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Welcome to Michaelmas Term 2009

Welcome to Michaelmas term at the Union! Whether you are returning to Cambridge or you have just arrived, we have all worked very hard all summer to make sure that there's something for everyone here this term.

We are extremely proud that the Union is now more accessible than ever and more open than ever to students of all backgrounds and from all sides of the political spectrum. We have made the Union more affordable by offering a half price membership to all students receiving the full government grant, as we think everyone should be able to enjoy our events.

We have some thrilling debates lined up: banned shock jock Michael Savage will be arguing against the concept of political correctness, by video link from his California studio. MP Jeremy Corbyn and Union leader Bob Crow will claim that Israel has to give more in the peace process, former Tory leader Michael Howard will debate why the British electorate should have faith in the Conservative Party in the next election, and Shami Chakrabarti will consider civil liberties and policing with Brian Paddick in a speaker forum. As well as political and social issues, we’ll be thinking about whether modern art really is rubbish, with the help of art historian and TV legend Loyd Grossman and the Director of the Tate Britain; whilst our freshers’ debate will question whether the world would be better ruled by women.

For political speakers, the Union is the place to go this term – former Australian PM John Howard will be talking about leadership in the new century, and controversial neocon, Bush’s former US Ambassador to the UN John Bolton will also give a speech on international affairs. If you need some light relief, top comedians Dara O’Briain and Jo Brand will be visiting, and Harry Potter actress Imelda Staunton will be in for an intimate Q and A. If you study English, don’t miss Terry Eagleton’s talk, if you’re an Economist, we have Evan Davis visiting, and if you’re a Historian, watch out for Richard Evans, the man who took down David Irving, talking about the role of ‘what if’s’
in history. Top government scientists Sir John Beddington and Sir David King should satisfy even the keenest Natscis.

To our members, we offer more benefits than any other Cambridge Society: the cheapest bar in central Cambridge, a library with a huge fiction collection, free snooker and pool tables, and a programme of ents to suit every taste. And remember, we will be hosting a free event every night during freshers’ week, from Comedy to live Jazz and Cocktails, and of course our stunning Freshers’ Ball open to all new members!

None of this would have been possible without the help of the officers, especially Andrew and Jan, and your next president, Jon. Thank you so much as well to Mary and Richard, the two James and Wills, Dom, Sam, Alex, Bethan, Julian and Sir Richard Dearlove. We would be lost without our amazing staff, Kelly, David, Victoria, Ellie, Catherine and Dave, all under the leadership of the most wonderful man, our outstanding Bursar, Bill Bailey. We hope you will enjoy this term as much as we enjoyed preparing it for you!

I know that I’ll see you all at the Union this term and wish you all a brilliant start to the new academic year!

With kindest wishes,

Julien Domercq
President, Michaelmas 2009
Debates

**Thursday Night Debates**

There are usually six main participants: three speakers supporting the motion and three opposing. Each participant speaks alternately, and members of the audience have an opportunity to contribute with short speeches after the first four participants have spoken. Main speeches normally last between 5 and 15 minutes. At the end of the debate a vote is taken, and the result announced shortly afterwards in the Members' Bar.

**Points of Information**

Anyone in the chamber may interrupt a speaker at any time with a 'point of information', a short point that should be phrased as a question for a speaker. If you wish to make a point of information, please stand and say “point of information.” It is the speaker who decides whether or not they wish to accept and listen to a point of information, and they are under no obligation to do so.

**Emergency Debates**

'Emergency debates' are held each week before the main debate. They normally discuss an issue relevant to the current week's news. There are four speakers who speak for up to 5 minutes each. Points of information may be given in the same manner as main debates. Taking part in an emergency debate is great fun and a rare opportunity to have your say in public on a matter you feel strongly about or just practice speaking in front of an audience. If you think you might like to give it a go, email the President-elect, Jon Laurence at presidentelect@cus.org

**Dine with the Speakers**

Want to engage further with a particular speaker on a certain issue? Limited places will be available for members to dine with the debate speakers. Tickets for a fabulous three course meal including drinks and pre-dinner drinks will be available on a first come first served basis from the Union office at the subsidised price of £25 on the morning of the Tuesday of the week of the debate.
THIS HOUSE BELIEVES WE’D BE BETTER OFF IF WOMEN RULED THE WORLD

Thursday, 8th October, 7:30pm
(Open to all)

Proposition
LOUISE COURT
EMMA WINHURST
LOUISE BURFITT-DONS

Opposition
EDWINA CURRIE
JAMES MAX

LOUISE COURT has been the Editor of Cosmopolitan Magazine in the UK since 2006. She has been quoted saying “Yes Cosmo is about sex. No news there - it always has been. But it is also about love, happiness, self-respect and being the best you can be.”

EMMA WINHURST became a millionaire after founding her cosmetic company from home with her firstborn on her hip. She describes herself as an “ordinary woman who achieved extraordinary results.”

LOUISE BURFITT-DONS is a writer, humanitarian and global warming campaigner who is best known for her anti-bullying activism as the founder of the charity Act Against Bullying.

EDWINA CURRIE is a former Conservative MP and former Junior Health Minister. She caused a sensation in 2002 when she revealed she had a four-year affair with John Major in the eighties.

JAMES MAX is a journalist and radio presenter specialising in business issues. He presents LBC 97.3 radio’s flagship Business Matters show every Sunday. He was a semi-finalist on the first series of The Apprentice.
THIS HOUSE BELIEVES POLITICAL CORRECTNESS IS SANE AND NECESSARY

Thursday, 15th October, 7:30pm

Proposition
MEHDI HASAN
ROBERT SHARP
DAVID AARONOVITCH

Opposition
RT HON ANN WIDDECOMBE MP
MICHAEL SAVAGE
LYNETTE BURROWS

MEHDI HASAN is Senior Editor (politics) for the New Statesman magazine, where he writes a polemical bi-weekly column and a ‘Dissident Voice’ blog. He is a former editor for news and current affairs at Channel 4.

ROBERT SHARP is a prominent internet blogger who has interviewed the Dalai Lama and specialises in multiculturalism, political debates and the impact of digital technology.

DAVID AARONOVITCH is an author, broadcaster and journalist, with a regular column for The Times and recipient of the 2001 George Orwell prize for political journalism.

ANN WIDDECOMBE is a Conservative MP. She is a former shadow Home Secretary and known for her outspoken nature and for once remarking about Michael Howard that “there is something of the night about him.”

MICHAEL SAVAGE is the controversial host of America’s third most popular talk show, The Savage Nation. In May 2009, he was listed as one of sixteen people banned from entering the UK by the Home Office. He will be speaking via video-link from San Francisco.

LYNETTE BURROWS is a children’s rights author and family campaigner who became the subject of a police investigation after comments about the risks faced by children of adopted parents.
The Cambridge Footlights, founded in 1883, are the Cambridge based world-famous comedy troupe who first aired the talents of some of the foremost British comedians and actors of this century. Their past members include Sasha Baron Cohen, John Cleese, Stephen Fry, Germaine Greer, Miriam Margoyles, Trevor Nunn and Emma Thompson.

The Oxford Revue was the brainchild of Michael Palin, who was the first to combine the idea of “sketch comedy” with “a paying audience” in the early 1950s. Since then the Oxford Revue has never looked back, spawning some of Britain’s best loved comedians, from Alan Bennett and Rowan Atkinson, to Armando Iannucci and Sally Phillips, to Stewart Lee and Richard Herring.

THIS HOUSE WOULD MAKE LOVE, NOT WAR

Thursday, 22nd October, 7:30pm

Proposition

THE CAMBRIDGE FOOTLIGHTS

Opposition

THE OXFORD REVUE
THIS HOUSE BELIEVES THAT
ISRAEL DEMANDS TOO MUCH AND
GIVES TOO LITTLE IN THE PEACE PROCESS

Thursday, 29th October, 7:30pm

Proposition

BOB CROW
PROFESSOR DONALD SASSOON
JEREMY CORBYN MP
LORD HANNAY OF CHISWICK

Opposition

RAN GIDOR
STEPHEN CRABB MP
ROBIN SHEPHERD
 DANIEL JOHNSON

BOB CROW is a self-declared communist and the General Secretary of the RMT National Union of workers. He is a staunch supporter of the Palestinians and has been a patron of Palestinian Solidarity Campaign for a number of years.

