

A VIRTUAL TOUR OF HISTORIC RUNNYMEDE

On the virtual tour of this historic Thameside meadow you will hear how in June 1215 King John was forced by his barons to agree to the Magna Carta, the founding document of English and American liberties. The tour includes the Magna Carta Memorial, the gift of the American Bar Association in 1957 and further up the hill the President Kennedy Memorial. Above, and on top of the hill, stands the Royal Air Force Memorial of 1953 which commemorates the 20,455 airmen and women who died in World War Two and have no known grave. You will also see three new art works commissioned to celebrate the 800th Anniversary of Magna Carta, "The Jurors" by Hew Locke, "Writ in Water" by Mark Wallinger and a 13-foot bronze sculpture of the Queen by James Butler in Runnymede Pleasure Grounds.

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