THE CAMBRIDGE UNION

THE TERM CARD
EASTER '10

BONNIE GREER
GARDEN PARTY
SIR JOHN MAJOR
COMEDY DEBATE
EASTER EGG HUNT
ULRIKA JONSSON
SPIN DEBATE
SEB COE
RICHARD DAWKINS
ELECTION PARTY
JOHN BERCOW
BNP DEBATE
Welcome back to the Union: the only thing worth leaving the library for this Easter. John Major, Ulrika Jonsson, Jeffrey Archer, Bonnie Greer. And that's just the first fortnight.

On Thursday nights, you can look forward to seeing *The Spectator’s* Editor tackling a *Daily Mail* journno over the rise of the BNP, legendary neocon Douglas Murray telling us why diplomacy is a waste of time, Footlights vs. The Oxford Revue on whether we should bother voting and, finally, Thatcher’s Press Secretary Sir Bernard Ingham taking on Gordon Brown’s current Director of Communications on the subject of spin in politics.

For individual speakers we have a cracking line up. Science colossus Richard Dawkins, Olympic legend Seb Coe, Speaker of the House of Commons John Bercow, triple-Oscar winning Director Oliver Stone (think *Wall Street*, *Dubya*, *Platoon* etc), Blair’s controversial Attorney-General Lord Goldsmith and London Symphony Orchestra Chief Conductor Maestro Gergiev. Not forgetting Sir John Major et al of course…

We’ve also prepared an amazing entertainment programme. As well as the best Garden Party in May week, a massive election night party (free ice-cream giveaway, anyone?) and an Easter Egg Hunt, we’ve got lots of weekly favourites, including stress-busting yoga & pilates and a fabulous, free pub quiz with great prizes. Learn to shake a drink in our cocktail workshops or your hips in our Salsa classes. Enjoy extended library opening hours on select Sundays, great comedy and a bar stock clear-out in our end of year party.

As for discounts, remember your Union Card to enjoy 50% off food Monday-Wednesday at Bella Italia, 25% off at Strada (Sun-Fri) and 20% off food at Café Rouge all week.

Welcome back to Cambridge. Welcome back to the Union. We really are the only thing worth leaving the library for this term.

Andrew Chapman, President, Easter 2010
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THIS HOUSE BELIEVES THE BNP ARE A MISGUIDED EXPRESSION OF WHITE ANGER

PROPOSITION

BONNIE GREER
Bonnie Greer is the American playwright and British museum trustee who took on Nick Griffin on Question Time.

FRASER NELSON
Fraser Nelson is current editor of The Spectator magazine, following in Boris Johnson's wake, who held the position from 1999-2005.

RAY HILL
Ray Hill is the ‘BNP Mole’ who, when Deputy Leader of the BNP, informed police of bomb-plots and links to international terrorism.

“DROP THEM OUT OF A PLANE OVER AFRICA. I DON’T REALLY CARE”
NICK GRIFFIN
"At the core of all anger is a need that is not being fulfilled."

MARSHALL B. ROSENBERG
Published in over 30 countries and 60 languages, Lord Archer’s book sales top an astonishing 250 million worldwide, with bestsellers in London, Tokyo and New York. Made Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party by Thatcher, he famously withdrew as the Party’s London Mayoral candidate over allegations of perjury, for which he served two years in jail. His bestselling ‘Prison Diary’ included a searing account of time in high-security prison HMP Belmarsh.
What makes a 'Dirty Martini' truly dirty? What’s the difference between a Mojito and a Margarita? Come and find out!

£5, but drink what you make!
Book exclusive workshops at ents@cus.org

Whether you’re in it to learn the rules or to come out on top, come and fuel your passion for cards, chips and competition. The pot will vary, but will never be less than a £15 bar tab.

£3/£5 entry

General knowledge about useless trivia has never paid off quite as well. Bring your friends along and compete for up to £35 worth of bar tab prizes!

Free entry

Buddy Rich once said: “There are only two types of music: Good and bad.”

