



APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER

Three major Magna Carta exhibitions opened in March:

- '*Magna Carta: Law, Liberty Legacy*', opened at the British Library on 13th March to critical acclaim, to run until the 1st September.
- The Bodleian Library's '*Marks of Genius*' exhibition opened on 21st March. Oxford's 1217 Magna Carta is featured alongside other great works, including Shakespeare's first folio, and Tolkien's *The Hobbit*. Later in the year at least four of the Bodleian six Magna Cartas will also be on display in the 'New Bodleian Library'.
- Hereford Cathedral's '*Icon of Justice – Pledge of Freedom*' exhibition opened 23rd March. A Round 4 Grant from the Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Commemoration Committee provided the Cathedral with a new specially designed display case for the Hereford Magna Carta. More information can be found here.

Tickets are now on sale for 'Magna Carta and the Changing Face of Revolt', at Palace Green Library, Durham, 1st June – 31st August. More on this on page 7.

April Highlights

- 1st: Lincoln Castle opens its new state-of-the-art Magna Carta vault
- 10th – 19th: The Globe Theatre's run of Shakespeare's 'King John' at Temple Church
- 12th – 16th: Commonwealth Lawyers' Association Conference, Glasgow
- 15th: LiberTeas sign-up deadline – the first 400 will be able to attend the international event on 15th June at Runnymede!
- 16th: Professor Nigel Saul lecture, Hereford Cathedral: 'Magna Carta and English History'
- 20th: 'History Rocks: Magna Carta' book launch, House of Lords
- 21st: 'Magna Carta Chronicle' book launch, Radisson Blu Edwardian Bloomsbury Street Hotel
- 22nd: Lord Janvrin lecture in Lincoln as part of the Lincoln Magna Carta Lecture Series, 19.00 Lincoln Cathedral
- 24th: Magna Carta Constitutional Convention.. 15-18 year old students debate and draft a modern Magna Carta to be exhibited at the Supreme Court
- 24th – 16th May: The Globe Theatre's 'King John' at Holy Sepulchre Church, Northampton
- 27th: 'William Marshal. The architect of Magna Carta?' British Library 18.30 Thomas Ashbridge, speaker
- 30th: Close for submissions for the British Library's 'My Digital Rights' schools programme



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Sign up to *LiberTeas* before 15th April - and be at Runnymede on 15th June!

The UK Parliament and the National Trust are asking communities across the UK to take a moment to celebrate, debate or reflect on those rights which we very often take for granted but which people throughout history have campaigned to make happen or fought to preserve. LiberTeas events are being held across the country on 14th June.

A LiberTeas event can be anything you want it to be – a picnic in the park, a Sunday lunch, a debate, a street party, an open day, or even a historical walk.

The first 400 entrants who register their event before 15th April will be sent two tickets to attend the national commemoration event on 15th June at Runnymede. Click here for more information about this & registration.

Click here to visit the LiberTeas homepage.

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May Highlights:

- 1st: The American Bar Association's Law Day. This year Magna Carta is the theme. Events across the US
- 2nd: Battlefields Trust Annual General Meeting. Sir Robert Worcester speaker
- 3rd – 4th : 'King John Returns', at Lincoln Castle.
- 5th: Closing date for the English-Speaking Union's 'My Magna Carta' essay competition
- 8th: CiLEX Magna Carta Dinner at Caldicot Castle, Wales, Sir Robert Worcester speaker
- 9th: Chipping Campden Literary Festival. Sir Robert Worcester speaking on Magna Carta
- 12th: 'Magna Carta: The Freedom Game', at the Royal Albert Hall
- 12th: Lord Mayor of London's Reception to welcome Magna Carta Barons Association
- 14th: Temple Church hosting Lord Mayor of London to commemorate the London Charter
- 15th: Magna Carta Debate, Allington Castle, Kent
- 18th: Lord Neuberger lecture, Lincoln's Inn
- 21st: Rev Rt Hon Lord Griffiths' Magna Carta Lecture, 19.30, Bishop Grosseteste University, Lincoln
- 22nd: BBC Radio 4, 'Any Questions?', Faversham, Kent
- 23rd: Stephen Fry & Guests: 'What do we want? Magna Carta & Human Rights' discussion at Hay Festival
- 26th: 'Magna Carta Through the Ages' exhibition at Society of Antiquarians
- 27th – 30th: The Globe players perform 'King John' at Salisbury Cathedral
- 28th: Sir Robert Worcester lecture, 'The Relevance of Magna Carta in the 21st Century', 18.00, Worcester Cathedral

