# Listings of Events Planned for the Celebration of Magna Carta in 2015

Residents could consult the following websites for details about events:

The Magna Carta 800<sup>th</sup> website which contains details of the national events

The Royal Borough (RBWM) website

Royal Holloway College have events

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#### Pre Events.

Dinner at Coworth Park on 14<sup>th</sup> March 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Tickets £75

Talk at the Guildhall in Windsor by Professor Carpenter and Dr Grigg. Tickets £20 (concessions for Advantage Card holders)

Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum are holding an event at Furze Platt School on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

## The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

A **Schools' event** has been organised, with a private viewing of the art work in the cloisters of St George' Chapel on 19<sup>th</sup> March by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter. The exhibition would remain open over Easter.

Primary children up to year 5 will be devising a shield for their schools and children of the years above (5-13) will be writing a Magna Carta for today.

The **River Flotilla** is taking place over the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June, going from Hurley to Runnymede. The plan is for 200 boats to take part but they cannot use power to negotiate the course. Powered boats would come from Spelthorne. This is being organised by Thames Alive. Gloriana will be taking part.

**Eton** is to hold a medieval fair on the Brocas and a Liber Tea in the main street on  $13^{th}/14^{th}$  June.

**Liber Teas** were planned across the Royal Borough, in West Windsor in the Park and at a site in Windsor. It is 750 years since the first parliament was called by Simon de Montfort and to celebrate this and Magna Carta, Parliament wants picnics to be held. There will be a Liber Tea at the Victoria Gardens on 14<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00 p.m.

The Museums and galleries will have displays and activities.

There are plans for a **medieval fair and re-enactment** on the Windsor Racecourse from 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> June to be followed by a race meeting with a Magna Carta theme on the evening of the 15th.

### Wraysbury

A fanfare has been composed by a Ph. D student at the Royal Academy – Robert Peate

Diana Hughes has created a set of **coats of arms of the 25 guarantor barons**. These are superb and available to be used at functions.

**Embroidery.** Embroidery has been worked showing King John sealing the Magna Carta together with the coats of arms of the barons involved. This will be unveiled during the Flower Festival.

A quarter **peal of bells** will be rung on 14<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00 p.m. to join in peals being rung across the country at key venues associated with Magna Carta. A peal will be rung during the flower festival on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Flower festival 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> June at St Andrew's Church. Organisations and youth groups have been invited to take part.

Denise Steele talked about her book which will be published this year. It was suggested that there would be a reading in the St. Andrew's and at the Baptist Church on the afternoon of 7<sup>th</sup> June. The book is intended for children.

An archery contest would be held on  $6^{th}$  June when the Barons of England will compete. The event is scheduled for the grounds of the Windsor Bowmen as archery is not a spectator sport for health and safety reasons. Visitors are being given permission to camp on the memorial ground overnight on  $5^{th}/6^{th}$  June and to bring caravettes onto the Village Hall carpark. They will be travelling from across England. It is hoped they can process through the village on  $6^{th}$  and visit Ankerwycke.

**Wraysbury Players** would perform suitable extracts on Thursday evening 11<sup>th</sup> June, which would be primarily for the villagers of Horton and Wraysbury and include details about Magna Carta and medieval music from Lumina Music. Tickets would carry the cost of £5 to be donated to the Wraysbury Players.

#### Wraysbury School will be holding a Magna Carta Day on 12th June

**The Wraysbury Fair on 13<sup>th</sup> June.** This will reflect the medieval theme and everyone including stall holders will be appropriately costumed.

A **Liber Tea will be held at the Grange at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June** by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Glyn Larcombe.

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Songs of Praise on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 p.m. at the Grange in Wraysbury

The village will be decorated. A Liber Tea would be held on 14<sup>th</sup> June at the Grange at 4.00

p.m.

Slough

Slough are intending to celebrate on 8<sup>th</sup> June with a relay carrying Magna Carta around the town, with a march through the town in the afternoon focussing on the flags of the

Commonwealth and a dinner in the evening at the Copthorne Hotel.

15<sup>th</sup> June 2015

The Queen is to unveil an art-work commissioned by Surrey County Council in the morning.

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