Free entry, email ents@cus.org to perform

Cambridge Amnesty and the Cambridge Union bring you a unique event: Join us for a night of hilarity with talent stretching from current Footlights and the Trinity Comedy Society to alumni who’ve now gone pro, such as John Finnegore (writer for Smack the Pony and Peep Show) and James Lark (“if you haven’t seen him you absolutely must” - Guardian). After-party includes some of the best bands and DJs in Cambridge, including Ellafunks and Ragged Army, so definitely not one to be missed!

Tickets: www.cuamnesty.org.uk/secretportersball/
Union Members £10 / Non-Members £15 / VIP £30

Exam term is stressful, we know. Yoga and pilates are perfect stress-releases, so come along to one of our therapeutic classes to relax and rejuvenate - both classes are guaranteed to help you focus. Mats are welcome but not mandatory.

£2/£5

Whether it’s belated Easter bunnies or kilos of high-quality chocolate that grabs your attention, come to the Union as we throw our doors open to members and non-members alike! Explore the Union, because we’ve hidden literally hundreds of chocolate bunnies in every room around the building!

Free

Strictly women’s only & a female instructor. Keep fit on a pole. No prior experience needed. Guaranteed to be a fun way to keep in shape during exam term. Comfortable clothing required.

£2/£6

Tickets for all classes available at the door or in advance at the Union office.
THIS HOUSE BELIEVES THAT
DIPLOMATIC CURRENCY IS

PROPOSITION

**DOUGLAS MURRAY**

Douglas Murray is a controversial bestselling author, regular panellist on Question Time and an award-winning journalist, described by Christopher Hitchens as ‘cool but devastating.’ He is Britain’s most prominent neoconservative.

**MICHAEL SMITH**

Michael Smith is The Sunday Times’s Defence Correspondent and an award-winning investigative journalist who has reported from Iraq, Kosovo and Afghanistan. Michael broke the ‘Downing Street Memos’ story of the ‘illegal’ Bush-Blair agreement to topple Saddam.

**DANIEL JOHNSON**

Daniel Johnson is a former Comment Editor at The Times and the current founding Editor of the right-wing Standpoint Magazine, contributors to which include Andrew Marr, Paul Wolfowitz and Melanie Phillips.

“YOU GET A LOT FURTHER WITH A KIND WORD AND A GUN THAN A KIND WORD ALONE”

*Al Capone*
Frank Cook organised the Stop The War coalition, was a lead campaigner for gun control after the Dunblane massacre, was Opposition Whip under Neil Kinnock and has been an MP since 1983.

Marc Donfried directs Berlin based think-tank, the ‘Institute for Cultural Diplomacy’, one of Europe’s largest cultural exchange organisations. ICD have hosted figures including David Trimble, Ségolène Royal and numerous former Presidents and Prime Ministers.

“The direct use of force is such a poor solution to any problem, it is generally employed only by small children and large nations.”

David Friedman
Prime Minister from 1990-1997, Sir John inherited a divided Party, and shortly afterwards lead the UK's effort in the First Gulf War. For a time, the most popular PM in three decades, Major lead the Conservatives to election victory in 1992 (with the most votes ever received before or since in British history). Notable achievements include the Maastricht Treaty Agreement, securing the UK's euro opt-out and initiating the Northern Ireland Peace Process, laying the foundations for the Good Friday Agreement. Sir John's divided Party succumbed to Blair's Labour in 1997, with Major handing over one of the strongest economies any incoming government had inherited. Since retiring from active politics, Sir John has been active in both the charitable and business worlds and published a book on cricket’s social history.

An iconic figure in public life, Ulrika is best known for presenting ‘Gladiators’ and her roles on ‘Shooting Stars’ and countless other shows. She entered the nation’s sympathies after the story of Stan Collymore’s domestic abuse broke and has interviewed John Major and Gordon Brown for the BBC. A winner of Celebrity Big Brother and model for Playtex Lingerie, Ulrika’s much publicised relationship with Sven Goran Eriksson dominated the front and back pages in 2002.
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ENTs

There aren't that many places in Cambridge where you can sit down to a game of poker and have a personal bar-runner fetch drinks for you. No experience necessary!

