

The History of Engineering at Cambridge

by Jim Mynors

Thurs 28th May

2:00pm for 2:15 start

Faringdon United Church

Entry £3 including refreshments

Outline

In his three part talk, Jim will describe the evolution of, and major advances developed within the Department of Engineering at Cambridge University.

- Part 1: Cinderella and the prince - from humble origins to a leading role in the university as described in Haroon Ahmed's book [Cambridge Engineering - the first 150 years](#)
- Part 2: Gulliver - Jim's personal experience of learning from the giants of the 1960's - Professors [Baker](#), [Oatley](#), [Heyman](#), [Calladine](#) & Cumpsty.
- Part 3: Hogwarts - magical developments reported in the [departmental newsletter 2005-2025](#)

Speaker Bio

Jim was a 1967-71 Scholar at Peterhouse Cambridge obtaining his 1st Class honours degree via the Engineering *fast course* in 2 years enabling him to study Theology thereafter. Through the 1970's he travelled around the University world for the Inter-Varsity Fellowship and in the 1990s was Vice-Principal of the East Anglian Ministerial Training Course. He then became a Rural Officer (working on environmental and other issues networking regionally and nationally). From 2013 he was a Canon of Peterborough until retiring to the Faringdon area in 2017. Over those years he maintained his interest in Peterhouse and the Cambridge Engineering department through publications and Alumni gatherings. In 2020 he spoke to the U3A Science and Technology group on *Engineering rural parishes*.