JEREMY CORBYN is a Labour MP and campaigns for human rights and justice. He is tireless in his support for Palestine, visiting Palestine with Parliamentary delegations, arranging meetings with MPs, and urging the government to take action in Palestine.

LORD HANNAY is a crossbench life peer. He is the Chair of the United Nations Association UK and served as the UK’s permanent representative to the United Nations from 1990 to 95.

RAN GIDOR is the Counsellor for Political Affairs at the Embassy of Israel in London. He has given speeches everywhere from university campuses to the UN General Assembly in defence of the Israeli government’s positions.

STEPHEN CRABB is an MP and a member of the Conservative Friends of Israel and chairs the Conservative Party Human Rights Commission. He dissented from a Commons report that called for direct talks with Hamas.

ROBIN SHEPHERD is Director, International Affairs of the Henry Jackson Society. He previously was the Moscow Bureau Chief for The Times. He has just published his new book, A State Beyond the Pale, Europe’s Problem with Israel.
THIS HOUSE HAS NO CONFIDENCE IN HER MAJESTY’S OPPOSITION

Thursday, 5th November, 7:30pm

Proposition
CHRIS BRYANT MP
LUKE PEARCE
LUCAS FEAR-SEGAL

Opposition
RT HON MICHAEL HOWARD, QC MP
STEPHEN PARKINSON
JAMES ARTHUR SHARPE

CHRIS BRYANT is a Labour MP and the current Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. He was previously the Deputy Leader of the House of Commons. He was educated at Oxford and was Head of European Affairs for the BBC.

LUKE PEARCE was president of the Cambridge Union in Michaelmas 2006. He is legendary in being the first left-leaning Union President in a decade. Thanks to him, the Union now attracts presidents and student officers from across the political spectrum.

LUCAS FEAR-SEGAL is a current third year at Robinson, a famous Thatcher-basher and was Cambridge Union President last Easter.

MICHAEL HOWARD was educated at Peterhouse and was President of the Union in Easter 1962. He was leader of the Conservative Party from 2003 to December 2005, stepping down after losing the General Election against Tony Blair.

STEPHEN PARKINSON was educated at Emmanuel and was President of the Union in Lent 2004. He works on the target seats campaign for the Conservatives and has recently published the critically acclaimed Arena of Ambition: The History of the Cambridge Union.

JAMES ARTHUR SHARPE is a fourth year at Fitzwilliam, a former Chairman of the Cambridge University Conservative Association and the current Cambridge Union Vice-President.
Sixth Debate

Proposition
SIR EMYR JONES PARRY GCMG
BRUCE KENT
JOHN KAMPFNER

Opposition
BERNARD JENKIN, MP
THE EARL OF ONSLOW
DANIEL JOHNSON

SIR EMYR JONES PARRY was educated at St Catharine’s and served as the UK’s permanent representative to NATO from 2001 to 2003 and to the United Nations from 2003 to 2007 as the situation in Iraq descended into vicious and bloody warfare.

BRUCE KENT is Britain’s best known peace campaigner and was Chair of The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament when the wall came down. He promotes a vision of the world in which war and poverty are abolished through argument and practical action.

JOHN KAMPFNER was Editor of the New Statesman from 2005 to 2008. He wrote the critically acclaimed and best selling Blair’s Wars, and began his career as a foreign correspondent with the Daily Telegraph, in Berlin where he reported on the fall of the Wall.

BERNARD JENKIN is a Conservative MP. He was educated at Corpus Christi and was President of the Cambridge Union in Michaelmas 1982. He is a former Shadow Secretary of State for Defence.

THE EARL OF ONSLOW is a Conservative peer, one of the 92 hereditary peers who have been elected to remain in the House of Lords. He is also the only hereditary peer to have appeared on Have I Got News for You.

DANIEL JOHNSON is the former literary editor of The Times. He has also been its comment editor and was its German correspondent at the time of fall of the Berlin Wall. He is the founding editor of the right-wing Standpoint magazine.
Seventh Debate

This debate is being arranged in conjunction with the East of England Faiths Council to mark the first national Inter Faith Week in the UK.

This House Believes
That Faith Has an Essential Role in Democratic Debate

Wednesday, 18th November, 8pm

Proposition
VIVIAN WINEMAN
SHAYKH IBRAHIM MOGRA
DR JONATHAN CHAPLIN

Opposition
DR PETER CAVE
SAMANTHA STEIN

VIVIAN WINEMAN is the President of the Board of Deputies British Jews, Chairman of the Jewish Leadership Council and a Vice Chair of the Inter Faith Network UK. He is also a past Chairman of the New Israel Fund and Peace Now.

SHAYKH IBRAHIM MOGRA is the Assistant Secretary General of The Muslim Council of Britain and Chair of its Inter Faith Relations Committee. He is also a President of the Christian Muslim Forum and sits on the advisory board of the Three Faiths Forum.

JONATHAN CHAPLIN is Director of the Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Ethics and is a member of the Cambridge Divinity Faculty. He recently published Talking God: The Legitimacy of Religious Public Reasoning.

PETER CAVE is chair of the British Humanist Association’s Humanist Philosophers’ Group and is often involved in public debates on philosophical, religious and political matters. He scripts and presents humorous philosophy programmes for BBC Radio 4.

SAMANTHA STEIN is the founder and director of Camp Quest UK, a secular summer camp for the children of atheists, agnostics, humanists, freethinkers and all those who subscribe to a naturalistic, as opposed to supernatural, world view.
THIS HOUSE BELIEVES BAILING OUT THE BANKS WAS A WASTE OF MONEY

Thursday, 19th November, 7.30pm

This debate is kindly sponsored by BDO Stoy Hayward.
And part of Silicon Valley Comes to Cambridge 2009.

Proposition
REID HOFFMAN
JONATHAN KESTENBAUM

Opposition
DR WILLIAM H. JANEWAY
PROFESSOR ANDREW GAMBLE
THIS HOUSE WOULD LEGALISE ASSISTED SUICIDE FOR ALL ADULTS

Thursday, 26th November, 7:30pm

THE OXFORD UNION SOCIETY is the current World and European debating champion and is ranked second on the World Universities Debating Ranking 2009. Last year, it won debating competitions at King’s College London, Manchester and Cork. The Oxford Union Schools’ Debating Competition is one of the largest schools debating competitions in the UK. Founded in 1823, the Oxford Union is Britain’s second oldest university union (after the Cambridge Union Society) and past presidents include Tony Benn, Benazir Bhutto and Boris Johnson.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNION SOCIETY won the greatest number of British debating competitions of any institution last year and is ranked third on the World Universities Debating Ranking 2009. One of its debating teams was ranked third in the world at the World Universities Debating Championship 2009, and it won debating competitions last year at the London School of Economics, Bristol and Durham. It runs the world’s largest schools debating competition with over 750 teams taking part last year. It regularly sends teams to university competitions, provides opportunities to travel to international tours and tournaments and runs debating workshops on Tuesday evenings for all Union members.
THIS HOUSE BELIEVES THE TURNER PRIZE IS A FACTORY FOR 'COLD, MECHANICAL, CONCEPTUAL BULLSHIT'

Thursday, 3rd December, 8pm

Proposition
JULIEN DOMERCQ
DAVID LEE
LOYD GROSSMAN

Opposition
DON FOSTER MP
LORD RENFREW OF KAIMSTHORN
DR STEPHEN DEUCHAR

JULIEN DOMERCQ is a third year art historian from King's and the outgoing president of the Cambridge Union.

DAVID LEE is an outspoken art critic – condemning conceptual art in general and the Turner Prize in particular. He was the editor of Art Review magazine but left to found his own, The Jackdaw, critical of the contemporary art world.

LOYD GROSSMAN is a local art historian from Magdalene, a television presenter and chef who is best known for his pasta sauces, presenting Masterchef and Through the Keyhole, and his transatlantic accent.

DON FOSTER is a Liberal Democrat MP for Bath and the Lib Dem Shadow Culture, Media and Sport Secretary.

LORD RENFREW is a Conservative life peer. He was educated at St John's and was President of the Cambridge Union in Easter 1961. He is an esteemed archaeologist and a great supporter of contemporary art. He was the Master of Jesus from 1987-1997.