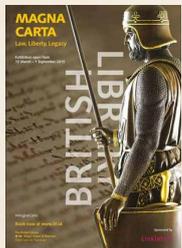


Major exhibitions open across the UK to mark Magna Carta's 800th Anniversary

The British Library: 'Magna Carta: Law, Liberty, Legacy'

13th March – 1st September

www.bl.uk



The British Library houses two of the four original surviving 1215 Magna Carta, as well as the key original documents which tell the

Magna Carta story in 1215 including: the Articles of the Barons, a unique copy of the list of the barons' demands which were reflected in Magna Carta; the papal document which declared Magna Carta null and void in August 1215 and a sealed copy of Henry III's 1225 Magna Carta. The British Library has a permanent Magna Carta room in its Treasures Gallery, open to visitors for free all year round.

'Magna Carta: Law, Liberty, Legacy', is the largest and most comprehensive Magna Carta exhibition ever produced.

The exhibition features two of the four original 1215 Magna Carta documents, Jefferson's handwritten copy of the US Declaration of Independence and one of the original copies of the US Bill of Rights, both on display in the UK for the first time, alongside other stunning manuscripts, paintings, statues and royal relics – including King John's teeth!

For more information, [click here](#).

Bodleian Libraries: 'Marks of Genius', Oxford

21st March – 28th September

<http://genius.bodleian.ox.ac.uk>



In over four centuries the Bodleian Libraries have assembled, through gift and purchase, many individual items which can be called works of genius. This exhibition looks at ways in which common attitudes towards genius are manifested in the physical form of a number of remarkable books and manuscripts, and considering the relationship between genius and learning, it explores ways in which the works of genius found in a university library can be acquired, collected and read.

The exhibition features Oxford's 1217 issue of Magna Carta; Shakespeare's first folio of the Comedies, Histories, Tragedies; the Gutenberg Bible, and pages from the first draft of *Frankenstein* – and much more.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Hereford Cathedral: 'Icon of Justice – Pledge of Freedom'

23rd March – 30th September

www.herefordcathedral.org

Two important Magna Carta items are housed in the New Library building of Hereford Cathedral together with a wealth of other fantastic treasures.



The Hereford Magna Carta, the finest surviving 1217 Charter, represents the most significant revision of the original 1215 document issued by King John's son Henry III.

The Library also holds the sole surviving copy of 'King John's Writ', a letter issued to royal officials across England, from his meeting with the barons at Runnymede. The Writ, essentially the Magna Carta 'covering letter', instructs recipients to ensure the terms of the Charter are made known publicly, sworn to and kept. It will be displayed as part of the British Library's *Law, Liberty, Legacy* for much of 2015.

Hereford Cathedral's own exhibition will display the Hereford 1217 Magna Carta alongside period illuminations and other documents from the cathedral's archives and historic Chained Library.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Landscape Design Trust: A Spotlight on the JF Kennedy Memorial

By Annabel Downs and Helen Neve



Children at the John F. Kennedy memorial, situated on the hill above the ABA Magna Carta Memorial

Landscape Design Trust's 'Landscapes Live!' project at Runnymede, aimed at reconnecting youngsters with the 'outdoors' and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, included research into the John F. Kennedy memorial at Runnymede. The memorial sits next to the American Bar Association's Magna Carta Memorial, only a minute's walk away. To our delight, and through unique research, we uncovered a veritable treasure trove of 20th Century history.

