Centre Director Robert Blackburn was the Law Academic member on the Magna Carta Trust 800th Anniversary Committee, co-ordinating and organising a large programme of events and activities in commemoration of Magna Carta 1215. He additionally served on two of its sub-committees, the Law Committee chaired by the Master of the Rolls at the Royal Courts of Justice, and its Education & Academic Committee at King's.

For the official Magna Carta 800th website with organisational details and the full programme of activities, see http://www.magnacarta800th.com

**Key anniversary events**

On 12th November 2010, the five year long programme of events to celebrate the 800th anniversary were inaugurated in the fields of Runnymede where King John attached his seal to Magna Carta, with speeches by Lord Neuberger (then Master of the Rolls), Kenneth Clarke QC (then Justice Secretary) and Alice Richmond (Treasurer of the American Bar Association). See http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-11735060

Professor Blackburn organised and spoke at a series of events to celebrate Magna Carta and its legacy today, including at conferences held at the European Court of Human Rights, the Centre for European Constitutional Law at Athens; the University of Brescia, and the University of Amiens.

Left: 2015 Athens conference - Prof Spyridon Flogaitis (Athens University, former Minister of the Interior, and Judge in the Council of State), Prof Xenophon Contiades (Panteion University) and Prof Robert Blackburn

Right: 2015 Strasbourg conference - Prof Blackburn (centre) with judges of the European Court of Human Rights Guido Ramondi (President) and Paul Mahoney (UK judge)

Further links

See the Director's article for the British Library: http://www.bl.uk/magna-carta/articles/britains-unwritten-constitution

See the Director's video on a Written Constitution - a "New Magna Carta" - for Britain today: http://www.kcl.ac.uk/newsevents/news/newsrecords/2014/July/The-future-of-the-UKs-constitution---a-new-Magna-Carta.aspx

See the Magna Carta 800th anniversary exhibition located in the King's School of Law building: http://www.kcl.ac.uk/law/about/vis-arts/MagnaCarta.aspx