CAMBRIDGE MAYORS: 800 YEARS

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

THE MAYORAL YEAR



The Council Chamber and the Annual Meeting at the Guildhall.

THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR

The Annual Meeting of the Council at which the Mayor is appointed, takes place in May. All forty-two City Councillors meet together to decide who of their number shall be elected Mayor.

The Mayoralty enjoys a very high, public and media profile. Many of the engagements which the Mayor carries out each year – ranging from receiving members of the royal family to the city, to taking part in public events arranged by our many voluntary groups and societies – receive excellent media coverage.

Mayors undertake in the region of four hundred and fifty to five hundred engagements annually. The year is punctuated with traditional events such as the ones described here.

THE MAYOR'S DAY OUT



John Woodhouse, 1986/1987, 1989/1990.

Since 1986, at the initiative of John Woodhouse, "The Mayor's Day Out" for Cambridge senior citizens has been organised. The chosen venue, in the majority of instances, has been Great Yarmouth, although the outing has also gone to Felixstowe and to the Millennium Dome.

THE SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

In 1446, Henry VI laid the first stone of King's College Chapel. This building is indeed a very famous Cambridge landmark. It is from this Chapel, since 1918, that the Christmas Eve Service of Nine Lessons and Carols has been broadcast worldwide by the BBC. The Mayor of Cambridge attends this service each year and processes behind the Great Mace from the Guildhall to the Chapel. The Mayor is invited to read a lesson at this Service.



King's College Chapel.



Midsummer Fair.

A COUPLE OF FAIRS

Reach Fair is an annual event in the Mayoral calendar. It has been the duty of successive Mayors of Cambridge to travel to the village of Reach, which lies approximately twelve miles to the north of Cambridge, to proclaim this Fair in May each year. The tradition began in 1201 and has continued over the past eight hundred years. The Members of the Council very much look forward to Reach Fair.

Midsummer Fair is another Cambridge tradition. Since the year 1211, successive Mayors of Cambridge have attended and officially opened this Fair. It is held on Midsummer Common, right in the heart of the City.