together with opportunities to tour the new Lambeth Palace Library building, will be sufficient. The following visits have been booked:

Canterbury Cathedral

Tuesday 21st September 2021

We will assemble in the Cathedral at 11:45am and the day will comprise an illustrated talk by Sarah Turner the Collections Manager at midday, followed by lunch in the Chapter House; a tour of the Cathedral with an emphasis on the 850th anniversary of the murder of Thomas Becket; and a tour of the Archives and Library, with special items on display, led by Cressida Williams the Archives and Library Manager. Afternoon tea will then be available in the Chapter House.

The British Library – Elizabeth and Mary: Royal Cousins, Rival Queens

Tuesday 9th November 2021

The visit will start at 2:00pm with an introductory talk by one of the exhibition curators after which Friends will tour the exhibition individually. The afternoon will end with afternoon tea in the Terrace Restaurant.

Winchester College

Tuesday 28th June 2022

Subject to demand, this visit will include a tour of the Cathedral before lunch. There will then be a tour of the Fellows' Library, Collections and Archives of the College with a chance to see some of the treasures at close hand. There will also be a guided walk around the College's historic buildings and grounds before tea in the Cathedral refectory.

We are also working on the re-instatement of the following visits which had originally been planned for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

The Libraries of the Athenaeum and Reform Clubs
A tour of Lambeth Palace Library's new building
Strasbourg, Sélestat and Colmar (possibly May 2023)
Colchester, University of Essex Library (for Archbishop Samuel Harsnett's library)
London, Watts Clerical Outfitters and Faith House