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Welcome back to Lent term at the Cambridge Union, and to the Union’s 200th Anniversary! We’ve been working hard over the past months to put together a termcard that is packed with top speakers and fantastic events to start our Bicentenary year with a bang!

Our line-up of inspirational and influential speakers ranges from US politician Sarah Palin, to well loved illustrator Sir Quentin Blake, comedian Simon Amstell, eminent journalist Jon Snow, feminist icon Germaine Greer, musician Bonnie Tyler, entrepreneur Theo Paphitis and senior judge Lord Hope. With such a diverse range of prominent figures, there is something on offer for everyone.

Our topical and controversial debates tackle issues ranging from politics and religion to science and sex. Prominent Labour and Conservative politicians will debate the fate of Britain following the general election, Stephen Fry will join Peter Hitchens to oppose the disestablishment of the Church, and Ken Clarke and Michael Howard will go head to head with Baroness Hayman to discuss the Union itself in a special Bicentenary debate. Dr Norman Finkelstein and the founder of Yachad will argue whether Israel is a rogue state, the CEO of the UK Space Agency will defend the cost of space exploration, and a motion on legalising the sex industry will see the highest paid UK sex worker debate the leader of controversial feminist movement FEMEN. Lent will also see the return of the popular comedy debate, featuring top Footlights, Oxford comics and a star of Made in Chelsea.

Beyond speakers and debates, our forums will provide the opportunity to discuss the future of the European Union, the relationship between faith and feminism, and a chance to grill each of the Prospective Parliamentary Candidates for Cambridge.

This term’s programme of ents promises to be one of the best ever, with the much anticipated Bicentenary Ball, A Night in History, joined by ArcSoc’s Saturate cabaret, the Itchy Feet Valentines Ball, a Rainbow Bop in collaboration with RAG, and a Superbowl Party. The much loved weekly cocktail workshops, zumba, pilates, yoga and meditation will all return, along with numerous post debate ents with live music and fantastic cocktails in the 1815 Bar.

Have a brilliant term, and I look forward to seeing lots of you in the coming weeks.

Amy Gregg
President, Lent 2015
Competitive Debating

The Cambridge Union Society runs one of the most successful and inclusive competitive debating programmes in the world. You need no previous experience to get involved.

Every Wednesday, from 7.00-9.00pm, we run workshops and practice debates for those who wish to hone their skills.

We offer members the chance to debate around the UK on a weekly basis, and give as many members as possible the chance to debate. We cover the registration fees and part of your travel costs.

The Union also hosts debating workshops for schools across the UK. Teaching in these workshops is a fun, rewarding way to pass on the art of debating and develop teaching skills. Cambridge debaters also serve as judges for Cambridge Schools, the largest schools debating competition in the world, which offers schoolchildren from a wide range of backgrounds the opportunity to learn more about Cambridge and debating.

For more information, please contact Matt Hazell or Thomas Simpson at debating@cus.org.

Speakers and Debates Committees
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Members of Speakers Committee invite high profile individuals from a range of fields including politics, academia, the media and entertainment. Debates Committee is responsible for securing the line-up for all our Easter term debates, inviting speakers from the top of their fields to speak in our historic Chamber. Commitment is very flexible and it is a great way to get involved!

Ents Committee
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Ents Committee help plan the Union’s Social Events, from smaller weekly ents to some of the biggest and best parties in Cambridge.

Stewards and AV Stewards
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Stewards are the Union’s front line workers, helping with the logistical and security aspects of our events. AV Stewards film and record all debates and speaker events. No previous experience is necessary, and all stewards receive £5 bar tab and a free panini after every event they help at.

Guest Liaison Assistants
Chloe Coleman and Asia Lambert
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Ash Nandi and Lucy Wark
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GLAs are responsible for looking after Union guests during their time in Cambridge, which is an excellent opportunity to meet the high profile speakers the Union hosts.
Celebrating 200 Years

The Bicentenary Debate

Saturday 7 February

Following a celebratory dinner for Officers and Presidents past and present, the Union will play host to a series of high profile speakers to debate a motion on The Cambridge Union itself. This will be a chance for resident and non-resident members to engage with the Union's long and prestigious history, celebrating the old as well as the new.

This event will be exclusively for members of the Cambridge Union, and will feature a black tie photograph before the debate begins.

The Cambridge Union

The Bicentenary Ball

‘A Night in History’

Friday 20 February

See the Union as you have never seen it before. The Union will be transformed for one night only, celebrating 200 years of our history with a magnificent Ball, starting at 9.00pm and going on into the small hours of the morning.

This event is exclusively for current students, and is a chance to celebrate the Union's history as a social hub.

The Cambridge Union
The 2015 Garden Party

May Week, 2015

The 2015 Garden Party will take over the entirety of the Sidney Sussex Gardens, and will bring together members resident and non-resident on a summer afternoon to celebrate our long history.

