

OUTING TO CANTERBURY , WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE 2016

The weather was far from kind when we set off from H.I.A.D.S. and as we journeyed it looked most unsettled. A refreshment break was taken at Guildford Cathedral before we continued on to our destination. Lucketts had supplied a decent coach, and a very accomplished driver, Dave.

On arrival we made our way to the Cathedral where Eve had arranged for those of us who were interested, a guided tour of the Cathedral. Our Guide led us for 1 and 3/4 hours.



We saw the original colourful decorations, the wall murals were most impressive, we marvelled at the building prowess of the Normans, and indeed, subsequent stone masons. I, personally was very fortunate, as I walked around with Conrad Davies, who really is into church style, architecture and building methods, and he explained the various methods the trades used in overcoming problems.



Our visit to the Cathedral had paid dividends , the sun shone and we had a lovely day walking in Canterbury, and onto our river cruise, on the way we discovered the City Arms Inn, a 15th century pub in Butchery Lane. We chose sandwiches; when they arrived they were the size of a quarter of a loaf! The fillings were magnificent, so well recommended.



On reaching Kings Bridge we gathered for our river cruise. It really was so different, each boat holds 12 passengers and the oarsman, who is also the guide. We had a wonderful Italian, Vincenzo, and boy could he row, he needed to, because in addition to me, Peter Burton was deliberately placed in the middle of the rear of the boat, this was to balance the load. That tour lasted about 45 minutes, and we saw aspects of Canterbury that are not visible when walking the alleyways. So, many of us want to return for a long week end, to a truly wonderful city.

Our journey home was delayed by an accident on the slip road at junction 10 of the M25, our driver Dave, coped admirably, and we safely returned to dear old Hayling.

Thanks Eve for another wonderful day, so full of sites and smells and thing unexpected. Bill Biggs