

# PAGEANTS AND THE PEOPLE: BURY ST. EDMUNDS AND MAGNA CARTA



The people of Bury St Edmunds staged three historical pageants in 1907, 1959 and 1970. This exhibition tells the story of these extraordinary events.

The pageants were theatrical re-enactments of the town's past, performed to crowds of thousands. Vivid and spectacular, they dramatized history for twentieth-century audiences.

One of the most memorable episodes portrayed thirteenth-century Barons, meeting in what

is now the Abbey Gardens, and making the decision to present King John with Magna Carta. As the world now marks the eighth centenary of this momentous manuscript, this exhibition invites you to relive the drama of Bury St Edmunds pageantry past, and its role in the making of a legal legend.

To find out even more about the pageants of Bury St Edmunds, please visit [www.historicalpageants.ac.uk/bury](http://www.historicalpageants.ac.uk/bury)

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