This event is open to all current students at the University of Cambridge and Union members.

Sidney Sussex Gardens

The 200th Anniversary Debate

Saturday 26 September 2015

The 2015 Program will culminate in a unique event in Central London in September 2015. For the first time in the Union’s history we will be hosting a debate outside of Cambridge to enable greater access for non-resident members. Following the result of the 2015 General Election, the Union will host speakers to debate an issue of national importance at the historic Middle Temple Hall.

This event will be open to all members of the public, with the motion and speakers being announced at the 2015 Garden Party.

Middle Temple Hall, City of London
Deloitte would like to wish Amy and the new officers Oliver, James, Roisin and Sachin all a very successful term. We also want to thank Nick for his ongoing work managing our relationship.

The firm are delighted with the progress that we have achieved so far via our work with the Union society; the live streaming facility, greater reach of the website and social media, and a more diverse audience for the Schools Debating Competition. We are also proud to be part of the exciting milestone of the 200th Anniversary celebrations throughout 2015. It is a wonderful opportunity for the world’s most prestigious student debating society to be celebrating the diversity of thought it engenders, as well as the impressive network of individuals involved, both past and present.

Deloitte has a long tradition of recruiting Cambridge alumni and we count ex Union Presidents, Vice Presidents, Officers and life members amongst our staff, globally. We have had over 400 applications so far this year from Cambridge students, which is fantastic and we already know that over 30 finalists have accepted a job offer to start their career with us. We are very proud of the strong ties between Deloitte and the Union society.

As we enter our anniversary year, the Union is pleased to announce that all events hosted in the Chamber or the Library are now being broadcast live and in high definition from a fully automated multi-camera rig. Members can watch the debate or speaker event online, and contribute by tweeting @CambridgeUnion. The presiding officer can then read out questions or comments on the floor of the Union.

You can access this service from anywhere in the world by logging in with your membership details at www.cus.org/CUSLive. If you joined the Union before online access, or if you have forgotten your details, please email development@cus.org to be set up with a simple-to-use online account.
Facilities & Bar

Happy Hour:
Monday – Wednesday 7.00pm–9.00pm
Friday & Saturday 8.00–10.00pm
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£2.60 Selected Spirits + Mixer
2 for £6.00 on Selected Cocktails
£9.00 for bottle of House Wine
4 bottles of Selected Beers for £10.00
£2.00 Selected Bombs

Cocktail Hour:
Thursday 10.00–11.00pm
Friday–Saturday 9.00pm–10.00pm
2 for £6.00 on Selected Cocktails

Members’ Deals:
50p Filter Coffee and Tea
£2.00 Paninis

The Union has a huge range of facilities and benefits available exclusively to members. With its own library, bar, café and snooker tables, it is a central hub of Cambridge student life. The 1815 Bar and Café is one of the finest and cheapest in Cambridge, open 10.00am until late every Monday to Saturday during term time, and offers discounts to all students.

Weekly Ents

Meditation
Mondays at 5.00pm: Calm your mind and body from the stress of work with this class and learn to discipline your mind.

Yoga
Wednesdays at 5.00pm: Unwind, strengthen and stretch your way to fitness with this class.

Pilates
Thursdays at 5.00pm: Develop your core muscles with this class.

Zumba
Fridays at 5.00pm starting on 16th January: Join the party with this effective dance workout. Please note that there will be no Zumba on January 23rd due to ArcSoc Cabaret, and February 20th due to The Bicentenary Ball.

Cocktail Workshops
Tuesdays at 7.00pm: Workshops will take place every fortnight on a Tuesday starting 20th January. Learn the basics of cocktail making and enjoy drinking your tasty creations afterwards. £10 for members and £15 for non-members. Email barmanager@cus.org to book your place.

LGBT+ Drinks
Mondays at 8.00pm: The Union is delighted to partner up with CUSU LGBT+ to bring you LGBT+ drinks every Monday. Come and pre-drink at the Union bar, before heading out to Life, Cambridge for their newly launched LGBT+ night.

All weekly ents will begin on Monday 19th January, except for Zumba which will begin on Friday 16th January. Tickets costs £2.00 for Union members and £5.00 for non-members. Tickets must be purchased at the bar. Please remember to bring your membership card to get the members’ discount.

Email Sachin Parathalingam at ents@cus.org for more information.
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This House Would Welcome the Return of a Labour Government

As we enter an election year, the Union will ask whether the Labour Party deserves to be returned a majority in Parliament. Come to the Union and make up your own mind about who should run the country in four months’ time.

