THE MAYORS
OF
NORTHAMPTON

Including
EXTRACTS FROM THE BOOKLET
‘AN EXHIBITION OF CIVIC PORTRAITS’

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The Mayors Portraits

The illustration is of Mr. William Gibson (Mayor in 1771, 1785 and 1804) by J. N. Castelli circa 1800. It is the earliest known portrait of a Mayor of Northampton in The Art Gallery collection.
THE OFFICE OF MAYOR

It was King Richard I who, in the charter granted to Northampton on 18th November 1189, first gave the town the right to elect annually a Reeve (bailiff) who soon became known as the Portreeve. This was because he carried out similar management duties in the Port (walled town) to those of the Shire reeve (Sheriff) in The Shire. The Charter of 1189 was confirmed in 1200 and again by King Henry III in 1227, but by the time that the letters patent were issued in 1252 the name of the office had been changed to the Anglo-Norman form of Mayor. This change had probably taken place as early as 1215, the year of the signing of Magna Carta, thus making Northampton one of the first places with London and York to adopt the new title for its annually elected leading citizen.

If there ever were a list of Northampton Mayors kept officially it no longer exists in the Borough Records. It could well have been lost in the great fire of 1675. The list that we do have, one of the longest and most complete in the country, is made up from municipal records and a number of other sources including Exchequer rolls, manuscript lists and published lists such as that in Freeman and Son's History of Northampton of 1847.

There is also an early manuscript list in The Library of Trinity College, Dublin, covering the period from Richard II to Edward IV (written about 1459), and these all together now give us a complete list from the mayoralty of John Geddington in 1377 to the present day. The researches of the late Miss Joan Wake and others have identified a further 75 mayors from individual documents taking us right back to William Tilly in 1215, who may well have been the first to take the office under its present title.

The following extract is taken from British History online; Northants volume 3 (http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/northants/vol3/pp1-26)

As late as 1212 John addressed to the reeve and good men of Northampton a command to lead the armed forces of the town, which is directed in the cases of London and Lincoln to the mayors of those cities. But three years later an unequivocally dated document mentions what may well be the election of the first mayor of Northampton. On 17 February 1215 John, then at Silverstone, addressed a writ to his good men (probi homines) of Northampton: 'Know that we have received William Thilly to be your mayor. We therefore command you to be intendent to him as your mayor, and to cause to be elected twelve of the better and more discreet of your town to expedite with him your affairs in your town.' From this date onwards commands directed to the mayor, coupled
sometimes with the reeves or bailiffs and sometimes with the good men of the town, occur upon the Close and Patent Rolls, though the reeves are addressed by themselves on matters connected with the Exchequer, and under Henry III the title of bailiff soon displaces that of reeve altogether in the royal commands whether on judicial or on financial matters.

William Tilly, the first mayor of Northampton, is also mentioned in a letter of Faukes de Bréauté to Hubert de Burgh, which must fall between 1215 and 1224. He held land in Flore: he, or a relation of the same name, is mentioned in the 1260 custumal as one of the burgesses appointed for levying a duty on the sale of cloths to foreign merchants, and his name occurs in several early town deeds. He probably held office for many years, as was usual among his successors in the 13th century. The next mayors mentioned by name are Robert de Leycester, who occurs in a lawsuit in 1229, and Robert le Especer, who accounts at the Exchequer in 1231. Six other mayors are named, from 1249 to 1272, and six from 1273 to 1299. Under the charter of 1299, now preserved at Northampton, the burgesses were to present the mayor-elect at the Exchequer every year within the octave of Michaelmas, that he might there take the oath pertaining to his office. From 1299 onwards the name of the mayor is enrolled on the Michaelmas Presentationes of the Memoranda Roll in the Exchequer, often accompanied by the names of the burgesses who signed the letters patent presenting him. The same names recur from year to year, and are clearly those of the leading burgesses—the mayor's colleagues and councillors. In 1478 Edward IV granted by letters patent that the mayor might henceforth be sworn in before the town recorder at Northampton, without coming up to Westminster. The re-election of the mayor, usual in the 14th century, was restricted in the 15th. In 1437, during the fourth mayoralty of John Sprygy, it was ordained that henceforth no mayor who had held office for a whole year should be re-elected till seven years had passed. In 1558 the assembly confirmed this, adding that none should be chosen mayor oftener than thrice, whilst in 1570 this was reduced to twice. The election of the mayors, to be held before Michaelmas under the charter of 1299, took place about St. Matthew's Day (21 September) in the 14th century, about St. Giles' Day (1 September) in the 16th, and was directed in 1618 to be held within ten days of the first of August. The mayor-elect was known as 'the mayor's joint' till Michaelmas, when he assumed office.

