



# Corporate Meetings & Events



**CAMBRIDGE  
UNION SOCIETY**  
events venue



# An iconic Cambridge venue

As one of the oldest debating societies in the world, the Cambridge Union has called its Victorian Gothic building 'Home' since the 1860s, after it commissioned Sir Alfred Waterhouse to build a parliamentary-style debating chamber with a surrounding clubhouse in the heart of Cambridge's city centre.

Flexible facilities allow for **small meetings, large conferences, networking and team building events, corporate dinners** and more.

With a history of prominent visiting speakers coming from Politics, Entertainment, Science and Literature, the Cambridge Union provides the perfect platform for the exchange of ideas and knowledge for your colleagues, guests or delegates.

- Both large and small room capacity to suit all types of events (12 to 420 capacity)
- Centrally located within the heart of Cambridge
- Public transport and undercover car parking nearby
- Proudly working with local suppliers and accommodation partners

# Over 200 years of hospitality

A lot has changed in the past 200 years, but one thing that's stayed the same is how we strive for perfection in our hospitality; now through our onsite brasserie - *The Orator*.

Across the years the Union has hosted a range of famous faces and events. From President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, to Robert De Niro and Dua Lipa.

Nowadays, The Union's building is still buzzing with life thanks to the incredible portfolio of events and clients taking advantage of our facilities and flexible setup spaces.







# **Our Facilities**



## An Ideal Space for Every Occasion

The Cambridge Union takes pride in providing a comprehensive event planning experience, complete with on-site AV, highly rated catering from The Orator, and full event management services. Whether you're organising multi-day conferences or intimate hybrid meetings, we collaborate closely with you to ensure your ideal vision is brought to life.



## The Debating Chamber

The renowned Debating Chamber, steeped in history, accommodates 420 delegates. This unique hall, and home of free speech and debate, ensures lasting memories for your guests. Ideal for intellectual exchange, it features a built-in PA System, multiple microphones, 4 built in projectors, and an on-site AV technician.

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*Seating for;*

420 conference / 150 dining











## The Old Snooker Room

The Snooker Room, once home to vintage Snooker tables for student enjoyment, is now an ideal space for small meetings or networking events. Equipped with a projector and/or TV, it is well-suited for hybrid meetings involving participants off-site. Offering a charming view of the courtyard behind the Round Church, adorned with vibrant flowers during the summer months.