Thursday 15 January 2015
7.30pm

Post-Debate Cross-Party Drinks
Alongside the Labour, Conservative, Green, Libertarian and Liberal Democrat student groups, we plan to fill the 1815 Bar with people of all political persuasions. Whether you are a budding activist, or simply curious, cross-party drinks are the perfect opportunity to meet new people.
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| **Hilary Benn MP**<br>Hilary Benn is MP for Leeds Central and Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. He served as a Minister under Tony Blair and Gordon Brown. |"
With the continued and increasing investment in developing regions around the world, the Union asks whether the global business community has exploited those in long term need in pursuit of short term profit.

**This House Believes**  
**CAPITALISM HAS FAILED THE THIRD WORLD**

*Thursday 22 January*  
*7.30pm*

**Jazz and Cocktails**  
Join us in the bar afterwards to continue the debate, unwind with friends, or take advantage of our cocktail hour between 10.00pm and 11.00pm. Whether you're a jazz expert or not, the music is guaranteed to get you moving.
**PROPOSITION**

Dr Antara Haldar
Dr Antara Haldar is a Law Professor at the University of Cambridge, specialising in the relationship between legal theory, economics and development.

Judge Richard Posner
Judge Richard Posner is currently a judge on the United States Court of Appeals. He is a respected jurist and economist, and is the author of *The Crisis of Capitalist Democracy*.

Dr Adam Booth
Dr Adam Booth is a Cambridge alumnus and founder of the Cambridge Marxist Society. He is now a socialist campaigner and journalist.

**OPPOSITION**

Julie Meyer
Julie Meyer is an American-born businesswoman and is the winner of the Ernst & Young Enterprenuer of the Year Award. She is also the founder of Enterpreneur Country.

Ravi Solanki
Ravi Solanki is a 4th year Medic and President of the Cambridge Development Initiative, a student-run NGO focussed on changing the way student volunteering is done.
This House Would
Disestablish the Church of England

The Union will tackle one of the most pressing constitutional issues of our generation. We ask whether coming decisions on the future of the UK's political structure should also remove the Church of England's established status, and thus its privileged position within British Government.

Thursday 29 January
7.30pm

Post-Debate Drinks
Join us in the bar after the debate to continue the debate, unwind with friends or take advantage of our cocktail hour between 10.00pm and 11.00pm.

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**PROPOSITION**

**Rev. Canon Giles Fraser**
Giles Fraser is a Church of England priest, and a columnist for The Guardian. He is a former Canon Chancellor of St Paul’s Cathedral.

**Andrew Copson**
Andrew Copson is the youngest ever Chief Executive of the British Humanist Association, and regularly writes for The Guardian and The New Statesman.

**Nia Griffith MP**
Nia Griffith is Shadow Minister for Wales. An honorary associate of the National Secular Society, she described the existence of the Lords Spiritual as ‘unacceptable’.

**OPPOSITION**

**Stephen Fry**
Stephen Fry is an activist, comedian, writer and actor. He identifies as an atheist and humanist, and is an advocate of good science, education and the enlightenment.

**Peter Hitchens**
Peter Hitchens is a journalist and author. He is a regular contributor to The Mail on Sunday and wrote *The Rage Against God*; on how atheism led him to Christian faith.

**Colin Bloom**
Colin Bloom is Chief Executive of the Conservative Christian Fellowship, which aims to build links between the Conservative Party and the Christian community.

**Bishop Tim Stevens**
The Right Reverend Tim Stevens is the Bishop of Leicester and the Church of England’s lead spokesperson on constitutional issues.
THIS HOUSE BELIEVES
SPACE EXPLORATION IS WORTH THE COST

As the global political community continues to tighten its economic belt, scientists and charity experts alike will come together to place the necessity of space exploration in the context of other pressing global issues and areas of scientific research.

Thursday 5 February
7.30pm

Post-Debate Drinks
Join us in the bar after the debate to continue the discussion, unwind with friends or take advantage of our cocktail hour between 10.00pm and 11.00pm.

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**PROPOSITION**

**Dr David Parker**
Dr David Parker is the Chief Executive of the UK Space Agency and chair of the European Space Agency’s Programme for Human Spaceflight.

**Alok Jha**
Alok Jha is the science correspondent at ITV News and a former science and environment reporter for the Guardian.

**Professor Alastair Reynolds**
Professor Alastair Reynolds left the European Space Agency in 2004 to become a full-time sci-fi writer. His works have won the Seiun and Sidewise awards.

**OPPOSITION**

**Dr Bapuji Rao Velagapudi**
Dr Bapuji Rao Velagapudi is a trustee of HEAL, a UK Charity that works to alleviate child poverty in India.
BICENTENARY DEBATE

This House ISN’T WHAT IT USED TO BE

As the Union welcomes back 200 former Presidents and Officers to celebrate its Bicentenary, we invite some of the finest former Presidents in the Union’s existence to debate the highs and lows of our long and controversial history.