In the Liber Custumarium, the ancient book of the customs of Northampton, is recorded an order of 1437 that no one may become mayor for a second time until 7 years have elapsed. This was confirmed by The Town Assembly in 1558 but it also added the rider that no man could thenceforth be mayor more than three times in his life. This later was reduced to twice in 1570, but the practice seems to have lapsed by the middle sixteen hundreds.
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The roll of Northampton Mayors includes well-known names such as Thomas Chipsey (1514, 1527 and 1558) the founder of the Grammar School, and Lawrence Washington (1532 and 1545) ancestor of the first President of the United States of America.

Many trades and professions are represented and not least Northampton's staple industry, footwear manufacture, as exemplified by Sir Philip Manfield (1883, also M.P. for The Borough) and Sir Henry Randall (1893 and 1896). The names of past mayors are even today commemorated in our street names such as Barry Road and Vernon Terrace.

However, in spite of the long history of the Mayoralty, Northampton was tardy in electing a lady to the office, and that almost by accident 75 years ago. In January 1933 Councillor Percy Hanafy (elected November 1932) died while making a speech at the annual dinner of the Master Butchers' Association. A few days later, his wife, also a Councillor as well as being the Mayoress, bravely accepted office for the remainder of his year, and thus Helen Hanafy became the first to break the centuries long tradition of male Mayors. Since then thirteen more ladies have been elected to the office of first citizen of Northampton (1947, 1960, 1961, 1966, 1968, 1974, 1980, 1993, 2000, 2005, 2007, 2010 and the most recent, Cllr Penny Flavell in 2015/16).

It is difficult to state the exact number people that have held the office of Mayor as there are many years where no record exist. From the known Mayors we can say there have been 746 in the 828 years up to the current Mayor, Cllr Tony Ansell 2018/19. 15 Mayors have died in office, the last being Cllr Alwyn Jesse Hargrave - January 1995, and 3 have been deposed. 45 Mayors have held office for more than 1 year, the longest known are 12 years continuous service and 11 years broken service.

The steps of the original Guildhall building have for years been the focal point of local and national celebration. The picture below is of Mayor Henry Butterfield proclaiming the accession of George V - May 1910.

