

*The Master of Marlborough College and the Trustees of the Marlborough Mound Trust  
invite you to the*

**Marlborough Mound Trust Annual Lecture**  
to be held in the Ellis Theatre at Marlborough College at 8.00pm on  
Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (free entry)

This year's lecture -

**Marlborough as a Royal Castle**

Introducing a new history of Marlborough Mound and Marlborough Castle

Speaker: Dr Richard Barber

In 2022, a new history of Marlborough Mound and Marlborough Castle will be published, with contributions by experts who have given previous mound lectures. Writing about the medieval history of the castle is difficult, as historians of the period tell us very little, and there are almost no remains at all of the castle itself. Instead, we have a mass of entries in the royal accounts, which have been specially transcribed for the Trust. These were expected to produce new information about the buildings. Unexpectedly, there is far more information about the use of the castle by the king in the twelfth and thirteenth century, so this talk will focus on the activities of king John and particularly of Henry III.

The result is a history of the castle in terms of the people who lived there, rather than its architecture, which is a highly unusual approach: few other castles have been portrayed in this way. There are some intriguing scenarios – John assembling his treasure at Marlborough to compile a list of his wealth, Henry III reshaping the royal chambers after his marriage to his beloved Eleanor of Provence, the garden he built for her, and even the fishponds which became a considerable local industry.



Medieval  
garden

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