Saturday 7 February
7.30pm

The Union is proud to welcome back former Officers as honoured guests of this debate, including: the Rt. Hon Vince Cable, Lord Lamont, the Rt. Hon Andrew Mitchell, Lord Smith, the Hon Bernard Jenkin, Lord Justice Jackson, Lord Justice Bean, Sir Christopher Greenwood, Robert Harris, and many more.

There will be a black tie photo preceding the debate, which members are welcome to join.
**PROPOSITION**

Kenneth Clarke MP
Kenneth Clarke has been a Member of Parliament since 1970 and is a former Chancellor of the Exchequer and Home Secretary. He read Law at Caius and was President in Easter 1963.

Lord Howard
Lord Michael Howard is the former Leader of the Conservative Party and former Leader of the Opposition. He read Economics and Law at Peterhouse and was President in Easter 1962.

Baroness Mallalieu
Baroness Ann Mallalieu is a Labour life peer, former Barrister and President of the Countryside Alliance. She read law at Newnham and was the first ever female President in 1967.

Michael Dunn Goekjian
Michael Dunn Goekjian is a third-year student at Trinity, reading mathematics. He was named the 2nd best debater in the world at the 2015 World University Debating Championship and was President in Easter 2014.

**OPPOSITION**

Gareth Weetman
Gareth Weetman is a barrister with over 15 year's experience of trial advocacy. He read Law at Christ’s and was President in Michaelmas 1997.

Lord Turner
Lord Turner is a businessman, academic, and a member of the UK’s Financial Policy Committee. He read History and Economics at Caius and was President in Michaelmas 1977.

Baroness Hayman
Baroness Hayman is the former Lord Speaker of the House of Lords and has been a Labour life peer since 1996. She read Law at Newnham and was President in Easter 1969.

Sir Peter Bazalgette
Sir Peter Bazalgette is the Chair of Arts Council England and arguably ‘the most influential man in British television’. He read Law at Fitz and was President in Michaelmas 1975.
This House is OVERWORKED AND UNDERSEXED

As Valentine’s Day approaches, the Union welcomes two current-Oxbridge comics, two ex-Oxbridge comics, a professional comedian and an ex-star of Made in Chelsea to discuss their sex lives... What could possibly go wrong?

Thursday 12 February
7.30pm

Comedy Ent with the Cambridge Footlights
The Union will be hosting a special Comedy Ent in the the 1815 Bar after this debate. Sip on the Union's special Valentine's cocktail and experience some fantastic stand up in the bar.
**PROPOSITION**

**Ivo Graham**
Ivo Graham is a comedian and alumnus of University College, Oxford. He won the 2009 'So You're Think You're Funny' new act competition and was nominated for Chortle's Best Newcomer in 2010.

**Matilda Wnek**
Matilda Wnek is a Cambridge comedian, writer and director. Past credits include Romeo and Juliet, the Footlights Spring Revue 2014 and The International Tour Show 2013.

**Georgia Bruce**
Georgia Bruce is an Oxford comedian and actor, and a member of the Oxford Revue Committee. She was part of a five-star sketch show at the Fringe this year.

**OPPOSITION**

**Adrian Gray**
Adrian Gray is a Cambridge comic, actor, writer and former Tab columnist. He is a member of the Cambridge Footlights and performed in multiple shows at the Fringe last summer.

**Liam Williams**
Liam Williams is a stand-up comedian, actor and writer. His Fringe show *Capitalism* was nominated for a Foster’s Award for Best Show and he is a regular on *Russell Howard’s Good News* and *The Comedy Store*.

**Ollie Locke**
Ollie Locke is a reality TV star and writer, who is best known for his appearances on *Made in Chelsea* and *Celebrity Big Brother*. In 2013, he wrote his tell-all book, *Laid in Chelsea*. 
This House Would Bring Back Grammar Schools

With the Government’s program of education reform well underway, the Union questions the continued existence of grammar schools in the United Kingdom, and whether they should not just be tolerated, but be allowed to expand once more.

Thursday 19 February
7.30pm

Post-Debate Cross-Party Drinks
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PROPOSITION

Robert McCartney
Robert McCartney is the Chairman of the National Grammar Schools Association, an organisation which seeks to promote selective education.

Andrew Shilling
Andrew Shilling leads the Sevenoaks Grammar School Campaign, now at a critical stage in its efforts to win government approval for the project.

Shaun Fenton
Shaun Fenton is the current Head of Reigate Grammar, and is the only person in the UK to have been headteacher of a Comprehensive, a Grammar School, an Academy and an Independent school.

OPPOSITION

Melissa Benn
Melissa Benn is a writer, novelist and campaigner. In 2011 she published School Wars: the Battle for Britain’s Education, which studied the comprehensive education system.

Michael Pyke
Michael Pyke is a spokesperson for the Campaign for State Education. CASE has been advocating since the 1960s for comprehensive education.

