

MEDIEVAL HISTORY GROUP VISIT – MAY 2015

There was an enjoyable day out in London for the Sevenoaks Medieval History Group on Friday 1st May when they paid a visit to the Temple Church and after a convivial lunch went on to the Magna Carta Exhibition in the British Library.

The Temple Church was a wonder to all, encompassing so much history. We were able to see effigies of King John and Henry III and also of the important knights who so ably fought for a fairer deal from the king in the 13th century. The history of this was very well explained as was the later history of the church through the ages not forgetting the damage it sustained in the Second World

War. The stained glass windows were stunning and the building as a whole really enchanting.



The group had a very satisfying lunch in the Old Bank of England pub and then proceeded to the British Library for the Magna Carta Exhibition. The explanations and exhibits provided a very detailed description of this important event and everybody was stunned by the beautiful handwritten documents and books which must have taken hours to produce and had been so well preserved.

The latter part of the exhibition explained the significance of Magna Carta for later events including the Glorious Revolution of 1688, the French Revolution and the American War of Independence.

Two members of the group had already visited the Library the previous week for a lecture on William Marshall.

Altogether this was a good day out for the group who share a great interest in this period of history – we would be able to accommodate one or two more members if anybody would like to join.

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