The memorial was inaugurated in the same year as the Magna Carta 750th anniversary in 1965. The idea of a national memorial was established by Prime Minister Alec Douglas-Home, as a cross-party initiative.

An acre of Runnymede was laid out with a simple plinth and steps, to be given in perpetuity to the people of the United States. The Queen, Mrs Kennedy, US Secretary of State Dean Rusk, US university representatives and the Prime Minister were all consulted. The final recommendations were approved by Parliament.

The story of the commissioning, design and construction of the memorial reads like a roll call of the great and the good, and reflects the workings of mid-Twentieth Century decision-making. A second committee was established to secure the site, the legal frameworks and the organisation to manage the memorials. The Lord Mayor of London agreed to run the appeal fund. Within five months, the J.F Kennedy Memorial Bill was passed.

Magna Carta River Relay on the Thames

A relay of historical boats, including Her Majesty's Row Barge Gloriana – which led the rowed and paddled squadron of The Queen's river procession for her Diamond Jubilee – will be the centrepiece event along the Thames over the weekend of Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June.

Thames Alive – which helped to organise the Queen's Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant in 2012 – has been commissioned by the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, Runnymede Borough Council and Spelthorne Borough Council.

About 220 craft of all shapes and sizes will make their way from Hurley and Staines to Ankerwycke and Runnymede over the two days.

On board the Royal Shallop Jubilant will be a specially commissioned replica Magna Carta. It will be held aloft by a succession of charter bearers in period costume, specially nominated for the role by community groups from the Royal Borough, Runnymede and Spelthorne.

'King John' will also be on board, stopping off to join in playlets which will be acted out at seven spots along the route.

The event has been designed to be inclusive with everyone able to view the flotilla from the many miles of riverbank. As well as Charter bearers, local residents can volunteer to help in a wide range of roles on the day.

Peter Warwick, Chairman of Thames Alive, said: "It is an honour to organise another memorable traditional boating event on the River Thames which will hopefully be another small piece of history."

After the event the replica Magna Carta will be placed in the permanent care of the Windsor & Royal Borough Museum at Windsor Guildhall.

Details about the river relay can be found at www.thamesalive.org.uk/magnacarta

Sponsorship and volunteering opportunities are available by contacting: MC800@rbwm.gov.uk or magnacartabids@runnymede.gov.uk and individual donations can be made at www.magnacartaflotilla.co.uk



The Gloriana at a private event for The Queen in Windsor and Eton in 2013.
Picture courtesy of Thames Alive

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre stages *King John* to mark Magna Carta's 800th Anniversary

Richard the Lionheart is dead. His less than heroic brother, John, is determined to keep his grasp on the English throne, in spite of the stronger claims of his nephew, the young Prince Arthur. Increasingly threatened by Arthur's supporters at home and in France, John seeks the answer to his woes.

The remotest in time of all Shakespeare's English history plays, *King John*, with its cynical allegiances and ruthless politicking, now feels his most abrasively modern.

This is a first for the Globe and a rare opportunity to see some vividly memorable characters brought to life on the stage – especially the wildly outspoken Faulconbridge, 'the Bastard', one of Shakespeare's most thrillingly caustic and sardonic political commentators.

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre will be performing *King John* at Temple Church between 10th – 19th April. [Click here](#) for more information about tickets and this performance. *King John* will then run at the Globe Theatre, London, between 1st – 27th June. [Click here](#) for more information and to book tickets.

Other events are also taking place to mark the first time the Globe Theatre has produced *King John* and the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. Globe scholars, actors, and creatives will be hosting events that bring Renaissance theatre to life and assess its medieval roots.

[Click here](#) for more information about these events.

Follow the action as it happens by searching for #KingJohn, or visit our website [here](#).