£3/£5 Entry

Bring your friends along and compete for a £25 first prize bar tab! Our Pub Quizzes are a great way to unwind.

Free entry

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£3/£5 entry

This term the Union will be holding its very own Comedy Smoker, so come and have the last laugh before exams! Cheer on Cambridge's freshest comedy talent while sipping a pint or cocktail in our Chamber.

Think you're funny? Prove it! Applications to perform are now open, just contact ents@cus.org. Talent spotters from some of the May Balls will be there, and there's a free ticket to our Garden Party for the two best acts.

Free entry / £2 non-members

Strictly women's only & a female instructor. Keep fit on a pole. No prior experience needed. Guaranteed to be a fun way to keep in shape during exam term. Comfortable clothing required.

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A simply colossal figure in the science world, Professor Dawkins came to prominence with his 1976 book 'The Selfish Gene'. An international bestseller, more recently Dawkins's 'The God Delusion' has sold over 8 million copies and been translated into 34 languages. Ranked 1st in Prospect's 2004 list of the Top 100 British Intellectuals, and featuring in Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World in 2007, Professor Dawkins will be speaking on, and reading from, his latest book 'The Greatest Show on Earth: The Evidence for Evolution'.

It's going to be the closest fought election in a generation, and the Union is the only place to watch all the drama unfold. We're also doing a massive free ice cream giveaway at 7PM to kick off the night. Huge TV screens across the building will show the major channels' news coverage, allowing you to watch the latest comments, opinions, analysis and results. With so many rooms, there'll be something for everyone and our special licence allows us to serve drinks until the very early hours. Whether you'd rather quietly watch proceedings with a soft drink and Panini surrounded by those of similar political views, or enjoy some genius drinking games (rules include 1 finger whenever the phrase 'deep cuts' is used) the Union is the only place to be.

A quick word from our sponsor: “Come and find out about one of the world's most exciting consumer goods companies, with brands such as Lynx, Flora, PG Tips, Pot Noodle, Hellman's and many, many more. And if that wasn't enough to tempt you, we'll be giving away free Wall's ice creams before the debate! www.unilever.co.uk”

Free for members, £3 for non-members
Turn overleaf for a pull out, pin-up calendar to go on walls or notice boards to help keep you informed of the term's events.
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Free Entry

Open Mic nights at the Union are a great way for you or your band to get some exposure, so if you want to perform, email ents@cus.org.

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£3/£5 Entry

The Union is opening its library on Sundays during quiet period. It has everything you want - books, wifi and coffee. At 4pm every week, when the library closes, we’ll be showing films and TV shows guaranteed to put a smile on your face. Whether it's Finding Nemo, Superbad, How I Met Your Mother or Peep Show that does it for you, come over and chill out. Popcorn will naturally be provided.

Free entry

Tickets for all classes available at the door or in advance at the Union office.
Cambridge Footlights, founded in 1883, are the university’s world-famous comedy troupe who first aired some of the foremost British comedians and actors of this century. Their past members include Sasha Baron Cohen, John Cleese, Stephen Fry, Germaine Greer, Emma Thompson, Miriam Margoyles and Trevor Nunn.

“IT’S EXCITING; I DON’T KNOW WHETHER I’M GOING TO WIN OR NOT. I THINK I AM.”

GEORGE W.
OPPOSITION

DEBATE

COMEDY DEBATE: 

DON'T BOTHER VOTING AS 

TOSSERS ANYWAY 

THURSDAY 6TH MAY 

OPPOSITION

OXFORD REVUE

The Oxford Revue are the official Oxford University sketch group, having enjoyed a successful run at Edinburgh last year and just performed a sold-out run of shows in Oxford. Consisting of a band of students with far too much time on their hands the Revue are never happier than when they're making fools of themselves in front of people.

