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June 2014

800 years of the Magna Carta

Magna Carta 800 local celebration plans to be unveiled

With less than a year to go until the 800th anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta at Runnymede, our next forum event will give us the opportunity to hear plans for some of the local commemoration events.

Alongside plans for marking the occasion with a major State occasion and accompanying event programme, there are plans to provide a lasting legacy for Magna Carta at Runnymede.

Plans for this project will be unveiled by representatives from the Magna Carta Surrey Partnership, which is made up of Runnymede Borough Council, the National Trust, Surrey County Council, Royal Holloway University and Brunel University. The speakers will be Cllr Helyn Clack, Cabinet Member for Community Services, Surrey County Council; Peter Milton Head Service Manager for Cultural Services Surrey County Council and Dan Duthie, General Manager National Trust.

The project intends to significantly improve the visitor experience and will focus on enabling a wide range of people to learn about the political, constitutional and historical significance of the charter and in doing so will engage with audiences ranging from university students to international visitors to local visitors.

Foxhills are kindly sponsoring this Cream Tea meeting, on Tuesday 1st July, in the Library Room of the 19th century Manor building.

IMPORTANT! This event was fully booked as we went to press. Join the waiting list and email invitation list for future events email joanna.swatridge@runnymede.gov.uk

Priority, as usual, will be given to business representatives from Runnymede Borough.



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Do you know of any other events to mark the Magna Carta 800th anniversary?

By colleges, schools, clubs and choirs etc., no matter how small! Even if just at an early planning stage, we would love to hear about any occasions to be held from now until late 2015. If we get a good enough response we may publish a list. Please email: joanna.swatridge@runnymede.gov.uk with name of organisation plus contact details if possible.

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1 April Report

Royal Holloway Masterplan 2013 - 2031

On Tuesday 1 April Royal Holloway, University of London, hosted our Spring Breakfast Forum Meeting in the original College Dining Hall in the Grade 1 listed Founder's Building.

Following a welcome from Simon Higman, Registrar and Director of Operations, we were given an overview of the University's Masterplan by Mike Berry, Director of Estates, and Hollie White, Major Projects Manager.

Their new Masterplan, that will form a long term development strategy for its main campus, has been submitted to Runnymede Borough Council for Outline Planning permission. The plan is to make the University more competitive and resilient by attracting and retaining students.

Royal Holloway has identified a growth in the student population from the current 9000 up to 12000 by 2031. This will require additional academic floor space and an increase from 2500 to 2650 student bed spaces.

Plans include a new library building, which would be the second largest building on campus, after the Founder's Building. Other proposed changes include three new pedestrian crossings on the A30 with the removal of the existing footbridges. A lively Q & A session followed the presentations.

More information can be found at

www.rhul.ac.uk/masterplan2013



L to R Mark Adams - Chair of Runnymede Business Partnership,
Mike Berry - Director of Estates, Royal Holloway
Hollie White - Major Projects Manager
Simon Higman - Registrar and Director of Operations

This is the Summer of Sport!

With the World Cup providing 32 teams playing 64 football matches, in 12 stadiums across Brazil creating infinite armchair pundits with endless football knowledge. Two weeks of Wimbledon, producing mini Roger Federers on cul-de-sac centre-courts throughout the country, providing the weather plays ball.

So why not serve an Ace and take advantage of the Runnymede Loyalty Card offers* this summer?

Kick -off the celebrations with a garden barbeque with 10% discount on quality meat from the Butchers Block in Addlestone, Station Road.

If you want to make the garden into a mini Wimbledon or Estadio Do Maracana, in Rio de Janeiro, why not try Green Garden Maintenance and Landscaping, New Haw? Enjoy numerous take-a-ways and restaurants offering various discounts and meals deals throughout the Borough. Keep tournament fit with no joining fees from Achieve lifestyle leisure centres in Egham.

But if the idea of two months of sport is a yellow card offence, discounts on visits to Savill Garden and Thorpe Park are available. But if you want to wave the red card to sport, you could always book yourself a holiday with Karnak Travel and really get sent off!

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Surrey Chambers and Surrey Connects have launched the ExportSurrey service to actively promote the business benefits that trading overseas can bring.