(Image: Bronwen Sharp)





Tickets now on sale for Durham's *Magna Carta and the Changing Face of Revolt.*

Magna Carta and the Changing Face of Revolt is the only exhibition showing an original Charter in the North.

Often seen in terms of the Foundation of Liberty and the establishment of the Rule of Law, what happens if we think of Magna Carta as an outcome of rebellion, forced on an overbearing king by disgruntled barons? Exploring questions about the nature of rebellion, through the Wars of the Roses, Civil Wars, Jacobite rebellions and Chartist movements, this exhibition is a unique opportunity to discover the people who, whether intentionally or not, became rebels, and to see some iconic material associated with their actions.

The exhibition will display the only surviving 1216 issue of the Charter, on loan from Durham Cathedral, as a starting point for exploring the history of rebellion and revolt.

The unique Charter will be shown alongside objects from Durham University's collections and loans from other regional and national museums and libraries.

Dr. Keith Bartlett, Director of Culture at Durham University, said: "Palace Green Library's summer exhibition is a perfect opportunity to view Magna Carta in its anniversary year at the heart of the Durham City World Heritage Site."

Magna Carta and the Changing Face of Revolt runs from 1st June to 31st August 2015. The exhibition will be open from 10am to 6pm daily.



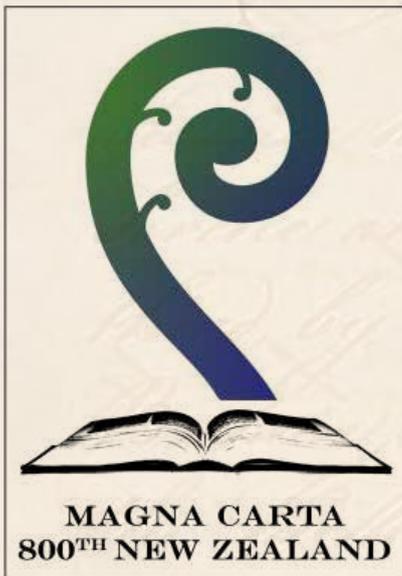
Durham University and Durham Cathedral will also run a fascinating programme of related activities alongside the exhibition, from public lectures and family activities, to hands-on workshops and re-enactment events.

Entry to the exhibition is £7.50 for adults, £6.50 for children (5-16) and concessions, and free for children under five (up to 2 per full paying adult). Family tickets (two paying adults and two children) are £25.00 and the rate for groups of nine or more people booking together is £6.50 per person.

Entry to the exhibition is via timed tickets and advance booking is recommended. Tickets for the exhibition are available via Ticketmaster online: www.ticketmaster.co.uk/magna_carta_2015 or telephone: 0844 844 0444. Visitors to Palace Green Library will soon be able to purchase tickets in person at the reception desk.

Full details are available online at www.durham.ac.uk/palace.green

Magna Carta 800 Committee in New Zealand



The Magna Carta 800 Committee for New Zealand is underway with supporting and promoting a series of events to mark the anniversary. Chaired by Associate Professor Jennifer Lees-Marshment at the

University of Auckland, the Committee's vision is to commemorate the past by looking at how the principles of the Magna Carta are upheld today, as well as looking at where we want to take those principles in the future. Under the theme *Celebrating the past; Reflecting on the present; Imagining the future*, the committee has created a website with a list of events and Magna Carta/rights experts and links on a range of topics, which can be viewed here.

Those topics include the history of Magna Carta itself, the Bill of Rights, the rule and role of law generally, but also human rights in relation to children, youth, women, Māori, immigrants and also newer political issues such as internet access, digital privacy, housing, prisoners, consumer rights, employment, educational and environmental.

Commemorative events include an Attorney-General essay prize for school and university students, the lighting up of Auckland War Memorial Museum, a reception in Parliament, public and academic talks, and panels at interdisciplinary conferences.

The Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Commemoration Committee has funded a public speaker series, which will be held at Auckland University between 6-10th July. Entitled *Magna Carta Aotearoa: Past, Present and Future*, more information can be found about this Round 4 Project here.

One of the earliest printings of Magna Carta at the University of Canterbury will be displayed in Christchurch around the time of the anniversary and for an exhibition in December.

The Committee hopes not just to reflect on the past, but to promote a debate about how we want New Zealand law – and society – to develop in the decades to come. See <https://magnacartanz.wordpress.com/> for further details.



American Bar Association's 'Icon of Liberty' Magna Carta website now online



The American Bar Association's Division for Public Education has developed "*Icon of Liberty Under Law*," a multimedia website focusing on public representations of Magna Carta throughout the world.

Magna Carta 800th has contributed funding for this project. The website is resplendent with stories of events, people, and interactive catalogues of images, text and video.

The Icon of Liberty Under Law website presents an interactive catalogue—images, text, video—of representations of Magna Carta in history, and in stories, along with a comprehensive discussion of how these representations contribute to modern understandings of Magna Carta, 800 years later, and, ultimately, the Rule of Law.

2015 is the year of resources for students, teachers, and those who simply want to know more about the period and the events which surrounded Magna Carta. The British Library and the UK National Archives have also produced online resources.

[Click here](#) to visit our Schools section, which features the largest pool of resources, academic commentary and engagement opportunities about Magna Carta online.

Royal Holloway, University of London launches unique Magna Carta app



Royal Holloway, University of London, will be launching a new app, *Runnymede Explored*, which visitors can download and use to explore the Meadow where Magna Carta was sealed 800 years ago and learn about the Charter's history.

The app, designed by 19 students from across academic departments, gives visitors the option of seven trails to follow on Runnymede Meadow, along with a field guide to over 100 species which make Runnymede their home.

The app will be launched at Runnymede Meadow on Tuesday 7th April (1-4pm) during a lively Magna Carta themed afternoon. Family activities will include an Easter egg hunt, allowing young visitors to explore the app's children's trail while looking for chocolate eggs, and a fancy dress competition where children will be invited to dress up in medieval costume. The competition will be judged by Heather Knight and Matthew Smith from Egham Museum and prizes will be given for the best outfit. Judging will take place at 3pm at the National Trust Tea Rooms.

Professor Dave Cohen and Professor José Fiadeiro, from RHUL's Department of Computer Science, will be on hand to answer any questions on the creation of *Runnymede Explored*, along with Dr Emm Johnstone who managed the project and students Chris Fey, Lewis Chun, Zosia Edwards, Anna Hamilton, Abi Baines and Sally Toon who coded, researched and wrote the content for the app.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Three ways to get involved in Magna Carta this month:

1) Plan a Magna Carta Citizenship Ceremony:

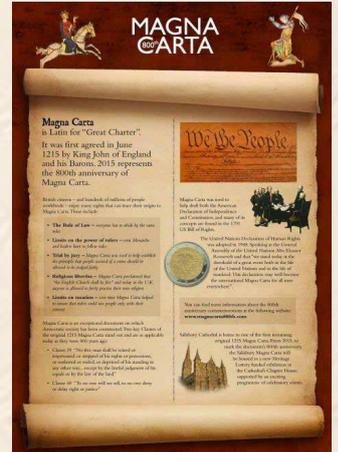
The Magna Carta 2015 800th Commemoration Committee is encouraging local authorities to incorporate Magna Carta into Citizenship Ceremonies in 2015.

The Committee has designed and is producing several thousand special copies of a Magna Carta facsimile (pictured) – the front side has an image of the 1215 Salisbury Magna Carta and seal and the reverse side an explanation as to why Magna Carta is important today (pictured). Local authorities will be able to purchase these facsimiles and provide them to their new citizens throughout 2015.

