

Celebrating 800 years since the Sealing of the Magna Carta,
at Broughton Castle, Thursday 25th June, 7.30pm.

Miles Taylor, Professor of Modern History at the University of York, will talk about the history of Magna Carta through the ages.

Sir Robert M. Worcester, Chairman, Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Committee will describe the inspiration of Magna Carta and its relevance today.

To be held in the Great Hall of Broughton Castle, home of Lord Saye & Sele and the Fiennes family. Their ancestor, Geoffrey de Say, was one of the 25 barons at the forefront of the opposition to King John who enforced the sealing of Magna Carta in June 1215.

The foundation of freedom of the individual, Magna Carta has been called the greatest constitutional document of all times. The 2015 anniversary recognises that the Great Charter was the basis for legal and political systems around the world and a potent symbol which still resonates across the ages.

Sealed by King John and the feudal barons at Runnymede near Windsor Castle, the document was a series of written promises between the king and his subjects that he, the king, would govern England and deal with its people according to the customs of feudal law.

The garden at Broughton Castle will be open from 5.30pm, and is available for picnicking to ticket-holders, weather permitting. Ticket price includes a glass of wine or soft drink after the lecture. Cash bar will be available.

Ticket Price £15.00.

Signed copies of the new book, ***Magna Carta, The Foundation of Freedom 1215 – 2015***, will be available to purchase on the evening.

In this richly illustrated volume, leading experts including Professor Miles Taylor, reflect not only on Magna Carta's genesis but also its enduring importance through the ages.

This event is being provided by The Magna Carta Trust, Broughton Castle, Banbury Museum, and the Banbury Historical Society.

Profits will benefit charities: The Banbury Museum Trust and The Banbury Historical Society.

Miles Taylor (Magna Carta in the 19th Century) is Professor of Modern History at the University of York. He is currently a member of the History of Parliament editorial board, the editorial board of the Journal of British Studies and of the Grants Assessment Panel of the Economic and Social Research Council. He is currently writing a book on the history of parliamentary representation in Britain since the late 18th century, and a study of the Victorian monarchy and India.