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Foreword

by H.R.H. The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh,
Chancellor of the University of Cambridge from 1977 to 2011.



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Central Cambridge was first published in 1994 in response to the growing number of visitors to the Town and University. Since then there have been numerous re-prints, but this is an entirely updated and expanded version. Cambridge may look as if nothing had changed for centuries, but neither Town nor University have ever stood still. There have been major developments in both since the first edition of *Central Cambridge*.

Cambridge is a remarkable mixture of ancient and modern; town and gown; College communities and academic institutions. It is a product of evolution rather than of deliberate design. There are buildings dating from every stage of its development since the early middle ages. The University and City give it an unique atmosphere as they continue to adapt to changing circumstances, and bring life and meaning to their respective parts of the whole. It is most certainly neither a museum nor a tourist trap.

After some 800 years, the University has become a complex organism, and, for those who have no experience of its contemporary life and activities, a general guide – such as this – is essential to understanding this ancient community and seat of learning, and modern center of research. It describes many of the famous clerics, scholars and builders, who have helped to make its architecture and its history. It also draws a picture of it as a vigorous and energetic part of the educational fabric of our nation, and of the world's academic community as a whole.



Preface and acknowledgements

The first edition of *Central Cambridge: A Guide to the University and Colleges* appeared in 1994. Small-scale updates were made in successive reprints, but this second edition represents the first major overhaul of its content and layout.

The fully revised, updated and redesigned new edition contains freshly commissioned photographs, mainly from the Japanese artist and photographer Hiroshi Shimura; comprehensively updated text, with all facts and figures re-checked, supplemented and updated as appropriate; extensions of the individual college and University entries to incorporate new details and to take account of new buildings; fresh maps, adapted from the latest edition of the official University Map; a significantly extended glossary, further reading section and index; and a new Foreword by the Chancellor, H.R.H. The Prince Philip. Almost every entry in the book has received some update or addition, many of them substantial.

The first edition of the guidebook benefited from the input of numerous individuals including Marcus Askwith, Liesel Boughton-Fox, Christopher Brooke, Bill Davies, Ian Hart, Gordon Johnson, Elisabeth Leedham-Green, Roger Lovatt, Robin Matthews, David McKitterick, Simon Mitton, Jeremy Mynott, Harry Porter, Nicholas Ray, Geoffrey Skelsey, Frank Stubbings, Sarah Taylor, Malcolm Underwood, Robin Walker, Martin Walters, Max Walters and Tony Wilson. Some of the above helped again with this new edition: my thanks go to them, and to the representatives of individual colleges and other parts of the University who checked their revised entries, as well as to Marc Anderson, Rob Beddow, Stephen Bourne, Susan Bowring, Kate Brett, Andrew Brown, Gillian Dadd, Peter Davison, Richard Fisher, Peter Fox, Greg Hayman, Mark Hurn, Alastair Lynn, Alan McArthur, Caroline Murray, Jonathan Nicholls, Peter Raby, Liz Reeve and Stephanie Thelwell for comments and inspiration of various kinds. Chris McLeod of Hart McLeod Ltd deserves a special mention for his layout, design and project-management; and the book is visually strengthened by the photography of Hiroshi Shimura, with whom it has been a great pleasure to work. All photographs in this second edition are by him unless otherwise acknowledged in the captions.

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Colleges in the University of Cambridge

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Note

Dates of foundation given are those normally recognised or celebrated within each college. In reality some colleges were founded in the above dates under different names or on different sites from the ones they now have, while others were re-foundations of earlier institutions on the same site, and others were not formally approved by the University until after their date of foundation. Such details are noted within the individual college entries in this guidebook.

Map references here and throughout the book refer to the map on the inside front cover and are keyed to the main entrance of the site in question.

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