These facsimiles can be provided to new citizens as part of citizenship ceremonies or at special Magna Carta Citizenship Ceremonies. On 1st June, Kent County Chairman Peter Homewood and Sir Robert Worcester KBE DL will officiate at the swearing in of c. 25 new British citizens at Allington Castle, Kent, welcoming the new citizens with a facsimile of the Salisbury Magna Carta. Every baby born in Kent in June 2015 will be given a facsimile as well as over 1,000 new British citizens sworn in in Kent during 2015.

If you are a local registrar and would like to organise a Citizenship Ceremony, or would like to purchase facsimiles, please contact Mark Gill at markgill@magnacarta800th.com.

[Click here for more information.](#)



2) Enter a Magna Carta competition:

Entries are still open for Magna Carta essay competitions from the English-Speaking Union, the British Library, and the Magna Carta 800 Committee of New Zealand.

Find out more information about all these here.

Our Schools section has a huge amount of resources written by leading experts and organisations which offer comprehensive materials for those researching before an essay.

3) Take a journey along one of the Magna Carta Trails:

Bring Magna Carta alive in 2015, and discover the places with direct relevance to one of the most important documents in history. All across England there are locations of extreme importance in the story of Magna Carta, hosting commemorative events.

Visit www.magnacartatrails.com to see what's happening near you.



800th Commemorative Merchandise

We have a wide range of Magna Carta 800th commemorative products available for sale at our exclusive online shop:

www.magnacarta800th.com/shop

You are able to purchase single items or large quantities and our production partners are happy to discuss trade supplies and co-branding opportunities. A proportion of the sale from every purchase goes to the Magna Carta Trust to support the 800th commemoration activities.



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Magna Carta Facsimile
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Replica
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USB Drive
£8



Gold Metal
Keyring
£6



Gold Metal
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Cufflinks
£10



Laptop Bag
£20



Polo Top
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£30



Silver Money
Clip
£90



Black
Umbrella
£20



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Books

There are many books being released this year to mark the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. All books here can be viewed, with more information provided, on our books section on our website.



Magna Carta: The Foundation of Freedom 1215-2015

Magna Carta: Nicholas Vincent, Editor and Contributor, Third Millennium Publishing, (1 April 2015) £24.50 pb, £29.50 hb

With Nicholas Vincent leading off with the law before Magna Carta, Plantagenet tyranny, King John, etc., joining with other leading Magna Carta scholars, including David Carpenter, Anthony Musson, Justin Champion, Joyce Lee Malcolm (on America's entrenchment) and others plus outstanding illustrations, this book is the gold standard of the breadth and depth of both a fabulous 'coffee table' book and serious scholarship.

Outstandingly written and illustrated. Makes a splendid gift.



Magna Carta: A Very Short Introduction

Nicholas Vincent, Oxford University Press (2012) £5.99

Packed with facts, understanding and intricacies of the XIII Century, plus before and after, focussing on Magna Carta, this 110 page paperback fits neatly into pocket and purse, and is ideal for an overall sweep of what was going on, where, by who, and when of the start of what we now know as Magna Carta's victories on the battlefields of the barons' wars, the negotiations with Bad King John, its failure as a peace treaty and eventual success as 'the greatest constitutional document of all time'.

Best read for a broad look at the Great Charter.



Magna Carta

David Carpenter, Penguin Classics (2015) £7.69

Carpenter's peers describe him as 'the real deal', who together with Vincent are the top rank of today's Magna Carta scholars.

This 2nd edition of this Penguin Classic breaks new ground.

A definitive work, comprehensive, and is brilliantly structured.



Magna Carta Uncovered

Anthony Arlidge and Igor Judge, Hart Publishing (2014) £22.50

From the pens of two senior QCs who have for many years had a serious interest in Magna Carta. Nicely structured with a most useful timeline, laying out compact descriptions of the principal players, King John, William Marshal, Stephen Langton, and the Rebel Barons, an excellent chapter on London, a succeeding chapters following The Great Charter's passage through the centuries.

Excellent, forensic, and entertaining.



