

VISIT TO WELLS

SATURDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER 2009

Arrangements are being made for us to visit WELLS CATHEDRAL LIBRARY on Saturday, 12th September. Although members of the public are now able to visit the Library at certain times, our visit is by special arrangement with the Wells Cathedral Archivist, Miss Anne Crawford, who will provide a display of items of heraldic interest for our delectation. As the Library contains items going back to Norman times, the visit promises to be most interesting indeed and we are privileged that the Archivist herself will be our guide.

I understand that normally there is a limit of 15 persons for visits to the Library but I hope that we may be permitted to exceed this number if necessary. I am awaiting confirmation on this point but please note however that there is a possibility that the size of our party may be limited - in which case I am afraid that a 'first-come first served' principle will have to apply.

With regard to costs, the Cathedral authorities now 'invite' a minimum donation of £4.50 from each visitor and it would be expected that we, as a Society, should make a donation based on this figure with regard to our visit to the Library. I will, however, let members taking part know as to what contribution will be required from everybody in due course.

The visit will commence at 11.45 a.m. prompt and we will be advised as to the precise location where we should assemble. The reason for this is that at 12 noon there is to be a special service in the Cathedral to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Somerset & Cornwall Light Infantry (now absorbed into the Rifles Regiment). This will also mean that, once we are admitted to the Cathedral Library, we will be unable to leave until after the conclusion of the service - probably at about 1.15.

Following the visit, it is suggested that members have lunch and/or look around the city for an hour or so, after which, from 3 p.m. you will be most welcome to partake of tea and light refreshments (hopefully in the garden) at my home in Easton (about 3 miles to the west of Wells towards Cheddar).

As I need to advise the Cathedral Office of the numbers attending and to give Janet an idea with regard to catering, please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to take part (contact details below). I will then send out further details, directions etc nearer the date.

John Uncles