W. N. Terry & D. J. Taylor
The complete list of known Mayors of Northampton

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1312 * Alexander de Naylesworth.
1313 * Adam le Ayller.
1314 * William de Tekne.
1315 * Henry le Ayler (or le Garlekmonger)
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1317 * Alexander de Naillesworth.
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1319 * Walter de Burgo.
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1327 Simon de Levishull.
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1329 * Walter - de Burgh.
1330 * William le Widower.
1331 * William Elys.
1332 * Walter de Burgo.
1333 * John de Lungevil.
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1335 * Adam de Cotesbrooke.
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1379 John Haughton.
1380 Simon Daventry.
1381 Lawrence Haddon.
1382 Thomas Wakelyne.
1383 Thomas Sutton.
1384 John Fox.
1385 John Shrovesbury.
1386 Simon Daventry.
1387 John Grigge (Draper).
1388 Henry Lavender.
1389 Thomas Sprygy (Draper).
1390 Simon Daventry.
1391 Richard Spicer.
1392 John Fox.
1393 John Shrovesbury.
1394 Thomas Wakelyne.
1395 Henry Cayso (Draper).
1396 John Shrovesbury.
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1399 John Fox.
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1401 John Loutetheam (MP 1399) (Woolman).
1402 Thomas Sprygy.
1403 Thomas Overton (MP 1410) (Draper)
1404 John Sywell
1405 John Shrovesbury.
1406 William Wale.
1407 Simon Spycer (Mercer).
1408 William Shefford.
1409 Henry Cayso.
1410 John Sprynge (MP 1399) (Mercer).
1411 John Weller (Draper).
1412 Thomas Wedon.
1413 John Gregory (Ironmonger).
1414 John Sprynge (MP 1399)(Mercer).
1415 John Sprynge (MP 1399)(Mercer).
1416 John Loutetheam (MP 1399)
1417 Thomas Warwyk.
1418 Thomas Sale.
1419 Thomas Sale.
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1420 John Sprygy (Draper).
1421 Richard Wemys.
1422 Thomas Sale.
1423 Thomas Sale.
1424 Henry Cayso.
1425 John Sprygy.
1426 John Sprygy.
1427 Richard May (Mercer).
1428 John Sprygy.
1429 John Loutheham (MP 1399) (Hosier).
1430 William Rushden (MP)