James Westhead
James Westhead is the Executive Director of External Relations for Teach First. Previously, he worked for BBC News as its education correspondent.
This House Would
LEGALISE THE SEX INDUSTRY

The sex industry has split feminism and politics alike, with successive governments failing to legislate on it fully either way. The Union asks whether it is time to legalize an often forgotten industry.

Thursday 26 February
7.30pm

Blues Night in collaboration with RAG
We are delighted to collaborate with RAG to bring back the ever-popular Blues Night. Listen to some fantatsic Blues with your friends while sipping on some of our delicious cocktails.
**PROPOSITION**

**Sarah Solemani**
Sarah Solemani is an actress and writer best known for her role in the award-winning sitcom 'Him & Her'. Sarah studied Social and Political Sciences at New Hall and was part of the Footlights.

**Josh Brandon**
Josh Brandon was named Male Escort Of The Year at the Erotic Awards in 2011 and is the highest paid male escort in Britain. He is also a Charity Champion for the National Ugly Mugs project; which protects sex workers.

**Miranda Kane**
Miranda Kane is a writer and comedian, famous for her one woman show 'The Coin-Operated Girl', based on her experiences of life as an escort.

**OPPOSITION**

**Inna Shevchenko**
Inna Shevchenko is the leader of international feminist movement FEMEN. Its activists, or ‘sextremists’, fight all manifestations of patriarchy, especially dictatorship, religion, and the sex industry.

**Jacqui Hunt**
Jacqui Hunt runs the London office of Equality Now, an international human rights organization dedicated to action for the civil, political, economic and social rights of girls and women.
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This House Believes
Israel is a Rogue State

The Israel-Palestine crisis has existed since Israel’s formation, with neither side gaining the upper hand despite decades of suffering. In this debate we turn to Israel, and ask whether it is time we declared them a rogue state.

Thursday 5 March
7.30pm

Post-Debate Drinks
Join us in the bar after the debate to continue the discussion, unwind with friends or take advantage of our cocktail hour between 10.00pm and 11.00pm.
PROPOSITION

Prof. Norman Finkelstein
Prof. Norman Finkelstein is a Jewish American political scientist, activist, professor and author, whose primary fields of research include the Israel–Palestine conflict.

Ben White
Ben White is a freelance journalist, writer, and human rights activist. He is a Cambridge graduate, and has published two books on the Israel-Palestine conflict.

OPPOSITION

Vivian Wineman
Vivian Wineman is currently President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the representative body of the Jewish community in Britain.

Hannah Weisfeld
Hannah Weisfeld is the director and one of the founders of Yachad, the UK’s pro-Israel pro-peace movement. Previously she chaired the Jewish Social Action Forum for two years.

Prof. Ghada Karmi
Prof. Ghada Karmi is a Palestinian author and academic who was made to leave Jerusalem in 1948. Much of her research has been on the Israel-Palestinian conflict.
This House

SUPPORTS THE CUTS TO LEGAL AID

Over the past three years Legal Aid has seen huge funding cuts. The Union asks whether the changes are an assault on access to justice, or a necessary limit to a system that has ballooned excessively.

Thursday 12 March
7.30pm

Post-Debate Party
This is the last debate of term – so let’s have a party! Join us in the 1815 Bar after the debate to celebrate the term, to sample the exclusive President’s cocktail and enjoy our end of term drinks deals.

This debate is sponsored by Cambridge Citizens Advice Bureau, which is celebrating 75 years of providing people with access to free advice and legal support on social welfare law issues.
**Proposition**

**Jonathan Djanogly MP**
Jonathan Djanogly is MP for Huntingdon. As a Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, he introduced and led the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill.

**Opposition**

**Andrew Caplen**
Andrew Caplen is the current President of the UK Law Society. He was one of the co-authors of the Law Society’s *Access to Justice Review*.

**Amy Gregg**
Amy Gregg is a fourth-year law student and the outgoing President of the Cambridge Union. She wrote her undergraduate dissertation on the changes to legal aid.

**Michael Mansfield QC**
Michael Mansfield QC is a self-described ‘radical lawyer’. He has represented, among others, the Bloody Sunday families, the Birmingham Six, Mohamed Al-Fayed and Arthur Scargill.
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**DAVID BLUNKETT**

*Thursday 8 January, 4.30pm*

David Blunkett is a Labour Party politician and the MP for Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough. Blind since birth, and coming from an underprivileged family in one of Sheffield’s most deprived districts, he became Britain’s youngest ever Councillor, before being elected as MP in 1987. He joined the shadow cabinet in 1992, and went on to become the first blind cabinet minister, becoming Education and Employment Secretary, Home Secretary and finally Work and Pensions Secretary in Tony Blair’s cabinet, following Labour’s victory in the 1997 general election.