STEPHEN DEUCHAR is the Director of Tate Britain and will chair this year's Turner Prize which will be awarded on 7 December. He will become Director of The Art Fund in January 2010.
FORUMS

A forum on:

WAR AND THE MEDIA

with

PATRICK MERCER OBE MP
DAVID LOYN
JIMMY BURNS

Wednesday 28th October, 7.30pm
In Association with CLIO, Cambridge University History Society

Three leading journalists/authors discuss their work, and the changing role and influence of war reporting.

PATRICK MERCER is the chairman of the Sub-Committee on Counter-Terrorism and former Shadow Minister for Homeland Security. Mr Mercer is an Oxford history graduate and served as a Colonel in the British Army. In 1999 he became Defence Reporter for BBC 4’s Today Programme. His book on the Crimean war, *The Battle of Inkermann*, was widely acclaimed.

DAVID LOYN is a familiar voice as BBC’s Developing World Correspondent. A foreign reporter for 30 years, he and his crew were the only journalists with the Taliban when they took Kabul. His book about Afghanistan, *Butcher and Bolt*, calls for discourse with the Taliban and poses questions about the cost to Afghanistan of British realpolitik.

JIMMY BURNS is a well-known journalist and author, who worked 30 years for the Financial Times. His book on Argentina and the Falklands War, *The Land that lost its Heroes*, won the 1988 Somerset Maugham Award. His new book, *Papa Spy*, is a remarkable account of his father’s role in WWII, reflecting on the “double standards and duplicity of Allied wartime operations”.

FORUMS

A forum on:

POLICING AND DEMOCRACY

with

SHAMI CHAKRABARTI
BRIAN PADDICK
DAVID HOWARTH MP

Monday 9th November, 7.30pm

SHAMI CHAKRABARTI has been Director of Liberty since 2003. Since then, she has become one of Britain’s most iconic political figures, participating in numerous high profile debates regarding civil liberties in Britain. A regular contributor to Radio 4, Question Time and the national press, she has played an instrumental role in the opposition to several government initiatives.

BRIAN PADDICK was the Liberal Democrat candidate for London mayor in 2008, finishing third behind Boris Johnson and Ken Livingstone. Prior to that, he was the senior Metropolitan Police Spokesmen, the Met’s most senior openly gay officer, for many key events, including the July 2005 London bombings. He took over management of Territorial Policing across all 32 London boroughs in April 2005, and left the met following the controversial shooting of De Menezes.

DAVID HOWARTH is the MP for Cambridge and the Liberal Democrat Shadow Secretary of State for Justice. Formerly the Shadow Solicitor General, Howarth took an active role in the G20 demonstrations last April after what he perceived as heavy-handed policing. A vocal figure in the ensuing controversy over police tactics, Howarth originally came to public attention over his successful lobbying for significant changes to the ‘Abolition of Parliament Act.’
Speakers

IMELDA STAUNTON OBE & JIM CARTER
Monday 12th October, 7.30pm

EOIN COLFER
Wednesday 14th October, 1pm

ETHAN GUTMANN
Wednesday 14th October, 7.30pm

TERRY EAGLETON
Friday 16th October, 7.30pm

JO BRAND
Monday 19th October, 7.30pm

ANDREW RASHBASS
Tuesday 20th October, 7.30pm

DAMIAN GREEN MP
Wednesday 21st October, 7.30pm

DARA Ó BRIAIN
Tuesday 27th October, 7.30pm

FORMER AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER THE RT HON JOHN HOWARD AC
Friday 30th October, 5pm

PROFESSOR RICHARD J. EVANS
Tuesday 3rd November, 6pm

SIMON WOLFSON
Wednesday 4th November, 7.30pm

JON SOPEL
Tuesday 10th November, 7.30pm

RT HON LORD PADDY ASHDOWN GCMG KBE
Tuesday 17th November, 7.30pm

HOWARD JACOBSON
Tuesday 24th November, time tbc.

THE HONOURABLE JOHN BOLTON
Monday 30th November, 8pm
A fireside chat with
IMELDA STAUNTON & JIM CARTER

Monday 12th October, 7.30pm

Imelda Staunton is one of Britain’s most famous actresses, and is best-known for her roles as Dolores Umbridge in the Harry Potter films, described as “coming close to stealing the show,” and Mike Leigh’s ‘Vera Drake,’ which won her a BAFTA and Oscar-nomination. A two-time winner of an Olivier Award, Britain’s highest theatre honour, Imelda moved into films in the 1990s, starring in ‘Much Ado About Nothing’ (1993), ‘Twelfth Night’ (1996), and ‘Shakespeare in Love’ (2004). Imelda is best known to younger audiences for her guest performance on ‘Little Britain’ as Mrs Mead.

Jim Carter is one of Britain’s best-loved actors, whose film credits include ‘Shakespeare in Love’, ‘Richard III’ and ‘The Madness of King George’. Jim is perhaps best known to younger audiences for his performance of Lord Faa in ‘The Golden Compass’ (2007), ‘Northern Lights’ - adapted from Phillip Pullman’s hugely popular ‘His Dark Materials’ trilogy. Jim has also worked extensively in television, alongside Dame Judi Dench in ‘Cranford,’ and his credits include murder mystery favourites such as ‘The Oxford Murders.’

Speaker Meeting with
EOIN COLFER

Wednesday 14th October, 1pm

‘And Another Thing...’ Eoin Colfer reads from the sixth instalment in ‘The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy’ Series and takes questions

Eoin is an international number one best-selling author, best known to younger audiences for his ‘Artemis Fowl’ series, which has sold over 18 million copies worldwide. In September 2008, Eoin was commissioned to write the sixth instalment of ‘The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy’ series with the approval of the Douglas Adams estate. Entitled ‘And Another Thing’, Eoin will be reading from the book, doing a Q&A and signing copies afterwards in the bar.

This is a great opportunity to hear from and meet a top author. Not to be missed by those who've grown up with Artemis Fowl or Hitchhiker’s fans!
Speaker Meeting with
ETHAN GUTMANN

Wednesday 14 October, 7.30pm

Ethan Gutmann will speak on
“Organ Harvesting: China’s secret genocide”

Ethan specialises in China and human rights issues. Frequently invited to brief US government agencies and speak at media events across the world, Gutmann’s research on Chinese internet censorship crucially influenced Congress to hold hearings on US corporate involvement in Chinese surveillance of political dissidence and government-censorship.

Ethan has written on security issues, the growth of Chinese nationalism and the US business scene in Beijing for the Asian Wall Street Journal, Investor’s Business Daily and others, and his book ‘Losing the New China’ won him huge critical acclaim and several awards, including the ‘Spirit of Tiananmen’ prize.

Speaker Meeting with
TERRY EAGLETON

Friday 16th October, 7.30pm

Terry Eagleton will speak on “Reason, Faith and Revolution”

Professor Terry Eagleton is one of the world’s leading public intellectuals. His Introduction to Literary Theory (1982) has charmed generations of undergraduates with its witty and accessible style; his critical output since has never failed to find a wider audience. He took his BA and PhD Trinity College, Cambridge, before becoming a Fellow at Jesus. Several years at Wadham College, Oxford, followed; he was John Edward Taylor Professor English at Manchester until 2008.

In 2006, he produced a critique of Richard Dawkins’ The God Delusion, and gave a series of lectures in 2008 attacking him, and his atheist colleague Christopher Hitchens further. His lectures, which will form the basis of his speech, were published in 2009 as Reason, Faith, and Revolution by Wiley-Blackwell.
**Jo Brand**

Jo Brand will speak on her autobiography “Look Back in Hunger”

Jo Brand is Britain’s best-loved comedienne. She worked as a psychiatric nurse until being persuaded to take up comedy, starting on the alternative circuit in the 1980s. Mainstream success came with her own show, *Jo Brand Through the Cakehole*, and she has appeared regularly on TV on shows such as *QI* and *Have I Got News for You* ever since. Much of her early material was inspired by radical feminism, and she has remained politically active. Her recently released autobiography, *Look Back in Hunger*, is published by Headline Books.

**Andrew Rashbass**

Andrew Rashbass will be speaking on ‘Media Trends: Tomorrow’s Audience’

Andrew Rashbass is chief executive of The Economist Group, the leading source of analysis on international business and world affairs. Through its brands (*The Economist*, CFO, EuroFinance, CQ-Roll Call and European Voice), the Group delivers its information and services in over 200 countries via newspapers, magazines, reports, events, websites and other electronic channels. Andrew became chief executive in July 2008.