1431 John Barnett.
1432 Thomas Sale.
1433 Thomas Sale.
1434 Henry Stone.
1435 Henry Stone.
1436 John Sprygy.
1437 John Perry.
1438 John Hancock.
1439 William Rushden, junr.
1440 Richard Welnys.
1441 John Balderswell.
1442 Thomas Bottesham.
1443 William Peryn.
1444 Thomas Deraunt.
1445 Thomas Saxby.
1446 John Asheborne.
1447 William Rushden, Junr.
1448 Gilbert Lyster (Draper).
1449 Thomas Knightley.
1450 William Coke (Butcher).
1451 William May (Mercer).
1452 Thomas Brayfield (Dyer).
1453 William Perrin (Mercer).
1454 John Asheborne.
1455 William Rushden. Junr (MP) (the son of William Rushden, Mayor 1430)
1456 Thomas Hunt (Draper).
1457 Gilbert Lyster (Draper).
1458 Thomas Saxby (Mercer).
1459 William Austen (generosus et Armiger).
1460 William Maye.
1461 William Scamfeld.
1462 William Herd.
1463 William Perrin.
1464 Thomas Hunt.
1465 John Butler.
1466 John Hancock.
1467 William Austin.
1468 William Maye.
1469 John Clarke.
1470 William Heron.
1471 Thomas Saxilby.
1472 Thomas Hunt.
1473 John Wilcocks.
1474 Simon Kilsby.
1475 William Austin.
1476 Henry Coleman.
1477 Simon Bradfield.
1478 William Harrow.
1479 William Mills.
1480 Thomas Hunt.
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1481 Thomas Poope.
1482 John Clarke.
1483 William Lynde.
1484 William Wiseman.
1485 Simon Bradfield.
1486 Henry Humphrey.
1487 John Astley.
1488 Thomas Derby.
1489 William Flower.
1490 John Watts.
1491 Henry Humphrey.
1492 John Smith.
1493 John Bell.
1494 Roger Butler.
1495 John Disney and John Goldwyer.
1496 Matthew Sweyne.
1497 Thomas Watts.
1498 Henry Humphrey.
1499 Thomas Newman.
1500 John Smith.
1501 Richard Crispe.
1502 Richard Green.
1503 Thomas Parks.
1504 John Sakes.
1505 Robert Shefford.
1506 William Buckby.
1507 Henry Humphrey.
1508 John Saxby.
1509 John Perven.
1510 Richard Crispe and John Watts.
1511 John Smith and John Hilton.
1512 Roger Gold.
1513 Thomas Penny.
1514 Thomas Chipsey.
1515 John Walker.
1516 William Band.
1517 Richard Dickson.
1518 Richard Wheeler.
1519 John Saxby.
1520 Richard Bowers.
1521 John Buckby.
1522 Richard Howard.
1523 Thomas Addington.
1524 John Perven.
1525 Lawrence Manley (MP) (Draper/Mercer)
1526 John Motte.
1527 Thomas Chipsey.
1528 William Band.
1529 Richard A’ Bowers.
1530 Richard Dickson and John Saxby.
1531 John Saxby.
1532 Lawrence Washington
1533 Richard Wilkinson.
1534 Nicholas Rands.
1535 Lawrence Manley (MP)
1536 William Wager.
1537 John Motte.
1538 Thomas Chipsey.
1539 Henry Neal.
1540 Richard A’ Bowers.
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1541 John Brightwell.
1542 Anthony Bryan.
1543 Christopher Bernard.
1544 Richard Johnson.
1545 Lawrence Washington.
1546 Richard Wilkinson.
1547 Lawrence Manley (MP)
1548 Henry Clarke.
1549 John Browne.
1550 Ralph Freeman (MP-1554)
1551 Nicholas Rands.
1552 Henry Neal.
1553 George Coldwell.
1554 William Taylor and William Petnall.
1555 Anthony Bryan.
1556 John Balguy.
1557 Lawrence Manley (MP 1529-Oct1553) and John Browne (following Lawrence’s death).
1558 John Long.
1559 Edward Manley (MP) (son of Lawrence Manley).
1560 Thomas Hopkins.
1561 Thomas Collis.
1562 Ralph Maynard.
1563 Richard Wharloe.
1564 Thomas Pemerton.
1565 John Balguy.
1566 Edward Manley (MP)
1567 John Bryan.
1568 Henry Wandley.
1569 Thomas Hopkins.
1570 Ralph Maynard.
1571 Richard Wharloe.
1572 John Hensman.
1573 Henry Clarke.
1574 Edward Manley (MP)
1575 Edward Stretley.
1576 Henry Wandley.
1577 William Raynsforde.
1578 John Bryan.
1579 Thomas Crosswell.
1580 John Hopkins.
1581 John Kyrtilande.
1582 Lawrence Manley Junr. (Son of Edward Manley and grandson of Lawrence Manley)
1583 John Mercer.
1584 John Hensman.
1585 William Rainsford.
1586 John Bicheno.
1587 Thomas Humphrey.
1588 Thomas Crosswell.
1589 John Holland.
1590 Thomas Fryer.
1591 John Cooper.
1592 Lawrence Ball.
1593 John Bryan.
1594 Edward Mercer.
1595 George Rainsford.
1596 Thomas Crosswell.
1597 John Mercer.
1598 Thomas Humphrey.
1599 Edward Hensman.
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1600 Thomas Atkins.
1601 Thomas Judkins.
1602 Edward Mercer.
1603 George Rainsford.
1604 Thomas Crosswell.
1605 George Coldwell.
1606 Roger Higham.
1607 Edward Hensman.
1608 Francis Fisher.
1609 Abraham Ventris.
1610 Thomas Bradford.
1611 Raphael Humphrey.
1612 Edward Mercer.
1613 Robert Roson.
1614 Lawrence Rainsford.
1615 James Mercer.
1616 Thomas Martin.
1617 George Rainsford.
1618 Edward Collis.
1619 Raphael Humphrey.
1620 Henry Chadwick.
1621 Thomas Cooper.
1622 Richard Woollaston.
1623 Thomas Gutteridge.
1624 Thomas Martin.
1625 Roger Sargent.
1626 William Knight.
1627 John Danbie.
1628 John Gifford.
1629 John Harbert.
1630 John Bott.
1631 Matthew Sillesbie.
1632 John Twigden.
1633 Thomas Cowper.
1634 Thomas Gutteridge.
1635 William Knight.
1636 John Gifford.
1637 William Collis.
1638 Richard Fowler.
1639 John Danby.
1640 John Fisher.
1641 Lawrence Ball.
1642 John Gifford.
1643 Francis Rushworth.
1644 Joseph Sargeant.
1645 Samuel Martin.
1646 Peter Whalley.
1647 John Spicer.
1648 Thomas Pindleton.
1649 Matthew Silsbie.
1650 Benoni Coldwell.
1651 Thomas Maynard.
1652 Lawrence Woollaston.
1653 Henry Sprigg.
1654 Edward Collis.
1655 Peter Whalley.
1656 Joseph Sergeant.
1657 Jonathan Whiston.
1658 William Selby.
1659 Thomas Collins.
1660 John Collins.
1661 Thomas Thornton.
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1662 William Spencer (deposed) by K. Charles).
1662 John Brayfield.
1663 William Vaughan.
1664 Francis Pickmer.
1665 John Friend (Frend or Freind)
1666 Richard Rands.
1667 Richard Massingberd.
1668 John Stevens and John Friend.
1669 William Spencer.
1670 Edward Collis.
1671 Joseph Sergeant.
1672 John Willoughby.
1673 John Howes.
1674 Jonathan Whiston.
1675 Edward Knighton.
1676 John Friend.
1677 John Friend.
1680 Bartholomew Manning.
1681 William Else.
1682 Thomas Atterbury
1683 Thomas Sergeant.
1684 Robert Styles.
1685 Robert Ives, Jun.
1686 Theophilus Whiston.
1687 William Wallis (deposed by K. James).
1688 Henry Flexney (deposed by K. James).
1688 John Selby.

