



# Magdalene College

Conferences



# An Historic Setting

## in the heart of Cambridge

Magdalene College is ideally situated close to the historic centre of Cambridge on the banks of the River Cam. The city is arguably one of the most beautiful in Britain and provides the perfect blend of ancient and modern, with attractive shops and restaurants set against the unique backdrop of the Colleges and University. The city centre, whose famous landmarks include King's College Chapel, the Market Square and the Bridge of Sighs, is relatively compact and easily accessible on foot.



The arms of Magdalene College with the motto 'garde ta foy', meaning 'keep faith', are derived from Lord Audley, Lord Chancellor to Henry VIII.



A view of First Court, looking east from the Gatehouse.



Magdalene College has the longest river frontage of any in Cambridge.

The College of St Mary Magdalene dates back to 1428 when King Henry VI approved the establishment of a hostel for Benedictine monks on this riverside site. The monks came from their monasteries in the Fenlands to study Theology and Canon Law in Cambridge.

Over the centuries the College has evolved and grown, and now enjoys the eclectic mix of architectural styles that our visitors find so appealing. The most famous structure is the Pepys Building which houses the diaries and personal book collection that Samuel Pepys bequeathed in 1703. Located in Second Court, it is considered the principal ornament of the College and is of considerable architectural interest. The most modern addition is Cripps Court which opened in the autumn of 2005.

## ALUMNI

The College has an impressive list of famous alumni including Samuel Pepys, Charles Stuart Parnell, Charles Kingsley, 4 Archbishops (Cranmer, Grindle, Ussher and Ramsay) the Marquis of Queensbury, Prince Dulip Singh, George Mallory, Sir Michael Redgrave and John Simpson.

# A Brief History of the College





The gardens and amphitheatre at Cripps Court

#### MAGDALENE TODAY

Today, the College has some 320 undergraduates, about 180 graduate students and around 60 fellows and other teaching officers. There is also an administrative and domestic staff of about 140, so that the total College community numbers close to 700. Recent building and acquisitions allow Magdalene to accommodate its entire undergraduate population and many of the graduate students within two or three minutes' walk of the College. Cripps Court houses 42 students in a modern and inspiring courtyard setting on Chesterton Road opposite the Fellows' Garden.



River Court gardens in late spring

# Welcome to Conferences at Magdalene

The College offers an outstanding range of facilities including the state-of-the-art Cripps Court development, as well as the more traditional meeting and dining rooms on the historic main site.

A growing number of our clients come via recommendations and many return annually. We can accommodate a wide variety of events including:

International Conferences

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Corporate Events

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Training Seminars

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Day Meetings

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Presentations

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Board Meetings

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Formal Dining

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Garden Parties

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Weddings and Civil Partnerships



Our Conference Team has considerable experience in event management, ranging from corporate conferences to academic weekends, presentations and receptions. The team are available to advise and assist you both with planning and implementation and will ensure that your function is a complete success.

Magdalene College occupies an enviable position in the heart of the city. Although the bustle of the streets lies just beyond the gates, within the confines of the College, guests enjoy the tranquillity of ancient courts and the open green spaces of the Fellows' Garden. The College is a beautiful setting for any occasion.

#### DINING FACILITIES:

The 16th Century Hall

The Parlour

#### CONFERENCE FACILITIES INCLUDE:

3 meeting rooms with AV facilities

2 breakout rooms

The College Bar for refreshments or registration

The Pepys Cloister for drinks receptions and ceremonies

#### ACCOMMODATION:

14 en suite single bedrooms with internet access

2 en suite double bedrooms with internet access

180 traditional single rooms with internet access



The College Hall seats up to 100 and dining is by candlelight.



The Parlour, in First Court, provides a more intimate setting for functions of up to 24.



A peaceful riverside walk through the Fellows' Garden links the old College to Cripps Court.

# The Perfect Setting





The early 16th Century Hall is decorated with the heraldic arms of Queen Anne. The panelling dates from 1714

“ Dining in the Hall was a real treat. It was amazing to think that we were eating entirely by candlelight just as the first students did centuries ago. ”

Cripps Court is an innovative complex of buildings and gardens that rival the very best conference facilities in Cambridge. Land in Chesterton Road, directly opposite the main College site, has been developed to combine the refurbishment of two imposing Victorian villas with the construction of a striking new building.

#### CRIPPS CONFERENCE FACILITIES INCLUDE:

An auditorium with seating for 142 people

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5 seminar rooms with AV facilities

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A large foyer for registration/exhibition space

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Break out areas and a courtyard garden for refreshments

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The orangery with exhibition space

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A bar

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A computer room

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Full disabled access

#### ACCOMMODATION AT CRIPPS COURT:

31 en suite bedrooms with internet access

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11 standard bedrooms with internet access

#### DINING AND PARTY FACILITIES:

The oak beamed gallery for informal dining or dancing

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An attractive terrace overlooking the Court grounds



The Sir Humphrey Cripps Theatre is equipped with first class AV, light and sound facilities.



One of five light, airy seminar rooms at Cripps Court.



Informal dining at Cripps Court. Delegates may choose from the Gallery, gardens or the Orangery.

# Cripps Court

## Conferences





The open-plan Gallery offers an adaptable space for buffet-style dining, exhibitions or dancing.

“A magnificent setting matched by an excellent range of facilities. We really enjoyed our time at the College. It was a very successful event.”

Cambridge is a vibrant and historic city with a wide range of activities to entertain the visitor. Delegates can wander through the cobbled streets and discover for themselves the city's many charms. Alternatively the conference office can advise on a sightseeing programme. Some of the possibilities are listed below:

#### [Historic sites](#)

[The Botanic Gardens](#)

[Punting tours opposite the College](#)

[Boutique shopping in Magdalene Street](#)

[Museums and galleries](#)

[Several theatres and cinemas](#)

[Nearby riverside cafés, pubs and restaurants](#)

[Open top bus sightseeing tours](#)

[State of the art health & beauty club](#)

[Golf courses](#)

[Newmarket Races](#)

[Madingley American Cemetery](#)



Magdalene Street seen from the bridge, looking north towards the Gatehouse.



The bustling Quayside seen from River Court.



The Pickarel Inn on Magdalene Street is one of the oldest public houses in Cambridge.

# The Delegate Experience



Punting along Magdalene's extensive river frontage.

“ I had a wonderful time in Cambridge and I'll definitely bring my family back. Our chauffeured punt trip was like going back in time... ”



Full board conferences are generally available during the university vacation when most students leave the college. The main conference period is during July, August and September. In addition, during term-time we are happy to accommodate day meetings, seminars, workshops, receptions, lunches and dinners.

To check availability please contact the Conference Team who will discuss your requirements and advise you on the planning of your event at Magdalene. We always encourage a visit to the College so that you can see for yourself the full range of facilities available.

#### TRAVEL:

*Cambridge is easily accessible to UK and International clients by road, rail and air.*

##### By road.

Magdalene College is close to the M11 motorway linking to the A14 and the M1

##### By rail.

The College is less than 2 miles from Cambridge Railway Station where the frequent service means that clients can be in London in just 45 minutes

##### By air.

Stansted airport is approximately 30 miles by car and there is also an excellent rail link to Cambridge. Heathrow airport is 71 miles away and Gatwick 95



The main entrance to Cripps Court on Chesterton Road.



One of the bedrooms at Cripps Court, complete with internet access.



The courtyard gardens of Cripps Court.

# Logistics

## and Booking Details









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