**Speaker Event**

**LORD HOPE**

*Wednesday 21 January, Time TBC*

Lord Hope of Craighead is a retired Scottish judge who served as the first Deputy President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom. He graduated from St John’s College, Cambridge, in 1962 and practiced at the Scottish Bar for 24 years before becoming a Queen’s Counsel in 1978. In 2009 he became one of the first Justices of the new Supreme Court of the United Kingdom and its first Deputy President. Alongside being an Honorary Bencher of Gray’s Inn and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh he was appointed a Knight of the Order of The Thistle, the highest honour in Scotland, in 2009.
Germaine Greer is an Australian theorist, academic and journalist. She is regarded as having been one of the major feminist voices of the mid-20th century, and her ideas and views on women’s liberation have created controversy ever since her book ‘The Female Eunuch’ became an international best-seller in 1970. She received her PhD from Newnham College, Cambridge, later becoming a special lecturer and fellow of Newnham from 1989 to 1996. She identifies as a Marxist and anarchist.
Eva Clarke was born in Mauthausen Concentration Camp, Austria, in April 1945. She and her mother are the only Holocaust survivors of their family, 15 members of whom were killed in Auschwitz. In December 1941 Eva’s parents were sent to Theresienstadt Concentration Camp, later onto Auschwitz, and ultimately to Mauthausen, where Eva was born in a cart with no medical assistance. If the gas chambers had not been blown up on 28th April 1945 and the American Army had not liberated Mauthausen three days after Eva’s birth, neither Eva nor her mother would have survived. Eva and her mother returned to Prague in 1948; in the same year they emigrated to the UK. Eva has lived in Cambridge since 1968.

Theo Paphitis

Tuesday 27 January, 7.00pm

Theo Paphitis is a British retail magnate of Greek Cypriot origin. He is best known for his appearances on the BBC business programme Dragons’ Den and as former chairman of Millwall Football Club. He began his entrepreneurial activities by running the school tuckshop, at the age of 15, and attributes his success to his natural common sense. The majority of his fortune has been made in the retail sector; in 2006, he sold his equity stake in the lingerie brand La Senza for a reported £100 million. He is the owner of stationery chain Ryman, the homewares specialist Robert Dyas and lingerie retailer Boux Avenue.
Emily Brothers is the Labour candidate for Sutton and Cheam in the forthcoming General Election. She is the first blind, transgender Parliamentary Candidate, and has represented her constituency at Labour Party conferences and various external events. Up to February 2014, Emily was Programme Head at the Equality and Human Rights Commission, responsible for health and local government. Prior to this, Emily worked at the Disability Rights Commission. Emily has campaigned for various social causes and is a former President of the National Federation of the Blind.

John Cooper Clarke is an English performance poet who rose to fame during the punk rock era of the late 1970s. He released several albums in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and continues to perform regularly, having performed on the same bill as bands including the Sex Pistols, Joy Division, Elvis Costello and New Order. He was the subject of a BBC Four documentary, *Evidently... John Cooper Clarke*, in May 2012, and also appeared as himself in the 2012 film *Ill Manors*, directed by Ben Drew (aka 'Plan B').
**Sir Quentin Blake**

‘On and Off the Page’

Wednesday 25 February, 7.00pm

Sir Quentin Blake is one of the country’s best loved illustrators and children’s authors, and is an alumnus of Downing College, where he read English. His drawings have been featured in *Punch* and *The Spectator*, as well as the works of Michael Rosen, Elizabeth Bowen, and, famously, Roald Dahl. For his lasting contribution as a children’s illustrator he won the international Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2002, the highest recognition available to creators of children’s books, and was appointed the inaugural British Children’s Laureate in 1999. By 2006, he had illustrated 323 books, of which he had written 35.

**Bill Oddie**

*February, Time and Date TBC*

Bill Oddie is an author, broadcaster and comedian. He studied English Literature at Pembroke College, Cambridge and was a member of the Footlights. His comedy career on the BBC included the series *I’m Sorry I’ll Read That Again* and *The Goodies*. He is also a keen birdwatcher and has co-produced the bi-annual BBC *Springwatch* and *Autumnwatch* programmes.
Sarah Palin is an American politician. She is the youngest person and first woman to have been elected as governor of Alaska, a position she held between 2006 and 2009. During the 2008 Presidential election, she became the first female Republican to be nominated for the Vice Presidency, running alongside John McCain. More recently, she has provided political commentary for Fox News, sold over two million copies of her book *Going Rogue* and has starred in her own reality show, *Sarah Palin’s Alaska*. 
**Simon Amstell**

*Tuesday 10 March, 5.00pm*

Simon Amstell is an English comedian, television presenter, screenwriter and actor, lauded by the New York Times for his ability to ‘take a social norm and gently mock it until it seems utterly ridiculous’. He is best known for his biting humour on musical quiz show *Never Mind the Buzzcocks*, which he presented alongside Noel Fielding and Phil Jupitus until 2010. He starred in his own sitcom *Grandma’s House* and is also known for his stand up. *The Guardian* described his new tour, *To Be Free*, as ‘embarrassingly true’. To date he has won two British Comedy Awards and has been nominated for a BAFTA.