1689 James Green.
1690 Thomas Chadwick. (or possibly Chaddock or Haddock)
1691 John Clark.
1692 William Agutter.
1693 Samuel Clifford.
1694 John Collis.
1695 Jonathan Warner.
1696 Robert Ives, Jun.
1697 John Clarke.
1698 John Hoare and John Clarke.
1699 Thomas Brafield.
1700 Edward Ivory.
1701 William Pettitt.
1702 Benjamin Bullivant.
1703 Samuel Clifford.
1704 John Whithorne.
1705 John Clarke (Draper).
1706 Richard Sanders. Sen.
1707 Henry Jeffcutt.
1708 Samuel Lyon.
1709 Samuel Lyon.
1710 Joseph Woolston.
1711 John Agutter.
1712 John Clarke.
1713 Thomas Carr (Grocer).
1714 Thomas Peach, Sen.
1715 John Loasbey
1716 John Wallis.
1717 John Wallis.
1718 Richard Jeffcott.
1719 Thomas Ives.
1720 Richard Sanders.
1721 Paul Agutter.
1722 William Burt.
1723 Thomas Hayes.
1724 Nicholas Jeffcutt.
1725 Nicholas Battin.
1726 George Thompson.
1727 Samuel Williamson.
1728 Samuel Plackett.
1729 John Pratt.
1730 Nathaniel Easton.
1731 Thomas Peach, Jun.
1732 Edward Bayly.
1733 John Woolston.
1734 John Battin.
1735 John Fawsitt. (The spelling is unclear. Fawcett, Fawcitt or Fossett)
1736 Thomas King.
1737 Benjamin Chapman.
1738 Samuel Marriott.
1739 Stanford Farrin.
1740 Joseph Woolston, Jun.
1741 George Hayes.
1742 John Newcome.
1743 Charles Lyon.
1744 William Williamson.
1745 John Gibson.
1746 John Smith.
1747 William Fabian.
1748 Charles Stratford.
1749 Henry Locock.

1750 Sloswick Carr. and Joseph Woolston.
1751 Richard Moore.
1752 John Plackett.
1753 George Thompson.
1754 Henry Jeffcutt.
1755 William Jackson.
1756 Stamford Farrin.
1757 Robert Lucas.
1758 Lucas Ward.
1759 John Fox.
1760 Robert Tyers.
1761 Robert Morris.
1762 William Giles.
1763 Joseph Elston.
1764 William Davis (of the Angel)
1765 Robert Balaam.
1766 John Davies.
1767 Thomas Breton. (The spelling is unclear. Britten, Bretton or Britton)
1768 John Edwards.
1769 Henry Woolley.
1770 Samuel Sturgess.
THE MAYORS PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAITS

Northampton Borough Council has one of the most comprehensive collections of mayoral photographic portraits in the country.

