

Magna Carta: The Foundation of Freedom 1215–2015

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A very happy new (Magna Carta) year to all our readers. Welcome to the fourth bulletin on Third Millennium's Magna Carta project – the first since we officially launched the book. As this crucial year for the project begins there is much to report, including accolades, media appearances and an exciting new product.

Magna Carta book shortlisted in Longman History Today Awards

Magna Carta: The Foundation of Freedom 1215–2015 has been recognised in the prestigious Longman History Today Awards, finishing runner up in the category Best Historical Picture Researcher of the Year 2015. Addressing a distinguished audience of publishers and academics at the awards ceremony held last night at the Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn, editor of *History Today* Paul Lay paid tribute to the work of Third Millennium's picture researcher Patrick Taylor. The book was one of three shortlisted titles in what Lay described as an exceptionally strong field of nominations. Third Millennium's Publishing Director Neil Titman commented, 'We are very proud of what Patrick has achieved – his work has demonstrated that even as a small independent company we can compete with the biggest and most established names in history publishing.'



Patrick Taylor and Neil Titman at the awards ceremony last night.

American Bar Association launch

Friday 8 August 2014 saw the formal launch of the various subscriber editions of *Magna Carta: The Foundation of Freedom 1215–2015*, with Neil Titman and Marketing Manager Sarah Yeatman in attendance at the American Bar Association's annual meeting in Boston. Much activity and interest was generated around Third Millennium's book stand – in particular, Professor Dan Magraw of Johns Hopkins University, author of *Magna Carta and the Rule of Law*, and Jack Rives, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the American Bar Association, both praised the book's erudition and elegance.

Next month will see the formal launch of the general edition of the book – more details to follow.

Magna Carta book on tour

Magna Carta will be a prominent feature on the literary festival circuit this year, and Third Millennium is delighted to announce the appearance of four of the contributing authors at events across the country:

Professor Nicholas Vincent, the book's principal author and general editor, will appear at a Magna Carta event at the Oxford Literary Festival on 26 March 2015.

Professor Anthony Musson, author of the chapter on Magna Carta in the Later Middle Ages, will appear on a Magna Carta panel at Chipping Campden Literary Festival on 9 May 2015.

Justice Richard Goldstone, author of the chapter on Magna Carta in the 21st century, will appear on two Magna Carta panels at Hay on Wye Literary Festival on 23 and 24 May 2015.

Professor Miles Taylor, author of the chapter on Magna Carta in the 19th century, will appear at a Magna Carta event at Broughton Castle, Banbury on 25 June 2015.

Meanwhile across the Atlantic, Professor Joyce Malcolm, author of the chapter on

Magna Carta in the United States, will be speaking at the Baronial Order of Magna Charta's Triennial Symposium, to be held at the Cosmos Club Ballroom, Washington, DC, on 16 April 2015.

Watch this space for further announcements!

Radio Magna Carta

Professor Nicholas Vincent and Melvyn Bragg discuss the origins and legacy of Magna Carta in a fascinating four-part BBC Radio 4 documentary – to listen, visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04y6wdt/episodes/guide>.

Professor Vincent has also recently confirmed his involvement in an exciting new Third Millennium project. This year sees a significant associated 800th anniversary – that of the Lord Mayor's Show, the annual procession through the City of London that marks the official appointment of the new Lord Mayor. For further details on this title, see <http://tmiltd.com/products/lordmayorsshow>.

Third Millennium in partnership with The Folio Society

Third Millennium is pleased to be working in partnership with The Folio Society – the UK's foremost publisher of fine editions of fiction and non-fiction books – on a very special Magna Carta product. Folio has produced a limited edition facsimile of the British Library's MS Cotton Augustus II. 106, one of only four surviving copies of Magna Carta dating from 1215. The facsimile is printed on parchment and mounted on a linen-covered board, with protective glass and an oak frame. Only 480 copies of the facsimile will be produced. Each comes with a copy of *Magna Carta: The Foundation of Freedom 1215–2015*. For more information on this remarkable product see <http://tmiltd.com/products/mc-facsimile>.



Further information

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Michael Wood, historian and broadcaster

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