Magna Carta: Muse & Mentor

Randy Holland, Ed., Library of Congress (2014) £50/\$55.20

Excellent contributions including Igor Judge on William Marshal, one of the forgotten men of history. On his death in 1219 in his funeral oration the Archbishop of Canterbury described Marshal as "the greatest knight that ever lived". Others include Dick Howard's Magna Carta American Journey, Lady Justice Arden's Magna Carta and the Judges, Caroline Harris, King John and Magna Carta in Popular Culture.

American perspective, foreword by Chief Justice Roberts.

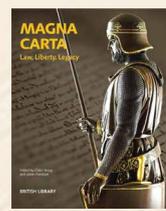


Magna Carta: The Making and Legacy of The Great Charter

Dan Jones, Head of Zeus (2014) £10.49

Chronologically told story, background starting with that 'great and terrible King', Henry II, John's father, the birth of the ideas of the Baron's Charter, Magna Carta as a failed peace treaty, its slow resurrection and today's mutation. The appendices are worth the price of the book: I Texts, Latin and English; II the men of Magna Carta; III Enforcers, the 25 Barons; IV Timeline.

Told in detail, but an easy read.



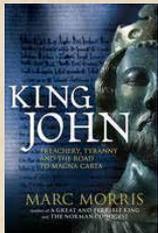
Magna Carta: Law, Liberty, Legacy

Claire Breay and Julian Harrison
The British Library Publishing Divisions, 2nd Edition (17 February 2011) £19.99

Contributions from Nicholas Vincent, David Carpenter, Justin Champion, Alexander Lock and many others. Summing up: concludes that what we commemorate in 2015 "remains, indeed, not just a 'great' Charter but the greatest Charter of them all".

Comprehensively illustrated.

Biographies



King John: Treachery, Tyranny and the Road to Magna Carta

Mark Morris, Hutchinson (March, 2015)
£13.99

As written as sympathetic a book about King John as one could muster. King John was successful at fundraising, but failed as a father, brother, son, in battle, in justice, in management above all. He alienated his family, his followers, the common people and all the media that existed at that time. Well documented.

"Did he deserve to be called 'Bad King John'? No, he was much worse than that".



The Greatest Knight: The Remarkable Life of William Marshal, the Power Behind Five English Thrones

Thomas Ashbridge, Simon and Schuster UK (2015)

William Marshal was one of the two defining characters in the middle of the action over many years, King John's loyal retainer near his end, but originally was a trusted member of John's mother, Eleanor, who'd saved his life early on. Late in life when John died, William became guardian to his nine year old son and overcoming the boy's opposition, reissued the Charter, after its being declared null by Pope Innocent III.

Read about the Greatest Knight who ever lived.

For Children



Magna Carta Chronicle: Young Person's Guide to 800 Years in the Fight for Freedom

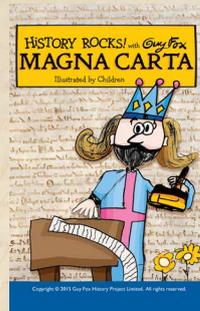
Christopher Lloyd and Patrick Skipworth

What on Earth Publishing
(Launching 21 April 2015)

www.whatonearthbooks.com £8.99

The *Magna Carta Chronicle*, written as if the day following the "King's Fate sealed at Runnymede", by the 'Royal Correspondent' on 16 June 1215, to "Crowds gather to mark 800 years in the fight for freedom and rights" by the home affairs correspondent, Runnymede, Windsor, June 16, 2015 – spectacular illustrated time line of 800 years of the Rule of Law and human rights.

Fantastic timeline, fun and informative, 11-14 year olds.



History Rocks, Magna Carta!

Kourtney Harper, Guy Fox
(Launching 20 April 2015).

Written and illustrated by kids for kids, explaining what Magna Carta is all about and why it is important, in a style suitable for 6-8 year olds and for parents and grandparents.

Suggested contribution £5, from www.guyfox.org.uk