Every year an official photograph is taken of the Mayor to hang in the Mayors parlour and corridor.

The first true Mayors regalia photographs is this one of John Phipps, 1862. Though there are 10 mayoral pictures missing from the collection between 1863 and 1887, the collection is complete from James Barry, Mayor in 1888 to the present day.

In 2016 the Council had all the whole collection professionally rephotographed and is now able to illustrate the collection in this booklet for the first time. Thumbnails of each one are included next to each entry.

THE MAYORS PAINTINGS

There are also a number of oil paintings of Mayors of Northampton. Indeed this booklet begins with the earliest however there are 14 others in the Council's Civic Art Collection. Below is a summary of each one. The full art collection can be viewed on the Art UK website


Mr. William Gibson 1771, 1785, 1804

This illustration is the earliest known portrait of a Mayor of Northampton in The Art Gallery collection of He was Mayor in 1771 and again in 1785

Records show he was also Mayor in 1804 with 1804 Francis Hayes though the Council has no detail of whether he died in office or shared the role.

The painting is by J: N. Castelli circa 1800.
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Part 2

Where a known picture exists of a past mayor it is reproduced here beginning with William Gibson, 1771

1771 William Gibson.
1772 William King.
1773 Henry Thompson.
1774 Edward Kerby.
1775 John Newcome.
1776 William Chamberlain.
1777 Robert Trasler.
1778 Edward Cole.
1779 James Clarke.
1780 William Thompson.
1781 Clarke Hillyard.
1783 James Sutton.
1784 Richard Mills.
1785 William Gibson.
1786 Samuel Treslove.
1787 Hill Gudgeon.
1788 Richard Meacock.
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1791 James Miller.
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1793 Jeremiah Briggs.
1794 Thomas Hall.
1795 Thomas Hall.
1796 Charles Smith.
1797 John Matthew Hopkins.
1798 Francis Osborn.
1799 George Osborn.
1800 Thomas Johnson.
1801 Samuel Holt.
1802 Charles Freeman.
1803 William Birdsall.
1804 Francis Hayes and William Gibson.
1805 Thomas Armfield.
1806 Joshua Cooch.
1808 Thomas Hall.
1809 Nathaniel Jones.
1810 Philip Constable.
1811 John Chambers.
1812 Marmaduke Newby.
1813 William Brown.
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1816 Francis Mulliner.
1817 John Barrett.
1818 William Birdsall.
1819 Robert Smithson.
1820 William Henfrey.

1821 Pickering Phipps
1822 George Osborn, Jun.
1823 James Birdsall.
1824 James Castell.
1825 Edward Gates.
1826 Daniel Hewlett.
1827 Francis Mulliner.
1830 Henry Lenton Stockburn.
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1832 John Freeman.
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1835 Charles Freeman.
1836 George Peach.
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1838 Thomas Hagger.
1839 Thomas Sharp.
1840 William Williams.
1841 William Turner.
1842 Edward Harrison Barwell.
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1845 John Groom.
1846 Thomas Sharp.
1847 Joseph Wykes.
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1849 Francis Parker.
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1851 Thomas Hagger.
1852 Philadelphus Jeyes.
1853 William Williams.
1854 William Dennis

