THE FRIENDS OF LAMBETH PALACE LIBRARY

VISITS PROGRAMME FOR 2022 - 2023

The visits programme is going ahead against the continued threat of Covid-19 infection rates and the reduction of immunity as time passes after vaccination. 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).

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 meet over lunch at the George Hotel in Colchester and then travel by bus to the University. The cost of the visit (not including lunch or transport costs) will be £25.

Up to 15 Friends can be accommodated on this visit and 2 places remain available.

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 and there is a waiting list of 2.

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 there is a waiting list of 8!
Hereford
Monday 26th September 2022

We plan to visit Hereford, the Cathedral and its Library and treasures including Mappa Mundi.

20 Friends can be accommodated on this visit. More details about the cost and arrangements will be circulated in due course.

London, Watts Clerical Outfitters and Faith House
Tuesday 15th 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.

16 Friends can be accommodated on this visit. 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 in Strasbourg the Cathedral, the Palais Rohan Museum and Palais d’œuvre Notre Dame with its mediaeval museum and state apartments, the Isenheim Altarpieces in Colmar, the Bibliothèque de Beatus Rhenanus in Sélestat and the Castle of Haute Koenigsburg. As with the visit to Bruges, options for travel and accommodation will be suggested but Friends will be expected to 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 and Sandy Critchley plan to carry out a reconnaissance visit in the summer of 2022 and will post further details after that.