Prior to this, Andrew had been the publisher of *The Economist*, the managing director of Economist.com and the Group’s chief information officer; before this working at Associated Newspaper Ltd, one of the UK’s largest media groups.
Speaker Meeting with
DAMIAN GREEN MP

Wednesday 21st October, 7.30pm

Damian Green is the Shadow Minister for Immigration, a portfolio he has held since December 2005. He has previously published policy documents on controlling economic migration, human trafficking and integration.

Damian was educated at Balliol College, Oxford, and was President of the Oxford Union in 1977. He is a former financial journalist and worked in the Prime Minister’s Policy Unit from 1992-94.

In his current role he has responsibility for Conservative Party policy on borders and immigration, encompassing the National Identity Scheme and the e-borders programme. These contentious areas are a basis for his interest in the Government’s use of technology to create a ‘database state’. Damian is also a strong voice in the House of Commons on civil liberties issues.

Speaker Meeting with
DARA Ó BRIAIN

Tuesday 27th October, 7.30pm

Dara O’Briain will speak on:
“Tickling The English: Notes On A Country And Its People From An Irish Funnyman On Tour”

Dara O’Briain is the host of phenomenally successful topical news show Mock The Week. Educated at University College Dublin, he founded his own student newspaper and was auditor of its debating society while studying Maths and Theoretical Physics. After a stint as a children’s presenter, he achieved success on the stand-up circuit and began to tour internationally. Success at the Edinburgh Fringe, and as a guest host of Have I Got News for You, followed, and he has sold out audiences around the world.

His first book, a tour diary and travelogue, Tickling The English: Notes On A Country And Its People From An Irish Funnyman On Tour, is released on October 1 and is published by Penguin.
**Speaker Meeting with**

**FORMER AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER**

**THE RT HON JOHN HOWARD AC**

*Friday 30th October, 5pm*

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**John Howard will speak on “Leadership in the New Century”**

John Howard was the 25th Prime Minister of Australia from 11 March 1996 to 3 December 2007. He is the second-longest serving Australian Prime Minister after Sir Robert Menzies.

As Prime Minister, John Howard led a government with a wide reform agenda. Under Howard’s leadership, Australia’s economy grew every year, even during the Asian financial crisis that devastated its neighbours.

In international relations, his government provided support enabling East Timor to achieve independence and developed an ‘Asia-first, but not Asia only’ diplomacy. John Howard was in Washington, DC on 11 September 2001 and became one of President Bush’s closest allies in the “War on Terror.” John Howard, along with Tony Blair, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George W. Bush in January 2009, one week before Obama took office.

John Howard will discuss the role of world leaders in a new century, detailing steps for handling the growing concerns of globalization and global economics, the environment, and threats to international security.

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**Speaker Meeting with**

**PROFESSOR RICHARD J. EVANS**

*Tuesday 3rd November, 6pm*

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**Professor Evans will speak on ‘Telling it like it wasn’t: Counterfactuals in History’**

Professor Evans is the Regius Professor of Modern History at the University of Cambridge, and a fellow of Gonville and Caius College. Best known for his work as an expert witness in the Irving vs. Lipstadt trial, his testimony ensured that David Irving was found to be a Holocaust denier guilty of manipulating evidence; his three volume history of the Third Reich is the most comprehensive account of Hitler’s regime produced by a single scholar.

His lecture will consider the role that Counterfactualism – the science of ‘What Ifs?’ – should play in the academic study of History.
Speaker Meeting with SIMON WOLFSON

Wednesday 4th November, 7.30pm

Simon Wolfson will speak on "Cutting Public Spending And Getting Out Of This Mess: Indispensable, Indisputable, Impossible?"

Currently the CEO of retail giant Next & Co, Simon's appointment at the age of 33 made him the youngest ever CEO of a FTSE 100 company. As one of the very first business-people to predict the 2008-09 economic crisis, Simon's prescience and economic acumen left him ideally placed to co-chair the Conservative Party's Economic Competitiveness Policy Group. Wolfson's findings directly informed George Osborne's inheritance tax announcement during the Conservative Party conference in 2007; an announcement that ended the Brown bounce and left Labour trailing in the polls.

Described as a 'superb media performer' and a 'clever, well-informed and gifted communicator' following his appearance on BBC's Question Time, Simon usually shuns the spot-light so the chance to see him speak is a rare privilege.

Speaker Meeting with JON SOPEL

Tuesday 10th November, 7.30pm

Jon Sopel will speak on 'Politics, the media and spin: From the dodgy dossier to Gordon's smile'

Jon presents one of the BBC's flagship Politics programs, 'The Politics Show' and on it has interviewed Tony Blair, Condoleezza Rice, Gordon Brown and David Cameron. Voted 'Political Journalist of the Year' in 2007 by the public affairs industry, during major breaking international news stories Jon is routinely flown to the scene to anchor the BBC's coverage. In the past, this has involved presenting from the Israel/Lebanon border, Northern Afganistan, Kuwait city during the Iraq War, New Orleans, Sri Lanka after the Tsunami and Rome for the Pope's death.

Formerly BBC News 24's chief political correspondent and the BBC's Paris correspondent, Jon also wrote the first, and a hugely successful, biography of Tony Blair in 1995 entitled 'Tony Blair: The Moderniser'
RT HON LORD PADDY ASHDOWN GCMG KBE

Tuesday 17th November, 7.30pm

Paddy Ashdown will speak on his autobiography "A Fortunate Life"

Lord Ashdown was Leader of the Liberal Democrats from 1988 to 1999. As the leader of the party, and the MP for Yeovil, he took his party to their best performance for generations at the 1997 election. Previously he was in the Royal Marines, and was later a diplomat with the Foreign Office, a career he resumed as the International High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina from 2002 to 2006. He remains one of Britain’s most popular and influential political figures. He will be speaking on his autobiography, *A Fortunate Life*, published by Aurum Press, and in which he revealed that he worked as a spy for the British Secret Intelligence Services.

HOWARD JACOBSON

Tuesday 24th November, time tbc.

Celebrated writer Howard Jacobson, self-described as a 'Jewish Jane Austen', has published numerous books to wide acclaim and is best known for writing comic novels revolving around the dilemmas of British Jewish characters; Also a prominent commentator for ‘The Independent’, Howard is renowned for his ebullient wit and unique take on the British Jewish experience.

His 1999 ‘The Mighty Walzer’ received multiple literary awards, while two of his books - ‘Roots Schmoots: Journeys Among Jews’ and ‘Seriously Funny: From the Ridiculous to the Sublime’ - have been turned into successful television series. Howard has also been the subject of two television documentaries, broadcast on BBC and ITV, and made television programs on Turner and the ‘Why the Novel Matters’
Ambassador John Bolton is an American diplomat, lawyer, and politician. Best known for his highly controversial spell as US Permanent Representative to the UN from 2005-6, Ambassador Bolton is one of the most divisive figures of the Bush Presidency. In the US, he was feted for his tough negotiating style and his persistent advocacy of American interests. By many, though, he was considered to represent everything wrong with US foreign policy under President George W. Bush, having been a strong critic of the UN throughout his career.

He had previously played a major role, as Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, in international controversies surrounding the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

Ambassador Bolton studied at Yale, and was active in the Yale Political Union as a student.
Speaker Meeting with

MIRIAM MARGOLYES OBE

Sunday 18th October, 4pm
In Association with CU Palestine Society

From the Best Supporting Actress BAFTA in Martin Scorsese’s ‘The Age of Innocence’ to Professor Sprout in Harry Potter, Miriam’s filmography is extraordinary; starring alongside Charlize Theron, Dame Judi Dench, Rowan Atkinson and Leonardo Dicaprio in everything from ‘Blackadder’ to ‘Romeo + Juliet’ and ‘Ladies in Lavender’. On stage she was in the original cast of ‘Wicked’, playing Madame Morrible.

Miriam will be speaking on the Israel Palestine conflict. Sonja Karkar, of Women for Palestine, writes “Miriam’s voice bedazzles everyone and is a person with the words and charisma to melt hearts.”