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**Bonnie Tyler**

*Tuesday 3 March, 7.00pm*

Bonnie Tyler is a Welsh singer, whose work has earned her two Grammy Award nominations, three Golden Europa Awards, three Brit Award nominations and numerous other accolades. She is referred to as the ‘International First Lady of Rock’, and is known for hit songs such as *Total Eclipse of the Heart*, *Holding Out for a Hero* and *Believe in Me*. 
**Moazzam Begg**

*Wednesday 11 March, 7.00pm*

Moazzam Begg was held in Guantanamo Bay for almost three years from 2002 to 2005. Since his release without charge, he has acted as an activist and a speaker regarding issues of interest to the UK Muslim community. He is the Director of CAGE, a non-profit group which represents and advocates for the rights of detainees in Guantanamo. On his speaking tours, he has appealed for the release of hostages held by Iraqi kidnappers and courted controversy by criticizing the UK government’s response to terrorism as racist. In 2014, he was arrested once again and detained at Belmarsh prison for seven months, charged with seven terror charges related to Syria, all of which have since been dropped.

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**Cédric Villani**

*Thursday 12 March, 2.00pm*

Cédric Villani is a French mathematician working primarily on partial differential equations and mathematical physics. After attending the Lycée Louis-le-Grand and the École normale supérieure in Paris, he later received his doctorate from Paris Dauphine University in 1998. He is now a Professor at Lyon University. In 2010, he received the Fields Medal for his work on Landau damping and the Boltzmann equation. He has also worked on the theory of optimal transport and its applications to differential geometry, and has defined a notion of bounded Ricci curvature for general measured length spaces.
Speaker Event

**JON SNOW**

*Friday 13 March, 7.00pm*

Jon Snow is an English journalist and the longest running presenter of Channel 4 News. He is one of the most successful journalists active today, having won five Royal Television Society Awards for his reporting, presented the award-winning documentary *Sri Lanka’s Killing Fields* and turned down an OBE. In 2014 alone, Snow has gone head-to-head with Russell Brand, travelled to Gaza during the recent conflict to report from the ground, and has interviewed Kit Harrington, who plays the other Jon Snow on TV’s *Game of Thrones*.
Stephen Sondheim is one of the world’s most celebrated composers and lyricists. He wrote the lyrics for *West Side Story*, and has since composed *Sweeney Todd*, *Company*, *A Little Night Music* and *Into the Woods*, among many other musicals. He has won an Oscar, a Pulitzer Prize, an Olivier Award, eight Grammies and eight Tony Awards; more than any other composer. He will be joining us by videolink for an interactive Q&A with audience members.

James Cracknell is one of Britain’s most successful athletes of all time, with two Olympic Gold Medals and six World Championship titles. He was awarded an OBE for his services to sport in 2004. Since retiring, he has completed many of the world’s toughest races and endurance events, including the 473.6 mile Amundsen Omega3 South Pole Race, which was captured in the prime-time BBC TV Series ‘On Thin Ice.’ He is also the founder of Threshold Sports, a sports presenter and journalist, author of several books on his adventures and is rumoured to be running as a Tory MP in the coming election.
Reggie Yates is a Ghanaian-British actor, radio DJ and television presenter, who has been presenting Top of the Pops since 2004, and presented The Voice UK between 2012 and 2013. His acting work has seen him in the BBC’s Doctor Who, Dizzee Rascal’s music video for Flex and the short film Patriarch. Recently, he has presented documentaries on gang culture and ‘extreme culture’ within South Africa.
Forums, Events and Further Information

Cambridge Development Initiative Launch
EU Forum
Parliamentary Hustings
Faith & Feminism Forum
Refreshers’ Pub Crawl
RAG Rainbow Bop
Saturate ArcSoc Cabaret
Itchy Feet Valentine’s Ball
Superbowl Party
Treasurer’s Treats
Vacation Committee
Union Thanks
Who’s Who
President’s Thanks
Special Event

CAMBRIDGE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE LAUNCH

Friday 16 January, 6.00pm

The Cambridge Development Initiative (CDI) is having its Annual Launch with a keynote by Sir Fazle Abed, founder and chairman of BRAC, the world’s largest NGO. The event will be your opportunity to learn more about their four development projects in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and discover how you can become one of their Summer Volunteers! Founded in January of 2013, CDI is a wholly student-led NGO at the University focussed on changing the way student volunteering is done. CDI Volunteers play an active role in their work, using their skills and backgrounds to design project activities and objectives. In Summer 2014, 30 Cambridge students participated on their pilot implementation trip.

