



To none will we sell
to none deny
or delay

right
or
justice

Magna Carta (41)

Where is that justice now?



Extinction Rebellion



Refugee death



Austerity

Rights

800 years ago

Britain was in another dark age: borders were closed, rivers were polluted and a murderous tyrant was on the throne.

Barons and Bishops, Ladies and Llywelyn the Great, Northerners and the Normans

- pledged their lives
- spent their fortunes
- risked hanging for treason

for justice

justice came from treason

and the thing is

it worked.

The Magna Carta's origin

Is treasonous, radical and magnificent.

Now is the time for the people of Britain to learn the real story of the greatest document the world has ever known.



Radical



Monk's Dormitory

a six episode
television drama.
a crown and castle
epic like no other.
showing the way to
the light.

Joan, Lady of Wales



Joan, Lady of Wales and Lady of Snowdon (c. 1191–1192 – February 1237) the illegitimate daughter of King John of England and wife of Llywelyn the Great.



Played by Lea Seydoux



Primitive drawing of Joan

Daughter of a pagan dairy maid in the Loire who prays to the moon. Knows the wordless justice that rises from rivers. Deeply believes that royal blood is nonsense.

Her friendship with Robert fuels the alliance of Llywelyn, Eustace and Robert against John. In the end, rather than kill her father, she heeds Isabella and forces the Great Charter.

Language does not tell the truth and men have too much power.



King John



John
(24 December 1166 – 19
October 1216), King of England
from 1199 until his death.



Played by Rufus Sewell



Windsor Castle

John Lackland, casually cruel, indifferent to justice, evil.

Lackland let the land go to waste, guarded the forest to stop the peasants hunting there and tortured Jews. Lackland kidnapped wives and children to force barons to fill his coffers.

Lackland hung twenty-eight prisoners of war – all young boys – one morning before breakfast.

Isabella Of Angouleme



Isabella of Angoulême
c. 1188 – 1246); originally from
France; Queen Consort of
England as the second wife of
King John



Played by: National Velvet
Elizabeth Taylor

Isabella was King John's second wife, tutored for her coronation by Stephen Langton, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Pious and pretty and a French import like Joan.

Isabella believes what Stephen taught her: Kings must be just and merciful.

She seeks to make Joan a gentle Christian. When Joan decides to kill the King, only Isabella can stop her by proposing Stephen's plan.

Angels beside her she believes them she sees them they are there angels beside her

isabella

Britain meet your heroes Britain remember your heroes Britain remember your heroes

Llywelyn the Great



Full name Llywelyn ap Iorwerth, (c. 1173 – 11 April 1240) was a King of Gwynedd in north Wales and eventually ruler of all Wales.



Played by Welsh actor
Taron Egerton

Joan's husband, Robert's ally, John's enemy

Playful, mischievous, a mead-maker, charismatic uniter of Wales. We meet him when Joan travels to Aberdyfi to be his wife.

After killing Llywelyn's dear foot soldiers, John takes his six year old son debt hostage and Llywelyn's quest for the return of Gruffyd shaped the Magna Carta.

... no man ever made better or more judicious use of the native force of the Welsh people ...

– John Edward Lloyd.

Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau Gwlad Gwlad

Gruffyd got his own clause in the Magna Carta and he lived Gruffyd got his own clause in the Magna Carta and he lived Gruffyd got his own clause in the Magna Carta and he lived

Archbishop Stephen Langton



Stephen Langton (c. 1150 - 1228) was Archbishop of Canterbury between 1207 and his death in 1228.



Played by Guy Masterson

“Between a tyrant and a prince there is this single or chief difference, that the latter obeys the law and rules the people by its dictates, accounting himself as but their servant.”

John of Salisbury, Policratus, Book Four

The elite academic, the brilliant theologian, the man who risked his life for the belief that tyranny is not of God.

When he fails to rally the barons at St. Paul’s, Isabella and Joan aid him.

walk the walk preacher man walk the walk preacher man the church could learn a thing or two from Stephen

Smart enough to listen to Isabella Smart enough to listen to Isabella Smart enough to listen to Isabella Smart enough to listen to Isabella

Sir Robert Fitzwalter



Robert FitzWalter of Woodham, Baron of Little Dunmow, Surety of the Magna Carta (c.1182 - 1235)



Played by Sam Donnelly

'one of the greatest men in England and one of the most powerful'. *Histoire des Ducs de Normandie*

... wine importer, church sceptic, jolly would-be royal assassin ...

He was the surety to the Magna Carta and signed it Marshall of the Army of God.

Defender of the land.



You'll never walk alone You'll never walk alone You'll never walk alone

They Rose Up On St. Edmund's Day



Hidden in plain site at the
St. Edmund's Day festivities

hidden

The Wolves Cried Out Here Here Here. The Wolves Cried Out Here Here Here



*“And freedom unforgetful still
recites/ This second birthplace of
our native rights.”*

The Wolves Cried Out Here Here Here. The Wolves Cried Out Here Here Here

Eustace De Vesci



Eustace de Vesci (1169–1216).
The North of England
represents. The English lord of
Alnwick Castle, and a Magna
Carta surety.



Played by Chris Thorpe

King John killed his family and took Eustace's castle down
brick by brick:



Robert Fitzwalter found him weeping in the ruins.

Sort of Like Hagrid But More Contentious. Northerners Represent.

Sort of Like Hagrid But More Deeply Tragic Sort of Like Hagrid But More Deeply Tragic Sort of Like Hagrid But More Deeply Tragic

Avisa, Countess of Gloucester



Avisa, Countess of Gloucester
(c. 1173 – 14 October 1217),
an English noblewoman
married to King John prior to
his accession.



Played by Francesca Reid

Avisa of Gloucester, King John's first wife, lived with John and travelled with him even after the annulment of their childless marriage. She was the keeper of the book of herbs, an indispensable healer, sympathetic to Joan's pagan upbringing.

She remained throughout her life the King's confidant. Even when John cheated Avisa out of her entire fortune for easy cash.

avisa

Rosehips and chamomile and borage and star flower and violets and fox glove and oregano and parsley and nettles and all the good things of the earth the women know

Matilda de Briouze



Matilda de Braose, Lady of Bramber (c. 1155 – 1210) was an English noble, the spouse of William de Braose.



Played by Steffi Mueller

Matilda de Briouze was a warrior and a thinker and a mother. The King gave the de Briouze family a castle in Wales to defend against Llywelyn and she won an ingenious battle. But when her frank talk got back to the King, he turned against the family, reclaimed their land and imprisoned Matilda until she starved to death.

This dramatic cruelty ignited the woman around John to protect themselves and their country.

You are not forgotten Matilda. The injustice of your death inspired action and that cannot be nothing.

... I suspect it was Matilda who kicked the whole thing off...

– Andrew Spencer, Fellow in History,
Cambridge University

Clementinia



Clementinia
(11??-1201)
Mother of Joan



Sochel Rogers as Clementinia



This is the woman who loved the earth
so much she lived with it forsaking all
men. She has much to teach us now.

... *A legendary beauty* ...

– Matthew Parris



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From Left: Avisa of Gloucester, Robert Fitzwalter,
Isabella of Angouleme, Archbishop Stephen Langton

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...no one told you this exciting story before because no one bothered to look closely at the women... it's all true ... it's all true... no one told you this exciting story before because it's destabilising to power to remember how quickly power can be destabilised...this was a revolution...the Magna Carta was a revolution....please let's remember because we need a revolution now...