Speaker Meeting with

EVAN DAVIS

Thursday 22 October, 6.30pm
In Association with The Marshall Society

Evan is best known for presenting ‘Dragon’s Den’, the BBC’s venture-capitalist reality show, and as a presenter on BBC’s Radio Four’s ‘Today Programme’ alongside John Humphrys and others. Formerly BBC’s Economics Editor for nearly seven years, where he authored the hugely popular ‘Evanomics’ Blog, Evan has won multiple awards for his broadcast journalism and business broadcasting and came first in The Independent newspaper’s 2008 ‘Pink List’, which honours the most influential gay Britons. Evan has also written and co-authored several books, most notably ‘Public Spending’ and the ‘Penguin Dictionary of Economics and of Business’.

Evan Davis will be speaking on “How not to run an economy.”

Speaker Meeting with

ADAM KAY

Monday 19th October, 6pm
In Association with CU Medical Society

Adam is one half of The Amateur Transplants stand-up comedy group, and is best known for his hilariously funny ‘London Underground Song’. The clip has undoubtedly become the stuff of YouTube legends and it has well over three million views. We are delighted to welcome Adam to the Union for the evening, and he will be delivering his ‘How to be a bogus doctor’lecture, which has received huge critical acclaim and should make for an extremely entertaining hour!

Speaker Meeting with

ABDEL BARI ATWAN

Wednesday 28th October, 5pm
In Association with CU Palestine Society

Abdel is best known as the last Western journalist to interview Osama Bin Laden, spending three days with him in 1996. His hair-raising trip to Tora Bora saw him become the focus of global media attention. In 1988, Abdel founded Al-Quds Al-Arabi, ‘the only truly independent newspaper.’ Abdel also met Yasser Arafat on several occasions in his Gaza headquarters before the building was destroyed by Israeli bombardment. Raised in refugee camps after fleeing the ‘occupying Israeli army’ in 1948, Abdel's story is a remarkable one.

Abdel Bari Atwan will talk on “The Way Forward for Israel and Palestine: Armed Struggle or Peaceful Resistance?”
**Speaker Meeting with**

**CHRIS DOYLE**

*Wednesday 28th October, 7.30pm*

*In Association with CU Arab Society*

Chris directs The Council for Arab-British Understanding, working to promote positive Arab-British relations, covering themes including ‘the oppression and dispossession of Palestinians’ and rising extremism and intolerance.’ A frequent media commentator, Chris has organised and accompanied numerous British Parliamentary delegations to Arab countries, including meetings with Saudi Arabia’s King and the First Lady of Syria. Chris has addressed the United Nations in front of Kofi Annan and the Presidents of the Security Council and General Assembly in his capacity as a leading member of the Coordinating Network on Palestine.

Chris Doyle will talk on “Obama or bust? What future for peace in the Middle East?”

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**Speaker Meeting with**

**SIR DAVID KING**

*Friday 30th October, 8pm*

*In Association with CU Sci Soc*

Sir David was the Chief Scientific Advisor to H.M. Government under both Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, advising on post 9/11 risks, foot-and-mouth and energy provision. He has argued organic food has no health benefits and that Iraq was a new sort of conflict; a ‘resource war’, a view that he and others in government held in 2003. A champion of greater action on climate change, Sir David was instrumental in creating the £1bn Energy Technology Institute and famously commented he saw global warming as the greatest threat facing 21st century society.

Sir David will speak on “21st Century Challenges and the New Renaissance”

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**Speaker Meeting with**

**ANDREW LANSLEY, CBE MP**

*Monday 2nd November, 7pm*

*In Association with the CU Conservative Association*

Shadow Cabinet member Andrew Lansley has been Conservative Party’s Secretary of State for Health since 2003. A former Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Party, Andrew was also the party’s Campaign Manager for the 1992 General Election: a victory he has described as his proudest career achievement and one for which he was awarded a CBE.

Well respected across healthcare for his extensive knowledge of the NHS and committed to improving the NHS for everyone, Andrew has helped transform the public’s view of the Conservative Party’s commitment to the NHS and developed policies centred on using choice to improve the NHS.

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**Speaker Meeting with**

**PROFESSOR SIR JOHN BEDDINGTON**

*Tuesday 3rd November, 8pm*

*In Association with CU Sci Soc*

Sir John is currently the Chief Scientific Advisor to H.M Government and the chair of the Defence Scientific Advisory Committee. A leading specialist in the economics and biology of the sustainable management of renewable resources, Sir John has advised the UN and European Commission over his career.

Sir John’s recent work has focussed on the upcoming food crisis, commenting that growing populations, falling energy sources and food shortages will create the “perfect storm” by 2030, triggering wars, unrest and mass migration as food, energy and water demands rise between 30 and 50%.
Speaker Meeting with

HIS EXCELLENCY DR. SAMI KHIYAMI

Wednesday 4th November, 7.30pm
In Association with CU Arab Society

Dr Sami Khiyami is the Syrian Ambassador to the UK. Khiyami’s Syria is a political ally of Hezbollah on grounds that it represents a legitimate national liberation movement, and Dr. Khiyami commented on the 2006 Israel / Lebanon conflict that ‘what we have here is an arms factory attacking a library’ and if the US continue their foreign policy, ‘the whole [region] will be on fire.’

Dr Khiyami’s background is in technology and has worked on collaborations between the national government and the UN and EU, as well as across Syria’s banking sector.

Dr Khiyami will speak on “Syria: the land of Kanaan and Amor – a short historical overview and its social and political impact on modern Arab Syria”

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Speaker Meeting with

SHEHRBANO “SHERRY” REHMAN

Time and date tbc
In Association with CU Pakistan Society

Described as ‘Democracy’s Hero’ over her close association with Benazir Bhutto’s campaign for democracy, Sherry is a senior Pakistani politician, journalist and parliamentarian. A former Cabinet Minister for Information & Broadcasting sworn in by President Musharraf in 2008, she controversially resigned a year later over differences with the new President, Ali Zardari, over media-restrictions.

Sherry authored bills in the National Assembly concerning female empowerment, honour killings, domestic violence and affirmative action, and moved bills related to freedom of information.

Shehrbano Rehman will speak on “Benazir Bhutto’s legacy: democracy and development or extremism and failure?”

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Speaker Meeting with

PROFESSOR QUENTIN SKINNER

Monday 16th November, 7.30pm
In Association with the Skinner Society

Professor Skinner is undoubtedly the world’s leading scholar on the subject of political thought and was previously Regius Professor of Modern History here at Cambridge.

He will be joining us for the launch event of the newly established ‘Skinner Society’; a panel debate with prominent scholars and students discussing the relevance and nature of Political Thought. Some of the discipline’s big questions will be addressed, including whether philosophers or political scientists should be principally responsible for the study, and the implications of this. A fascinating and illuminating discussion, welcome to all students, should ensue.

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Speaker Meeting with

MUSHAHID HUSSAIN SYED

Time and date tbc
In Association with CU Pakistan Society

Formerly a close advisor to President Pervez Musharraf, a cabinet minister and chairman of the Senate’s foreign relations committee, Mushahid is currently Secretary General of one of Pakistan’s main opposition parties and was one of President Zardari’s main challengers in the 2008 Presidential elections. Mushahid led Pakistan’s delegation to the UN Commission on Human Rights and was made an Amnesty International ‘Prisoner of Conscience’ after being detained without trial for 440 days.

Mushahid Hussain Syed will speak on “A state’s battle for its writ: Solutions to Pakistani Militancy”
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**Monday 5th October, 8pm**

**LIVE JAZZ & COCKTAILS**  
*Free entry for members & non members.*  
*The Bar*

Kick on your vintage heels, pull down that flapper dress and head to a glamorous and opulent gathering of the beautiful and damned. Dance the night away to the music of Jazz Ambience with a repertoire spanning through the ages, and be shaken by expert drinks prepared by our very own cocktail connoisseur, David Harrison.

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**Tuesday 6th October, 8pm**

**COMEDY & ACOUSTICS**  
*Free entry for members & non members.*  
*The Bar*

A night with pro-comedian David Ward will leave you roaring with laughter. Very much in demand as a compere and comedian, David is a lively, upbeat and original comic with clever yet cheeky material, a gentle bite and famed wit. His ability to bond and audience and warm up a crowd has made him the choice compere for the BBC New Comedy Awards and C4’s ‘So You Think You’re Funny’ talent hunt. Time Out describe him as ‘enjoyable and entertaining’.