Forum

THE FUTURE OF THE EU

Tuesday 3 February, 7.00pm

The Union will welcome prominent figures to discuss the future of Britain’s membership of the European Union, in collaboration with the Cambridge University European Society.

Peter Wilding
Peter Wilding is the Founder and Director of British Influence. For 20 years he has been involved in European affairs, having been Head of Media for the Conservative Party in the European Parliament and has held other prominent positions relating to the European Union.

Robert Oxley
Robert Oxley is Campaign Manager for Business for Britain, which advocates on behalf of business groups for fundamental changes to our relationship with the EU.

Jonathan Stearns
Jonathan Stearns is a correspondent based in Brussels, who reports on European news for Bloomberg.
As we enter an election year, the Cambridge Union and Cam FM will host the parliamentary candidates for Cambridge to be questioned by members of the public and students alike on their vision for Cambridge after May 2015 in ‘Question Time’ format.

This event is in collaboration with Cam FM and will be broadcast live on Cam FM and streamed publically online.

Despite the campaign for greater intersectionality within feminism, faith is still a highly contested area. Some argue that faith and feminism are two beliefs that can’t be reconciled, and women who try are sorely misguided. However, faith is integral to the life and work of such women as Malala Yousafzai and Revd. Libby Lane. Does faith have a place in feminism?

This event is in collaboration with MAGNIFY, the UK’s first faith, feminism and fashion magazine.

**What’s Faith Got to Do with It?**

*Faith, Feminism and Intersectionality*

**Saturday 7 March, 7.00pm**

**Daniel Zeichner**

LABOUR

**Dr. Julian Huppert MP**

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

**Chamali Fernando**

CONSERVATIVE

**Patrick O’Flynn**

UKIP

**Dr. Rupert Read**

GREEN

**Myriam Fancois-Cerrah**

Myriam Fancois-Cerrah is an academic, journalist and writer of the recent widely read New Statesman article, the ‘The Feminist Case for the Veil.’

**Rev’ Liz Adekunle**

Revd Elizabeth Adekunle is the Chaplain of St John’s College and a priest of the Church of England. She has a masters in African Christianity and Development.
**RAG Rainbow Bop**

**Wednesday 21 January, 7.00pm**

Head over to the Union for our biggest Bop of Lent term. Held in collaboration with Rag, this year’s Bop will be bigger and better than ever before. Enjoy the Union’s fantastic cocktails and drinks deals and dance the night away in the blue room before making your way to Cindies! The Bop will be free entry to all with an optional donation. All proceeds from the Bop will go towards Rag, the largest University charity in Cambridge.

1815 Bar and Blue Room
Optional £3 donation to RAG for charity

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**Refreshers’ Pub Crawl**

**Sunday 18 January, 7.00pm**

Kick off the term with the Cambridge Union Society’s Refreshers’ Pub Crawl which will be held in collaboration with Cindies and Life. Bag some amazing deals from the 1815 Union Bar starting at 7.00pm (Amstell at £2.60 and Jägerbombs at £2.00) and then rock over to Cindies at 9.00pm. And, if you survive, enjoy the second Sunday Life of term ’til 3.00am to complete your not-so-sober night.
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Superbowl Party

Sunday 1 February, 9.30pm

The American football season is reaching its climax; will you be watching Super Bowl XLIX at the biggest event in Cambridge? Make sure you join us and hundreds of other fans for the fifth annual Cambridge Union Super Bowl Party, hosted by the Cambridge University Pythons American Football Club.

Entry is from 9:30pm (Kickoff at 11:30pm) and we’re open late to show the game and halftime show in full, all on big screens throughout the venue and in the chamber itself. And if that’s not enough, there will be food and drinks deals all night and we’ll be joined by the American Society and Cambridge Cougars Cheerleaders to make the event an even more authentic American celebration.

Advance tickets available for £5 via the event website, ticket reps or the Union office. Visit www.CambridgeSuperBowl.com for more information.

1815 Bar & Main Chamber, £5

Treasurer’s Treats

Michaelhouse Café
Café Rouge
Cambridge Wine Merchants
Gardies (Gardenia)
The Vaults
Las Iguanas
La Raza
The Fudge Kitchen
Cambridge Cheese Company
Bellina Chocolate House
Primo Cycles
Up & Running

With more to be confirmed soon! Check out the website for more details.
Putting together a term is a huge undertaking that requires a lot of work from a lot of people, not only during termtime, but in the vacations too.

Vacation Committee meets for a week or more during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays to contact speakers, send out invitations, help with termcard preparation and plan the coming term.

Breakfast and lunch are provided, and we can reimburse accommodation costs.

If you are interested in getting involved with Vacation Committee, please contact executive-elect@cus.org

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