1855 Christopher Markham
1856 William Thomas Higgins

1857 William Hensman
1858 William Roberts
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1859 Edmund Francis Law

1860 Pickering Phipps

1861 Henry Philip Markham

1862 John Phipps

1863 Mark

1864 Thomas Osborne
1865 James Barry

1866 Pickering Phipps

1867 J. Berridge Norman

1868 J. Middleton Vernon

1869 William Adkins

1870 Pickering P. Perry

1871 Henry Marshall

1872 William Jones

1873 Richard Turner

1874 William Adkins

1875 Joseph Gurney
1876 George Turner
1877 Thomas Tebbutt

1878 William Dennis

1879 Joseph Gurney
1880 Robert Derby

1881 William John Peirce
1882 William Coulson

1883 Moses Philip Manfield

1884 Thomas Adams
1885 Thomas Adams

1886 Richard Cleaver

1887 Frederick Covington

1888 James Barry
1889 William Mills

1890 George Norman
1891 Edwin Bridgewater

1892 Henry Martin
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1893 Henry Edward Randall
1894 William Tomes
1895 Frederick Ellen
1896 Henry Edward Randall
1897 Wm. P. Hannen
1898 Francis Tonsley
1899 Joseph Jeffery
1900 Frederick. Geo. Adnitt
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1902 Thomas Purser
1903 Edward Lewis
1904 Albert Ernest Marlow
1905 James Manfield
1906 Edward L. Poulton
1907 Thos. Lansberry Wright
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1908 John Brown

1909 Henry Butterfield

1910 Samuel Yarde

1911 Lee Fyson Cogan

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Did you know?

Few Mayors in recent times have held the post more than once. Pickering Phipps did just that in 1860 and 1866. He later became Sir Pickering Phipps.

The last true duel term office of Mayor was Harvey Reaves in 1912 and then again in 1920 after receiving his Order of the British Empire (O.B.E).

The last mayor to die in office was Alwyn Jesse Hargrave in January, 1995. Les Patterson, who covered the office until May 1995 and then completed his year as Mayor, was the last person to serve more than one full term.

Two Mayors were members of the same Boys’ Brigade Company - 30th Northampton, Park Avenue Methodist Church. 1978, David Walmsley and 1983, Roger Winter. 1983 was also the centenary of the founding of the Boys’ Brigade by William Alexander Smith in Glasgow.

Malcolm Lloyd was Mayor during the 800th anniversary of Northampton’s Charter. 800 oak trees were planted to commemorate the event on land at the back of Delapre Abbey, one of Northampton’s oldest surviving buildings. The site is known as ‘Charter Wood’. Although Malcolm Lloyd was the Mayor for the 800th year, Evelyn E Fitzhugh was, as far as records can show, the 800th Mayor in 1974.

The current Mayor, Cllr Tony Ansell, will be the 777th unique Mayor of Northampton or the 846th Mayor in Chronological order.

Christopher Malpas, Mayor in 2016/17 was the 2nd known registered blind Mayor of Northampton, the first being Roger Winter who inspired and helped fund the sensory Garden for the Blind in Abington Park from his Mayors fund.

**Coronation Lapel Pin**

This unusual medal has been passed to me to try and identify.

It would appear to have been produced by the Mayor, Cllr Samuel Yarde however the listing above shows he was mayor in 1910 not 1911.

Was it produced just for Councillors / Aldermen or could it have been issued to local dignitaries as well?

I have a suspicion this one was originally presented to a senior member of the Northampton Constabulary.

Any help you can give identifying the origins of this would be very much appreciated. I would also be interested to hear from anyone else who has one or knows of someone issued with one.

P.S. 2011

Since writing this in 2009 two identical medals have been traced though neither of the current owners has any knowledge of their origin. The mystery continues.
Wall hanging

This artefact appears to be unique in the history of past Mayors. Very little is known about it other than it was found in a skip in the 1920’s or 30’s and is dated 1863.

John Phipps was Mayor of Northampton from Oct 1862 – Sept 1863 and was the presiding Mayor during the main building phase of the Guildhall (which is still used for Council meetings and as it’s central office to this day).

In particular it would be extremely helpful to identify the star below the crest. Does it relate to the shoe making industry, a naval symbol or even the legal profession? It could even be connected to a masonic lodge or other order. At the moment research has drawn a blank. Can you help? The closest anyone has come is to link it to HMS Laforey though nothing can be found linking John Phipps with Laforey.

If you have any pictures, amendments or unusual artefacts connected with past Mayors that you think could be included in the next update please contact Information Governance.
Some earlier versions of the Northampton crest and seal