This is followed by a performance by blues musician Tom Colborn. Tom has made a name for himself as a premier blues musician. A driving delta bottleneck and funky ragtime accompany the voice of a true blues shouter. His set comprises self penned songs and instrumentals, blues standards and rarely performed songs from the tradition.

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**Wednesday 7th October, 8pm**

**FORBIDDEN CITY! KARAOKE & QUIZ**  
*Free entry for members & non members.*  
*The Bar*

The Revolution is Now! Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the People’s Republic of China with fellow comrades. Feel the Asian flush, embrace your inner Great Wall and ready yourself for a rousing rendition of the Chinese National Anthem. The night begins with a bumper quiz, with a £40 bar tab to be won for the winning team.

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**Tuesday 13th Oct, 7.30pm**

**RECEPTION FOR NEW GRADUATES AND MBAS**  
*The Bar*

Cambridge’s premier student society welcomes you a special drinks party for new graduate students and MBAs. Turn up from 7.30pm and chill out in our city centre bar with new grads. Meet new people from other colleges and courses, as you taste our fine wines and try our selection of bottled beers chosen specially by our bartender. Bring a new friend if you like – with cocktails two for one before 9pm – or just turn up on the night, for what is sure to be a welcoming atmosphere. We hope that this will be a relaxed and low-key way to meet a range of new people away from the glare of the crowded clubs and pubs.

There’s no need to sign up in advance – just come along on the night. All new graduates – members and non-members alike – are welcome.
Friday 9th October, 8pm
FRESHERS’ BALL

This year the Union brings you the splendour and opulence of May Week before May Week. Free for all new members who have joined in Michaelmas 2009, this promises to be the event of the term. And your first chance to experience a famous (sometimes infamous!) Cambridge University Ball, complete with swing jazz, chocolate fountain, hog roast, DJ and Casino. We’re even throwing in all bar-drinks at cost price (bottled beer £1.20, double spirit and mixer £1.30, £2 cocktails!!)

Dress to impress for your first chance to make friends and embarrass yourselves away from the safety of your fresher’s reps!

May balls each year charge from £63–£140 and you can have all this for free. Any new members of the Cambridge Union Society are eligible.

Do not miss out on the most talked about party this term!

Mondays (every other week beginning Week 1), 8pm
PUB QUIZ
The Bar

Bring groups of friends along to test yourselves on every branch of knowledge that won’t get you through Tripos. Expect fierce competition between intellects battling for that coveted £30 bar tab.

Mondays (every other week beginning Week 2), 8pm
COCKTAIL WORKSHOPS
£5 for members
The Bar

Once again the bar team will be bringing you some of the best cocktail recipes, bartending tricks and mixing ideas to impress your friends! Four cocktails each week picked from the long lists of classics as well as the contemporary and a few of our own inventions. You will have a go at shaking, building and blending all the recipes we show you. There is only one rule, you drink what you make, regardless of how it tastes!!
Mondays (every other week beginning Week 2), 8pm

CLASSICAL RECITALS
Free entry for members & non members.
The Dining Room

For those who enjoy listening or playing music in a small, intimate, salon atmosphere. We welcome every type of instruments and styles within the classical genre, from solos to quartets, violins to gu-qins. Enjoy with a glass of wine and nibbles.

If you would like to perform please email ents@cus.org at least 2 days before the recital with the names of your pieces, your instrument and your contact details. There will be around 50 minutes of playing time available in every recital and are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

We may be able to offer one recital for pianos depending on demand. This is due to the need to hire the instrument in advance.

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Sunday Mornings, 11am

THE ANONYMOUS POETRY CLUB
The Mountbatten Room

Picture the scene; the clock reads 2AM and your essay is barely half-finished when poetic inspiration washes over you. Your scribbled stanzas soon become a verse, yet this work is without an audience.

The APC is set up to provide a platform for closet poets to showcase their work to like-minded people, all in the safety of anonymity if they choose. Poems emailed to ents@cus.org shall be printed and brought to the meeting sans any clues of the author’s identity.

Join us any Sunday morning for lively discussions, a hot drink and light breakfast.

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Saturday 31st October, 8pm

HALLOWEEN MURDER MYSTERY PARTY
£3 for Union members, £6 for non-members
The Bar

They call him ‘The Colonel’. Once a man, they say. Now a ghost, they whisper. Forever haunting these ancient and hallowed halls. The Union’s mysterious entrepreneurial owner opens its oak doors for a special evening and a very special Halloween party. The question is not if, but how many will die.

Guests playing in teams mingle with the suspects, under The Colonel’s watchful eye, to gather clues throughout the evening. The winning team will receive a prize of £50 bar tab. There will also be a prize for the best costume.

Thrills are guaranteed. Your safety is not.
Friday 6th November, 7.30pm
CAVATINA CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT
“SCHUBERTIADE”
Free entry for members & Cambridge students
£10 general public, £8 concessions
The Chamber

Join some of Cambridge University’s most talented instrumentalists for an intimate and exciting performance of Schubert’s music

FRANZ SCHUBERT “QUARTETT-SATZ” D703
OCTET D803

Chang-Ho Yoon, violin
Julian Azkoul, violin
Shiry Rashkovsky, viola
Grace Chatto, cello
Nicholas Bown, double bass
Joe Shiner, clarinet
Nina Ashton, bassoon
Oskar McCarthy, horn

Paying tickets available on the door or from the Union office, Monday to Friday, 9am – 5.30pm.
Also available from www.cus.org/event-hire-events.

Organised by Julian Azkoul, Cavatina Ambassador to CU

Saturday 7th November
LOVE MUSIC HATE RACISM CONCERT
In Association with CUSU
The Chamber

Love Music Hate Racism hits Cambridge with an amazing line-up of bands and artists taking a stand against racism and discrimination through the unifying power of music. The concert, a partnership between the Cambridge Union and CUSU, will be the spectacular culmination of Cambridge University Stands Up (30th Oct – 7th Nov), a week of events and activities to celebrate and explore diversity in the Cambridge community and beyond. Join us to dance the night away to a diverse programme of bands, including a surprise big-name headliner, and fight back against the xenophobia, racism, sexism and homophobia we face in our community.

www.cusu.cam.ac.uk/campaign/standsup for updates and details
Friday 6th – Saturday 7th November
EXHIBIT YOUR ART!
STUDENT ART EXHIBITION
www.cus.org/artexhibition

This student art exhibition aims to provide the biggest platform for amateur student artists to showcase their art. It welcomes all student artists in Cambridge, from the compulsive doodler to the semi-professional photographer.

The exhibition will take place over two days with an Evening Reception taking place from 7pm Friday 6th November. Contributing artists will be invited along with judges and other guests to view and discuss their work. Prizes will be awarded.

On Saturday 7th November, the exhibition will open to the public from 9am to 10pm for one day only. Entry for students will be free. £2 admission charge for the general public. The submission deadline is 7pm Thursday 8th October. For more information please visit the website.

The exhibition is brought to you in collaboration with The Hillmag, PhoCUS and PAPS.

Wednesday 11th November, 7pm
CHEESE TASTING
The Dining Room

Delicious cheese tasting, courtesy of the Cambridge Cheese Company. The Cambridge Cheese Company is a small independently run delicatessen founded in 1994. Boasting a list of around 130 farmhouse and artisan made cheeses and the country’s largest selection of top grade olives, plus locally produced honey, pork pies and much more besides. 20 free spaces available for members. Please book at least 48 hours in advance by email to ents@cus.org.

Friday 13th November, 8 – 11pm
THE UNION COMEDY CLUB
Members £3.50, Students £6 and Public £8.50. Tickets available from the Union office or online at www.cus.org/event-hire-events

The Union invites you to a night of joviality in the company of some of the most talented professional comedians from the London Comedy Circuit. Compare Stanley McHale, 1st Act David Whitney and 2nd Act Ray Crawford; all professional comedians you would pay £20 to see in London.

STANLEY MCHALE - An established, much-in-demand comedian who’s headlined most of the UK’s leading comedy clubs. His friendly and non-confrontational style is nonetheless full of panache, power and opinion, making him a firm favourite on any bill. Renowned for his uproarious, utterly original material and delivery, which is always animated, irresistible and unique.

DAVID WHITNEY - David got his first gig at the Friars Club Beverly Hills as a result of a series of lies he couldn’t get out of... Fortunately, it went very well. Since then he has been performing prolifically all over the UK in pubs, clubs, theatres and corporate gigs for Coutts Bank and Tottenham Football Club. He has also appeared on television, notably on Channel 5 in the spoof documentary A-Z of Sexual Fetishes.