George W. Bush, 2000

"I DO KNOW I'M READY FOR THE JOB. AND, IF NOT, THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT GOES "
WEEK FOUR SPEAKERS

Attorney General between 2001 and 2007 and the Bar’s youngest Chairman, Lord Goldsmith is best known for two controversies. The first was his order to the Serious Organised Crime Agency to call off its investigation into the BAE-Saudi Arabia corruption case, arguing it could compromise national security. The second is authorising the legal use of force in Iraq, over which he recently gave evidence to the Chilcot Inquiry. While in office, Goldsmith publicly slammed illegal detention at Guantanamo Bay.

7.30 PM
TUESDAY
11 MAY
THE RT HON
LORD
GOLDSMITH QC

FROM GUANTANAMO TO IRAQ: CHALLENGES FACING A MODERN ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Widely credited with bringing the Olympics to London, Lord Coe currently Chairs the London 2012 Organisation Committee. Additionally, Coe is one of the greatest middle-distance runners of all time, setting 11 world records (3 of these in just 41 days) and winning two Olympic gold medals. Between winning gold medals and the Olympics itself for London, Lord Coe was a successful politician and acted as William Hague’s Chief of Staff. He also chairs FIFA’s Ethics Commission.

7.30 PM
THURSDAY
13 MAY
LORD
SEBASTIAN
COE KBE

TITLE TBA
Oliver Stone is one of the world’s greatest film directors and a three-times Oscar winner. Rising to fame with movies about Vietnam, including ‘Platoon’ and ‘Born on the Fourth of July’, his other successes include ‘JFK’, ‘Wall Street’, ‘Any Given Sunday’ and ‘Natural Born Killers’. More recently, Stone has directed ‘World Trade Center’ and the politically controversial ‘W.’ portraying George W. Bush’s early years and Presidency. Stone’s ‘South of the Border’ reflected his support for Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez’s policies.

Chief Conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra, Director of the world famous Mariinsky Theatre & Principal Guest Conductor at the Metropolitan Opera, Gergiev is a colossal figure in classical music. Awarded the highest available civilian state honours in France, Russia and Germany, Maestro Gergiev is also a prominent political figure, making a televised appeal for calm after Beslan’s 2004 school massacre and conducting a special concert near South Ossetia’s ruined parliament in tribute to war victims.
PROPOSITION

**Andrew Chapman**

Andrew Chapman is the outgoing Union President, and punching way above his weight here.

**Simon Lewis**

Simon Lewis is Gordon Brown's current Director of Communications. Before working for Gordon Brown, he was the Queen's spin-doctor and Vodafone’s Communication’s Chief. Variousy described as ‘Mr Suave’ and ‘the consummate PR man’.

**Lance Price**

Lance Price was a Special Advisor to Tony Blair and the Labour Party’s Director of Communications, during which time he was the architect of the 2001 General Election victory.

“In America, the President reigns four years, and journalism governs forever and ever.”

Oscar Wilde
There are two sides to every issue, and a politician usually takes both.
Currently the Speaker of the House of Commons, John Bercow famously resigned from Iain Duncan Smith’s Shadow Cabinet in protest over a three-line whip to vote against unmarried and homosexual couples being allowed to adopt and was fired from Michael Howard’s Shadow Cabinet for telling Howard that Ann Widdecombe was right to say ‘there is something of the night about him’. Formerly Britain’s No. 1 junior tennis player, Bercow worked in political lobbying with Saatchi & Saatchi before entering politics. In defiance of convention allowing Speakers to be above party politics, ex-UKIP leader Nigel Farage will contest John Bercow’s seat at the next general election.
The Union Garden Party is set to be the best way to enjoy the first Saturday of what will hopefully be a terrific May Week! If there's one event you come to, make it this one. No other Garden Party will be offering as much food, drink or entertainment. We'll have everything, from prawn cocktails, oysters and sandwiches to strawberries and cream, Eton Mess and candy floss. Drinks won't be a problem either, with three bars serving Pimms & lemonade, champagne, G&Ts, home-made ice teas and a variety of cocktails. You'll be entertained with music ranging from chilled jazz to peaceful classical music, and if you feel like doing something different, why not enjoy a coconut shy or some lawn games?

