



Cartmel Priory

ANCIENT JEWEL, LIVING CHURCH

Cartmel Magna Carta 800

Friday 25th - Tuesday 29th September 2015

Five days of celebration and medieval festivities in and around Cartmel Priory in Cumbria to mark the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. The central focus will be on the historical Flower Pageant in the Priory, which will be open every day from Friday through to Tuesday.

On the Saturday and Sunday there will also be a living history Medieval Encampment, Tourn   and Fayre with son et lumi  re at the Priory at dusk.

Three evening concerts in the Priory on Friday, Saturday and Monday complete the event's programme.

Cartmel Priory was founded in 1189 by Knight William Marshal who played a key role in gaining King John's acceptance of the 'Great Charter'. The principles it enshrines are central to the foundation of the western world's belief in the values of 'Freedom, Justice, Equality and Democracy'.

Please note:

- Day tickets bought in advance at the Priory and on-line are subject to a discount - see below
- The son et lumi  re and firework displays are free on Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings
- Concert tickets are NOT included in Day tickets and are NOT subject to discounts

In association with the Magna Carta 2015 National Committee: <http://magnacarta800th.com/events/>



Magna Carta

Celebrating the history

800
years

Cartmel Priory Flower Pageant - every day Friday 25th to Tuesday 29th September

A spectacular display of flower artistry will illustrate the influence of Magna Carta in shaping the development of our civilisation from the signing of the 'Great Charter' to the present day. The tableaux will include significant art and artefacts to highlight cultural, historic and scientific context including the significant contributions played by publications, literature, poetry, music and the performing arts. Short performances will be staged at regular intervals during the festival.

Tickets for the Flower Pageant on Friday, Monday and Tuesday are £8.00 when pre-booked either at the Priory or via our website (plus a small booking fee). Tickets bought on the day are £10.00.

Cars and coaches will be directed to FREE parking on Cartmel racecourse which is a short walk from Cartmel Priory. The main event Catering tent and ticket office will also be on the Racecourse where you can collect your event wristbands for the day on presentation of a valid day ticket.

Two accompanied under 16's will be admitted FREE with every valid day ticket.



**Book your
tickets here**

Medieval Encampment circa 1215 - Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September

The campsite will be set on Fairfield Paddock very close Cartmel Priory. This living history will be a colourful re-enactment of Knight William Marshal's campsite with his mesnie (household and group of knights). Displays offer guests both education and entertainment. Our team of experienced re-enactors will bring the past back to life showcasing key elements of the Grand Tournaments that were so popular in medieval England.

Displays during the day include the camp blacksmith, medieval camp cooking, how armour is worn, archery, falconry(tbc), single combat and of course the main tournament in the afternoon when fully armoured knights fight for the honour of opposing factions, fast and furious entertainment for old and young alike.

The camp stalls will also offer you Cartmel Ale, The Abbots Cellar, Meaty Muffins, Ploughman's Pottage, Sweet Treats and The Physic Garden (herbs and spices!) Tickets for the Medieval camp and Flower Pageant on Saturday and Sunday are £12.00 when pre-booked either at the Priory or via our website (plus a small booking fee). Tickets bought on the day are £15.00.

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The programme of three concerts

Amabile - Friday 25th September - 7.30pm

Founded in 1996 Amabile Girls' Choir strives for excellence in all areas of performance, communicating the beauty and diversity of music. The choir's success has come from numerous engagements in competitions, performances and workshops in some of the most prestigious concert halls in Britain and they have toured extensively in Europe and North America.

The Choir has enjoyed national and international success. It won the BBC Radio 3 Youth Choir of the Year in the UK in 2006; in April 2006 the choir took part in the European Musical Festival for Youngsters in Neerpelt, Belgium where it was awarded a first prize. In March 2005, Amabile's outstanding contribution to the civic life of Kendal was recognised when it received the Alfred Wainwright Memorial Award. The choir was awarded first place in the Youth Division of the Manchester Amateur Choral Competition, December 2010 and most recently was named as a 'Choir of the Day' in the 2012 Choir of the Year Competition.

In October 2012 they were awarded first prize in the Youth Choir Category at the North Wales Choral Festival and more recently won the youth division of the 2013 Manchester Amateur Choral Competition.