RAY CRAWFORD - A veteran of both Australia and England’s national comedy circuits, Ray has played all the top comedy venues, including “The Comedy Store”, “Jongleurs” and “Banana Cabaret”. Not only is he a highly enjoyable stand-up, but he has also developed into a very fine compère. Ray’s friendly and laid back style always puts audiences at ease, as he delivers his very funny, insightful observations and anecdotes on life’s absurdities and quirks.
Saturday 14th November, 8pm
MEXICAN FIESTA
£3 entry for Union members. £6 for guests.
The Bar

¿Dónde está la fiesta? The Union is bringing the sound, culture and taste of Mexico to the loudest party this term. Think Sombreros, Piñatas, Cactuses, Burritos, Nachos and a Chihuahua dog. Rodeo, tequila cocktails all night, a free shot of tequila to anyone wearing a sombrero or poncho and a DJ specialising in Mexican and Latin origin music.

Friday 27th November, 8pm
ANN SUMMERS PARTY
Girls only. No purchase necessary.
Please email ents@cus.org to book your place.
The Kennedy Room

Described by Ann Summers as “free, fun and frisky”, it is definitely not as intimidating as it appears. The party promises to be fun and light hearted, with ice-breaker games, lucky dips and a lot of catalogue items to browse and choose. Each guest will also receive a party pack with special offers, invitations and catalogues for the event.

The party is hosted in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

Wednesday 25th November, 7pm
SUSHI MAKING & TASTING
£3 for Union members. £6 for guests.
Please email ents@cus.org at least 48 hours before the event to reserve your place
The Dining Room

Did you know contemporary sushi was invented by Hanaya Yohei at the end of the Edo period in Tokyo? It was designed to be a form of fast food that could be eaten with one’s hands when on a roadside or in a theatre.

The Union is proud to host a master class demonstration of sushi making by the founders of the Cambridge Sushi Company. The demonstration will be followed by tasting of the succulent variety of delicacies made by the company.

Friday 4th December, 8pm
CHRISTMAS BEACH PARTY
£3 for Union members. £6 for guests.
The Bar

This House Thinks it is unfair that the Aussies should Have It All. However awesome their accent may be, they do not deserve great weather and Christmas at the same time. So this year the Union is bringing Bondai to Christmas with the full array of bikinis, surfer dudes and tropical cocktails. Join the House in ravin’ it up in the hottest party this winter. Swap the mulled wine for Sangria, the mince pies for a barbeque and the obligatory Christmas charades for beach volley ball. All to the sounds of a steel drum band. What better way to celebrate Christmas!
Members’ Benefits

The Library
Room Bookings
The Members’ Bar
Treasurer’s Treats
The Union is proud to have the newly refurbished Keynes Library at the heart of its historic buildings. The Library consists of two main rooms; the South Room holds the main book collection which is available for borrowing to members. With tall windows which give a magnificent view of St. John's Chapel, it has a nice airy feel with lots of study space and Wi-Fi internet connection is available throughout the whole library.

Alongside this is the magnificent Fairfax Rhodes reading room, given its name by its generous benefactor – Colonel Fairfax Rhodes. This summer has seen the incredible refurbishment of the original wooden beams and redecoration of the library. This room also houses the Fairfax Rhodes rare book collection, a unique collection of antiquarian books in leather bindings.

Where else in Cambridge can you sit down to study next to such beautiful books, in a room lit by chandeliers, at a purpose built oak table or around an original fireplace taking time out to do some leisure reading?

The Library has the largest borrowable fiction section in Cambridge outside the University Library, and has many more sections on English literature and drama; biography; history; sport; politics; economics; sociology; Oxford & Cambridge and humour. Your librarian, Catherine Wise, will welcome you most heartedly to come and see the Library, and to take time out from your busy schedules by relaxing with a book or two!

As a member of the Cambridge Union Society you can use any of the rooms around the bar, for your own private celebrations, free of charge. The Blue Room, Bar Lounge, Dining Room and Mountbatten Room are all at your disposal and our bar staff will be happy to help you in organising a party – an ideal venue for your 21st! Whether you have a private disco, champagne reception, buffet dinner or even a wine tasting evening, we are happy to help organise your party with you. Contact David Harrison, our Bar manager on barandeventsmanager@cus.org. All we ask in return is you buy lots of drinks and have a good time!
THE MEMBERS’ BAR

The bar once again re-opens on the 1st of October to welcome members, new and old, for beers, wine, spirits and cocktails. Our bar boasts student bar prices on the premiums from the high street. Cocktails starting from £2.50, 20 different types of single malt whisky, premiums on all our spirits and a range of beers covering 15 different countries. We have also increased our wine list for those with more refined tastes including wines from Chablis, Barbera, Marlborough and Medoc.

Bar Games
Thrown in for your entertainment is the only free pool table in Cambridge, an addictive quiz machine, wide screen TV and a slightly crazy French barmaid.

Happy hour
6-8 every day. 2 cocktails for £5, 3 bottles of beer for £5, double spirit and mixer for £2 and if you buy 2 large glasses of Union wine then get the rest of the bottle free!

Bar food
We have a Panini grill in the bar, offering a selection of delicious toasted sandwiches as well as home marinated fat and juicy olives, crisps, cashews, pistachios...

Weekly Events

Mondays:
PUB QUIZ
every other week beginning Week 1, 8pm

COCKTAIL WORKSHOPS
every other week beginning Week 2, 8pm

Wednesdays:
COCKTAIL NIGHT
2 for £5 on cocktails all night.

Fridays and Saturdays
An extra hour of "Happy Hour" from 11 till midnight!
Pre-clubbing drink special.
TREASURER’S TREATS

Here is a list of deals our treasurer has arranged exclusively for Union members at local Cambridge businesses.

For a comprehensive list of our discounts and deals, please see our website: www.cus.org/treasurers_treats/. Make sure to always present your Union card when claiming these offers.

Dining

AGORA AT THE COPPER KETTLE: 10% off
BENETS: 10% off bills over £4 (not to be used in conjunction with any other offers)
CAZIMIR CAFE: 15% off
CHEZ GERARD: 15% off tables of four and above
EFES TURKISH CUISINE: 15% off
MICHAELHOUSE CAFE: 10% off
LE PATISSIER: 10% off
UGLY DUCKLING RESTAURANT: 10% off the a la carte menu

Beauty & Cosmetics

IL BARBIERE: 10% off
KASUSH HAIR: 10% off

Shopping

THE LITTLE GIFT SHOP
ON THE CORNER: 10% off
NOMADS: 10% off
WOMBAT: 10% off

THE MAGIC JOKE SHOP: 10% off
CAMPKINS FUTURE VISION: 10% discount on development and printing, a free 2GB memory card with any digital camera and a £1 discount on passport photographs.

Others

GYPSY ROSE PUNT CO.: Fifth person goes free (on top of normal student offer)

CAMBRIDGE WINE MERCHANTS

We are an independent wine merchants offering unbeatable value. This is because we ship wines from all over the world from the cellar door directly to Cambridge. We have an enormous range of high quality wines, host weekly tastings and offer short courses in Wines & Spirits. Above all we are totally committed to customer service as our customers mean everything to us.

FREE DELIVERY when ordering wine...
HUGE DISCOUNTS on cases, half cases and bulk orders...

FRESHER’S GUIDE TO WINE Running from Oct to Dec
A guide to wine production, tasting and buying for the complete wine novice £20

FREE DELIVERY within Cambridge...
Try and double your STUDENT DISCOUNT with our trivia game...

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COMPETITIVE DEBATING

Debating represents everything that’s great about the Union: exchanging ideas, interacting with other students and trying something new. It offers you the opportunity to improve your public speaking, represent Cambridge at national and international level and meet lots of new people. You don’t need any previous debating experience to join us and we’re open to all Union members.

Workshops
You can learn to debate through our weekly workshops, which take place every Tuesday evening in Michaelmas and Lent term. We run workshops at every level so you don’t need to know how to debate in order to join them. Each week, our experienced debating coaches teach a different speaking skill and you get the chance to debate. Our course has taught hundreds of people how to persuade an audience and think critically. Everyone who successfully completes our workshop course will be awarded the ‘Citi Cambridge Union Diploma in Debating’.