Let us pour you another glass while you sit on a blanket enjoying the mellow tunes of some of Cambridge's finest musicians. Enjoy a decadent oyster (or ten, if that's your thing), or let us make cocktails tailor-made to you. It's the moment you've all been waiting for; exams are over and the memory of revision and lectures should be quickly fading away, so allow us to pamper you and treat you as the VIP guests you are.

Sidney Sussex Gardens
£12.50 members
£20.00 non-members
(non-member tickets strictly subject to availability)

If you didn't come to last term's party, you missed out! We believe it is a matter of principle that alcohol should never go to waste, so join us as the bar sells off its stock at ridiculously cheap prices!

Please enjoy alcohol responsibly
We are delighted to announce that over the last term the following new discounts have been negotiated exclusively for Union Members - remember to bring your card along. We would like to thank the businesses below for their generosity, and encourage you to make use of the discounts as much as possible!

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The Union is Cambridge's largest and most exciting society; run by and for students. Getting involved is the best way to get closer to the action, and there are lots of opportunities available, depending on your skills and interests. We put on events which no other society in Cambridge can. Being on the committee gives you truly once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, since the committee are responsible for looking after the speakers we host. The CV points are huge and it’s an incredibly dynamic and exciting place to work. Listed below are some of the opportunities available:

- Guest Liaison Assistants (aid the Committee in looking after guests.)
- College Reps (offer guidance on speaker invitations, event feedback and assist publicity efforts. Rewarded with free drinks!)
- Stewarding (Assist event organisation. Free pizza and drinks involved.)
- Ents Committee (help plan and run the entertainments programme)
- Appointed Positions (incl. Secretary, Publicity, Press, Photographing, Access, Recruitment, Webmaster, AV, Design)

If you want to get involved, or have any questions, email Lauren, the Executive Officer, at executive@cus.org or check out our website www.cus.org
It is said that a successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him. Thankfully, at the Union, nothing could be further from the truth. This term has been in production since August, and while it’s not for me to judge how good a job we’ve done, I’m indebted to so many people for showing me the way, and helping us get there.

To the Easter Team, you’ve been amazing. Juan, Lauren, Rahul and Gerard, you’re nothing short of a pleasure to work with. I’m told the secret to success is assembling around oneself those far more able and intelligent than you. All your efforts, support and counsel has daily affirmed this. To Claudia, for a truly exceptional design job and being endlessly accommodating of tweaks and re-jigs; your kindness and professionalism has been astounding. To Bill, James A, and all the staff for all the work you do behind the scenes to keep things running, and for making the Union such a wonderful place to work. To Sir Richard and all our trustees, for keeping the ship at times steady and others, simply, afloat. We’re all indebted to the extraordinary job you do.

Sam, for running a flawless campaign and being a flawless friend, you’ll forever have my thanks. To Juju, for your endless patience, kindness and for giving me a chance. Of course, to Jon. You’ve been the perfect mentor, and, more than anyone, are responsible for the unrecognisable changes over the last year. To Bock, for being Bock, and for making Michaelmas so fun. To Lucas, for making a campaign so exciting and Michael J, for teaching me the art of the perfect hack.

From further back, to Adam, for showing us how much potential the society had. To all the old guard whose collective wisdom has been at the heart of everything this year. Particularly, to Will & Lynas, for all your invaluable advice and guidance. To Corey and Dray, for telling us how to run a world-class society.

My wonderful friends, for the endless supply of good humour and good chat, thank you. It’s kept me sane. To Mary, Stephen and Helen, for all the kindness and love you showed over Christmas to get me back on my feet. A quote which does have resonance is that behind every successful man is a very surprised woman. Katie, I love you. Your support, advice and most of all your company means everything to me. And to my family. Your unconditional love and support are the foundations of my world.

James, good luck! You have an extraordinary team. It’s a huge comfort to know I’ll be leaving things in such steady hands.
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