ExportSurrey will act as a signpost service that can help to get the advice needed in the competitive global market. They will be working closely with Government organisations such as UK Trade and Investment, HM Revenue and Customs and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in addition to other organisations including Chambers of Commerce, Embassies and banks. Comprehensive country fact files are available free.

Also available is a wide range of translation services and training and seminars, on a variety of related international trade topics at highly competitive rates.

Contact sarah.butcher@surrey-chambers.co.uk or 01483 901816 (There will be a charge for some of the above services)

Another source of useful exporting information is the UK Trade & Investment website: www.ukti.gov.uk or www.ukti.gov.uk/tap for details of the Trade Access Programme.

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Networking/Social Events 2014

Chertsey

Saturday July 12:

Black Cherry Fair
Held at Abbey Fields,
St. Anns Road, KT16 8AT
for more info

www.blackcherryfair.com

Saturday 9 & Sunday 10

August: Chertsey Agricultural Show
Show Ground, Mead Lane, Chertsey,
Surrey KT16 8LN

www.chertseyshow.co.uk

Egham

Saturday 14 June:

Magna Carta Day
Egham High Street

Saturday 23 & Sunday

24 August:

The Egham Royal Show
Mrs Caddeys Field,
Whitehall Lane

www.eghamchamber.org.uk

Find free services and access to funding

There's a lot of help available to start, grow and enhance your business. Here are just a few examples; we can only give very brief details, so please check websites etc. for full details.

Free advice/services:

Small Business Recruitment Service - Register on www.gov.uk/advertise-job Free recruitment, online advertising and skills matching

Jobcentre Plus 0845 601 2001

Offering Work Experience, Work Trials or Apprenticeships* (*see cash incentives under 'Funding') Advice and support if you need to make redundancies

Understanding Workplace Pensions www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk

Free online resources and research data at Surrey Libraries www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries

Get free advice on business law, marketing, exporting and H&S etc. Do market research, check company information, including economic reports. Search a UK database of companies and company directors, also create mailing lists.

Find out how to access these resources:

www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/reference (If not a member, join the library online on above website.)

Free use of computers for library members*/free Wi-Fi in all libraries (*Advance booking suggested, call 0300 200 1002 or online).

Also, for a charge, tailored business research can be carried-out by Surrey Libraries Enquiries Direct: 01483 543599

Email: libraries@surreycc.gov.uk

Free Employment Law Advice Line

The Acas Helpline and Helpline Online are two sources of free and confidential advice.

The Helpline, 0300 123 1100, covers a range of issues, including employment law, equality and diversity, discipline and grievance processes, redundancy, restructuring and contracts of employment. **Helpline Online** www.acas.org.uk is a database of frequently asked questions.

Free, online **Step by Step guides** for smaller employers are available from the Acas website. Topics include: The new employee's contract; Managing a complaint at work; Managing staff absence; Handling small scale redundancies.

Access to Funding

Growth Vouchers www.gov.uk-growthvouchers

Eligible businesses can apply for up to £2000, match-funded, vouchers to spend on finance, recruitment, leadership and management, marketing and understanding digital technology.

Wage Incentives www.dwp.gov.uk/wageincentives

These can be worth up to £2275 each for employers who recruit an eligible 18-24 year old through Jobcentre Plus or the Work Programme. You can also claim an incentive if you take on a young disabled person through the Work Choice programme.

Work Trial 0845 601 2001

Incur no wage costs by offering a trial period to a jobseeker, contact Jobcentre Plus.

Apprenticeship Grant www.apprenticeships.org.uk

Your business could obtain £1500 from the National Apprenticeship Service; check the details, and your eligibility.

Sustainable Routes Grants <http://www.sustainableroutes.co.uk>

Businesses with a turnover of at least £75000 can apply for a match-funded grant of £1000 to encourage sustainable travel. Also, they can sign-up for a personalised Travel Efficiency Plan and follow-up advice at www.sustainableroutes.co.uk/

Other useful websites: www.gov.uk/business-finance-support-finder

www.dwp.gov.uk/

Don't forget to log on-line to our website www.runnymedebusinesspartnership.org.uk and keep up to date with latest business information on our Business Bulletin 

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Foxhills

Magna Carta Cream Tea

Tuesday 1 July 2014

Venue: Foxhills

Manor Building

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Presentation by

Cllr Helyn Clark, Surrey County Council

Peter Milton, Surrey County Council

Dan Duthie, National Trust

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