Tickets for the Amabile Concert on Friday are £10.00 and can be pre-booked either at the Priory or via the Cartmel Priory website (plus a small booking fee).

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La Serenissima - Saturday 26th September - 7.30pm

La Serenissima was formed in 1994 and is one of the UK's leading historical performance ensembles. Directed by Adrian Chandler, the group specializes in the music of Antonio Vivaldi and his Italian contemporaries and is firmly established as one of the leading exponents of their music.

Since their first CD release in 2003, La Serenissima has been universally applauded. They have performed worldwide to great acclaim and in 2010 won a Gramophone Award. Their eleventh CD, Venice by Night was released in June 2012 and includes world premiere recordings of music by Lotti, Pollarolo, Porta and Veracini alongside better known composers such as Vivaldi and Albinoni. This CD reached the top ten of the UK classical charts as did their 2013 recording Vivaldi - A Tale of Two Seasons. 2014 marks the 20th anniversary of the group's existence and they will be celebrating with trips to Estonia, Germany, Italy and two recordings of Per Monsieur Pisendel 2 and Vivaldi - Il Prete Rosso.

Since their first CD release in 2003, La Serenissima has been universally applauded. Nearly their entire repertoire is edited by Director Adrian Chandler from manuscript or contemporary printed sources, a testament to its commitment and passion for rare and exciting Italian music which makes it unique amongst baroque ensembles. Tickets for the La Serenissima Concert on Saturday evening are £25.00 and can be pre-booked either at the Priory or via the Cartmel Priory website (plus a small booking fee).

At 7.00pm this concert will be preceded by a champagne and canapé reception in the Priory for all ticketholders.



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Flookburgh Band - Monday 28th September - 7.30pm

Founded in 1909, the Flookburgh Band has been a part of the social life of the village for well over 100 years! Since its start it is estimated that more than 150 local people have played in the band.

Flookburgh Band has always taken an active role in contests and competed in the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain. A bit like Haley's comet, Flookburgh make the occasional appearance and invariably leave one heck of an impression. John Iveson their musical director is looking for more of the same!

Under his direction the style is understated yet razor sharp in clarity and purpose. The players deliver some wonderful solo contributions and offer us a warm full bodied ensemble sound throughout. This promises to be an evening of variety, rich and rumbustious sound and we are promised some surprises.

This concert will be followed by a Grand Finale Fireworks display over the Priory and Cartmel Village which will be free for everyone.

Tickets for the Flookburgh Band Concert on Monday evening are £10.00 and can be pre-booked either at the Priory or via the Cartmel Priory website (plus a small booking fee).

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Son et lumière at Cartmel Priory Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September 2015

Immediately before Saturday's concert and Sunday's evensong, Cartmel Priory will be presenting a stunning son et lumière spectacle outside.

Projected across the the façade of the building with synchronized sound, lighting and projection effects, it will tell the story of the founding of the Priory in 1189 and of its founder Knight William Marshall, England's greatest knight.

The son et lumière will be free for everyone.



Cartmel Magna Carta Events Schedule: September 2015

Friday 25 th	Saturday 26 th	Sunday 27 th	Monday 28 th	Tuesday 29 th
<div>10.00am</div> <div>Flower Pageant</div> <div>5.00pm</div>	<div>10.00am</div> <div>Medieval Festival & Flower Pageant</div> <div>5.00pm</div>	<div>10.00-11.00am Service</div> <div>11.00am Medieval Festival & Flower Pageant</div> <div>6.00pm</div>	<div>10.00am</div> <div>Flower Pageant</div> <div>5.00pm</div>	<div>10.00am</div> <div>Flower Pageant</div> <div>5.00pm</div>
<div>5.30-7.30pm son et lumière Rehearsal</div>	<div>6.45pm son et lumière</div> <div>7.00-7.30pm Reception</div>	<div>6.15pm son et lumière</div> <div>7.00-8.00pm Evensong</div>		<div>7.00-8.00pm Songs of Praise</div>
<div>7.30-9.30pm Concert Amabile</div>	<div>7.30-9.30pm Concert La Serenissima</div>		<div>7.30-9.30pm Concert Flookburgh Brass Band</div> <div>9.30 Fireworks</div>	