Competitions
The Cambridge Union is one of the most successful debating institutions in the world. We send teams to represent Cambridge at university competitions nearly every weekend, providing debaters from all levels an excellent opportunity to improve their debating. We also heavily subsidise travel and entry for competitions. We host our own competition this November, when hundreds of debaters from universities across the world will battle each other for our prestigious debating title. This is an exciting opportunity to watch, judge and get to know some of the best speakers in the world.

Socials
Through Cambridge debating you can meet many new people from Cambridge, Britain and around the world. We hold many socials from pub quizzes to ice cream evenings (yes, more free ice cream!), our Christmas party to our summer garden party. You can get to know other Cambridge students after workshops in the Union bar and debaters from other universities at socials during competitions.

International Travel
We don’t only compete at a national level – we send teams to the European and World Debating Championships and to competitions in Europe and beyond. Last year, we sent teams to Holland, Latvia, Ireland, America and Turkey. We also have an annual America Tour, which takes part in show debates at US schools and universities.

Schools and Access
We think that debating is a great thing and we’re committed to extending it to more people. By the start of this term, we will have run debating workshops for more than a thousand children, not only passing on the benefits of debating but also those of the Union and of Cambridge. Our schools competition is the biggest in the country with hundreds of students entering. You can get involved in this fantastic scheme through helping at workshops and judging debates. It’s rewarding, fascinating and great fun!
COMPETITIVE DEBATING

How to get involved
We hope that you’re interested in having a go at debating. If you want to get involved, please come to either of our ‘Freshers Introduction to Debating’ evenings on Tuesday 13th October and Wednesday 14th October. Even if you can’t attend them, please come to our Tuesday workshops that begin the following week.

How to find out more
If you want to find out more, check out the debating section of the website. Our weekly debating newsletter announces everything you need to know about competitions, opportunities and workshops. To sign up, either follow the details on the debating section of our website, come to the Freshers Fair or at our Introduction evenings. If you have any questions, please email the Directors of Debating, Mary & Richard, at dod@cus.org
**GETTING INVOLVED**

The Union is owned and run by students, for students. We rely on a team of enthusiastic volunteers to ensure that we retain our reputation as one of the most vibrant student societies in the country. Getting involved can be great fun; instead of just watching a debate, imagine what it is like to organise that event, to take that call from a world-famous celebrity, and then sit next to them at dinner. Most people start in the Union by volunteering – as a volunteer you have complete control of how much you give back, from checking membership cards on admission, to writing letters to famous figures. If you feel like getting involved please e-mail the President at president@cus.org

**Members’ Business Meetings**
Coming to MBMs is the easiest, though in many respects the most important, way you can get involved. This is the ultimate decision-making body in the Union, and has the power to change the Union’s constitution. All members get both a vote and a voice. Motions need to be submitted four days in advance to the Secretary (secretary@cus.org).

**College Reps**
Becoming a college rep is one of the easiest ways of getting involved in our Society. Reps ensure our events are well-publicised and well-attended, by distributing posters and flyers in their colleges. The only commitment is one weekly meeting, and it’s a great stress-free way to learn how the Union works and get experience of Cambridge’s largest and most active student society. If you feel like getting involved please e-mail the Senior Committee Member at scm@cus.org

**President’s Committee**
Any members can join the President’s Committee. All you need to do is turn up to the Bar before the debates on Thursdays at 7pm, and give us feedback on the week’s events or tell us how the Union can better serve its member’s wants and needs. If you want, you can also get involved with helping the Union’s publicity campaign. Just take a couple of the posters that will be given out at the President’s Committee, put them up in your college and faculty, and in return we will reward you with vouchers to get free drinks at the Union bar!

**Appointed Positions**
A number of the positions in the Union are appointed directly by Standing Committee (formed of the elected officers) because they often require specialist knowledge in a certain area. Positions include: Director of IT, the Secretary, Directors of Debating, Director of Publicity, Director of Event Management, Press Secretary and the Vice-President. Appointments usually take place at the end of each term, are advertised via e-mail to the whole membership, and any member may apply for any position.

**Elected Positions**
Elections for President, Senior-Officer, Treasurer, Ents Officer and Senior Committee Member occur at the end of each term. Elections for officerships are carried out a term in advance, so officers serve a term as “Officers-elect,” so that they can plan their actual term in office. Any member of the society is eligible to put themselves forward as a candidate for any of these positions.
HISTORY OF THE UNION

The exact origin of the Society remains steeped in legend, but as the story goes the Union was founded in 1815 at the conclusion of a drunken brawl between several smaller college debating societies. The ‘union’ of the three societies provided the basis for the name ‘The Cambridge Union Society.’

The first meeting of the new society was held on the 13th February 1815 and weekly meetings for debates on topical subjects were held every week in term until 1817 when the Union was banned for being too contentious. By 1821, the Union was allowed to reform and continue debates but with limits on topics that could be discussed including a ban on any political discussions for events after 1800. True to its form as a home for upholding the right to free speech, these new regulations were violated, for instance, records show that a discussion on women’s suffrage was recorded to be a debate about Adam and Eve.

On 30th October 1866 the Union moved into its current home, designed by Alfred Waterhouse, located behind the Round Church. After several fires and bomb damage from the Luftwaffe in WWII (some of the older volumes in the library still bear shrapnel scars) it continues to meet the needs of our members.

The Union really came into its own during the early half of the 20th Century, playing host to many statesmen. Eden, Lloyd George, Baldwin, Churchill, Theodore Roosevelt and James Ramsey MacDonald all spoke in the Chamber between the wars. The economist John Maynard Keynes was President in Lent 1905 and the library is named after him. During the Second World War the Union stopped most of its activity. The building did not, however, stay empty, as Field Marshall Montgomery used the Chamber for a meeting which laid some of the first draft plans for D-Day.

Shortly after India had gained independence in 1947, the first Indian Prime Minister, Nehru, came to Cambridge to address the Union. The sixties are perhaps best known for the series of public figures who began their careers here at the Union. Ken Clarke, Norman Lamont, Michael Howard and Leon Brittan were all Union officers during this time. Oliver Letwin, Chris Smith, the former Labour Cabinet Minister, and Helene Hayman the Speaker of the House of Lords followed shortly after in the seventies.

The Union has continued to play host to great figures of national and international importance. Recent years have seen the Chief UN Weapons Inspector Hans Blix address the question of Weapons of Mass Destruction; the NATO Secretary General discuss international relations; Michael Moore argue against the Bush regime; the Dalai Lama speak for Tibetan independence; an address from President Reagan at the end of the Cold War; Archbishop Desmond Tutu has visited; Queen Noor of Jordan gave her views on the Middle East Peace Process at its height. Professor Stephen Hawking gives a lecture to the
Union every other year. In 1999, at the height of the Kosovo crisis, the Union held the ‘Kosovo Forum’ which saw representatives from the Kosovo Liberation Army, the Serbian Government and the UNHCR come together for the first time. It was televised by the BBC, CNN & Sky News. Jalal Talabani visited the Union shortly after taking office as the first democratically elected president of Iraq. Recently, Libyan head of state Colonel Gadaffi addressed the chamber via satellite days before chairing the international commission on the crisis in Darfur. Union members have always been there as history is made.
NEXT TERM AT THE UNION

Though it might seem a long way off, preparations for Lent term are already well underway. You’ll be able to see tabloid victim Max Mosley debate press freedom with Independent Editor Roger Alton, and former Attorney General Lord Goldsmith QC debate civil liberties with ex-Sun Editor Kelvin Mackenzie. We’ve also got some top political talks in the pipeline - former Irish PM Bertie Ahern will be visiting the Society, as will ousted London Mayor Ken Livingstone. As the General Election comes closer, we’ll be tackling the issues that really matter to the country: Head of Sky News John Ryley will be giving a talk on Television and Democracy, and explaining just why we need a televised election debate, General Sir Mike Jackson will tell us what should go in the Defence Budget – and what we should cut, and we'll cap it all off with a debate on whether the Conservatives really are fit to run the country again.

It is possible that our line-up will change between now and the New Year - although all of these events have been confirmed with the stars’ official representatives, they are subject to change in the event of a breaking story or a political crisis, in the case of some of the journalists and politicians listed. Still, there's only one place you'll be able to see all of this and more - and that’s the Cambridge Union Society.
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