

THE FRIENDS OF LAMBETH PALACE LIBRARY

VISITS PROGRAMME FOR 2021 and 2022

The visits programme is going ahead against a background of rising Covid-19 cases, the reduction of immunity as time passes after vaccination, and uncertainty about the provision of booster vaccinations. The following information is sent out to Friends hopefully and with fingers crossed!

Please contact the visits secretary John Critchley if you would like to be included on any of these visits (hjcritchley@icloud.com, or 07786 933638).

2021

(We feel that two visits this year – the Friends' group visited Canterbury Cathedral on 21st September - and the tours of the new Lambeth Palace Library building will be sufficient.)

The British Library – Elizabeth and Mary: Royal Cousins, Rival Queens **Tuesday 9th November 2021**

The visit will start at 1:30pm with an introductory talk by the exhibition curators after which Friends will then be able to tour the exhibition individually. Exhibition entry tickets run from 2:00pm, and the visit will end with afternoon tea in the Terrace Restaurant.

25 Friends can be accommodated on this visit. The list is full with 4 on the waiting list.

2022

Colchester, the University of Essex Library **Tuesday 1st March 2022**

This will be an afternoon visit to the University of Essex campus and the Albert Sloman Library which houses several special collections including 800 books from the library of Samuel Harsnett (1561-1631) who was Archbishop of York and a friend of Archbishop Bancroft. We will probably meet over lunch near Colchester (mainline) station and then travel by minibus to the University.

Up to 15 Friends can be accommodated on this visit.

The Libraries of two London Clubs **Monday 25th April 2022**

Kindly hosted by two Friends who are club members, we will visit the Athenaeum Library in the morning and then move to the Reform for a buffet lunch and a tour of their Library.

Up to 20 Friends can be accommodated on this visit.

Winchester College

Tuesday 28th June 2022

Subject to demand, this visit will include a tour of the Cathedral before lunch in the Cathedral Refectory. 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. The Librarian and the Archivist have very kindly agreed to split our party into two and to lead alternate tours. This would be followed by a walk around the College's historic buildings and grounds before tea in the Cathedral refectory.

24 Friends can be accommodated on this visit and 1 place remains available.

Hereford

Monday 26th September 2022

We plan to visit Hereford, the Cathedral and its Library and treasures including Mappa Mundi. *More details about the cost and arrangements for this visit will be circulated in due course.*

London, Watts Clerical Outfitters and Faith House

Mid-November 2022

This will be another afternoon visit which will include a visit to Watts Clerical Outfitters with its collection of historic robes and a tour of the collocated Faith House.

More details about the cost and arrangements for this visit will be circulated in due course.

2023

Strasbourg, Sélestat and Colmar

Possibly May 2023

We are planning a three-day visit which will include opportunities to see Strasbourg Cathedral, the Palais Rohan Museum and Palais de l'Oeuvre Notre Dame with its mediaeval museum and state apartments, the Isenheim Altarpieces in Colmar, the library of the humanist Beatus Rhenanus (1485-1547) in Sélestat and the Chateau du Haut-Kœnigsbourg. As with the visit to Bruges, options for travel and accommodation will be suggested but Friends should book individually. We will not be making block bookings for lunch, and the three-day timescale will allow a little more time for individual exploration.

The Visits Secretary plans to carry out a reconnaissance visit in the spring of 2022 and will post further details after that.