

Commemorating this 800th Anniversary

Who was he and why is this important?

In the course of his long life, William rose to be a central figure in the reigns of Henry II, Richard and John. Finally, appointed Regent to the young King Henry III, it was thanks to him that a French invasion force was defeated at Lincoln in 1217, and that Magna Carta, and the Plantagenet dynasty, survived. He chose to come home to die in his Thameside manor of Caversham (thought to be near Deans Farm). After his death on 14 May 1219, a solemn mass was held in Reading Abbey before he was buried in the Temple Church in London.

The Plan

CADRA, supported by Reading Civic Society, is planning to design and erect a richly illustrated information panel about the life of William Marshal and his significance locally.

The design will be executed by Martin Andrews and Anke Ueberberg who designed the Heritage Map by the Caversham Library.

Cost

This is expected to be around £4,500. Over half of this has been identified through CADRA's own contribution, a kind and enthusiastic supporter and reclaiming Gift Aid.

Location

Subject to further discussion with Reading Borough Council, and granting of Planning Permission, it is intended that this will be sited on the eastern viewing platform of Caversham Bridge, facing towards Deans Farm and Reading Abbey. It is aimed to have this in place during Autumn 2019.

How can you help?

By making a donation, however small, or large via Reading Civic Society.

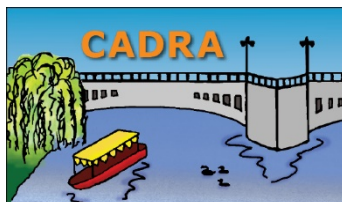
Please send your cheque with the form to Richard Bennett DL, Chair of Reading Civic Society at the address provided. If you make a bank transfer, please still send the form to Richard. You will receive a formal letter of thanks.

If you are eligible to claim Gift Aid please tick the Gift Aid box as this will enable us make every £100 donated this way into £125.

Your donation will not be used for any other purpose. Should not enough funds be raised, donations will be returned.

Hear more about William Marshal

Tom Asbridge, author of The Greatest Knight will speak at CADRA's AGM at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11 June 2019 at Thameside School. All welcome.



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Support the William Marshal Information Panel

I/we wish to support the plans to erect an Information Panel to mark the 800th Anniversary of the death of William Marshal and enclose my cheque/confirm I have made a bank transfer of £_____. I understand the funds will not be used for any other purpose.

To pay by bank transfer via Reading Civic Society at CAF Bank; Sort Code 40-52-40, A/C No. 00019682. Quote "William Marshal".

I/we would like this donation, and **future donations to this cause, via Reading Civic Society**, to be treated as **Gift Aid** donations. To enable the Society to reclaim from the Inland Revenue 25p for every £1 of my subscription/donation, I confirm that I am paying income tax equal to, or more than, the tax to be reclaimed.

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