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*Seating for;*

20 boardroom style / 50 theatre





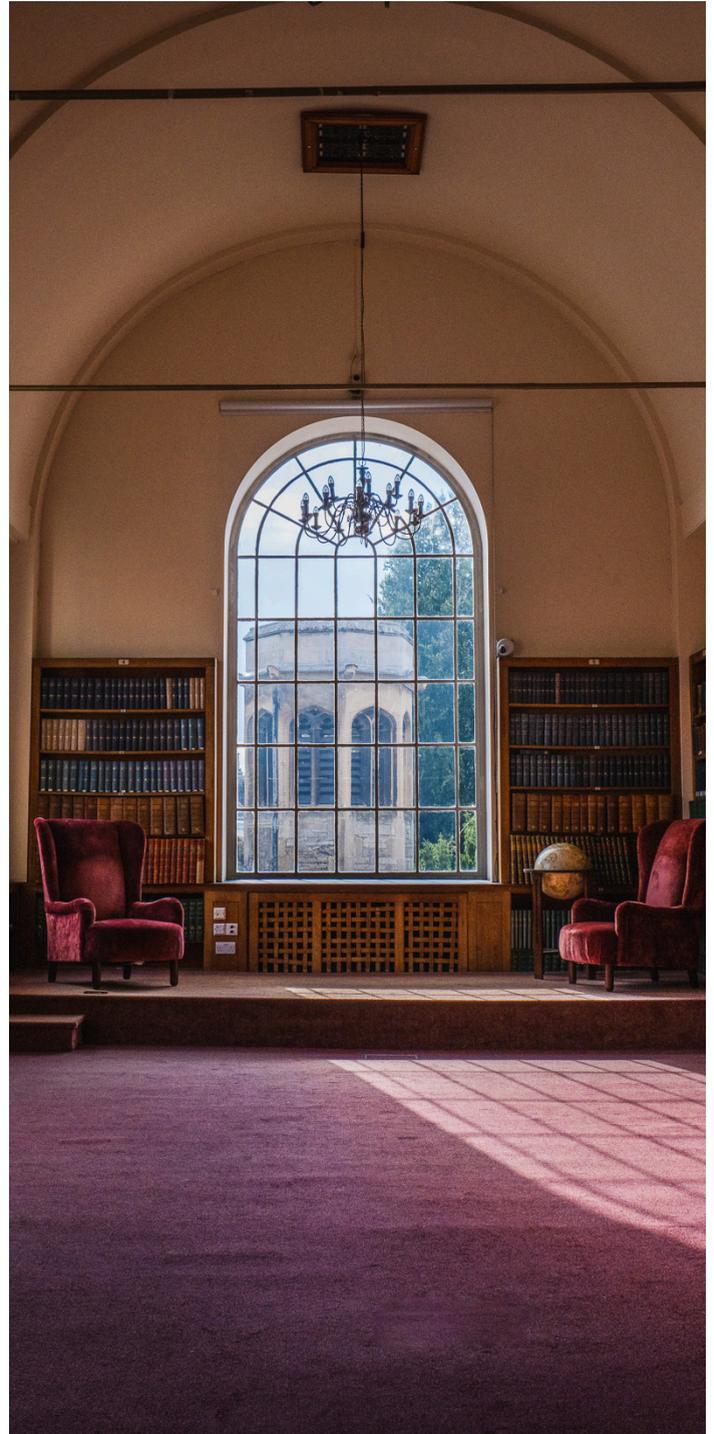
## The Keynes Library

The Keynes Library, named after John Maynard Keynes, embodies the perfect setting for fireside chats, networking events, and workshops. The shelves are adorned with antique books bringing an academic and idyllic Cambridge atmosphere to your next function. The Library is living history, boasting shrapnel marked books from bombs dropped in 1942. Admire the views of St. John's Chapel and the Round Church from the arched window. Immerse your guests in history, and enjoy a glass of fizz at the old check-out counter.

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*Seating for;*

100 theatre style, 100 standing reception





## The Fairfax Rhodes Reading Room

The Fairfax Rhodes Reading Room offers a versatile space with high arched ceilings and large windows. The room is located on the first floor with joint access to the Keynes Library. This flexible space can be used for presentations or for corporate dinners of up to 100 guests. When paired with the Keynes Library, these spaces become an excellent choice for corporate events, offering supplementary breakout areas or lunch spaces. Impress your guests with our collection of first-edition books displayed in the room, including works by author Charles Dickens.

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*Seating for;*

42 boardroom style / 88 in rows / 60 classroom / 68 u-shape/  
100 standing reception





## The Dining Room

The setting of our weekly presidential dinners, our private dining room celebrates the fruits of our students' hard work, displaying photos of past student committees dating back to the Union's inception. Experience dining in the very seats that were once occupied by illustrious figures like Winston Churchill and Theodore Roosevelt. This space is perfect for intimate dining gatherings or birthday events. Conveniently located off The Orator, the Union's onsite bar and restaurant, the Dining Room is in close proximity to a vibrant atmosphere.

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*Seating for;*  
22 boardroom style



## The Orator

Welcome to The Orator, what was once originally the student bar is now a beloved dining spot in the heart of Cambridge. Our friendly staff will welcome your delegates after a conference with an ice-cold beer and a smile. Visit our ‘Words of Wisdom’ board, a blackboard where the most recent speaker leaves a quote for patrons to contemplate. The walls of the restaurant are lined with notable figures who are members of the Union or have recently spoken in the Chamber.

*visit [www.cus.org/the-orator](http://www.cus.org/the-orator)*

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*Seating for;*

120 dining / 200 standing



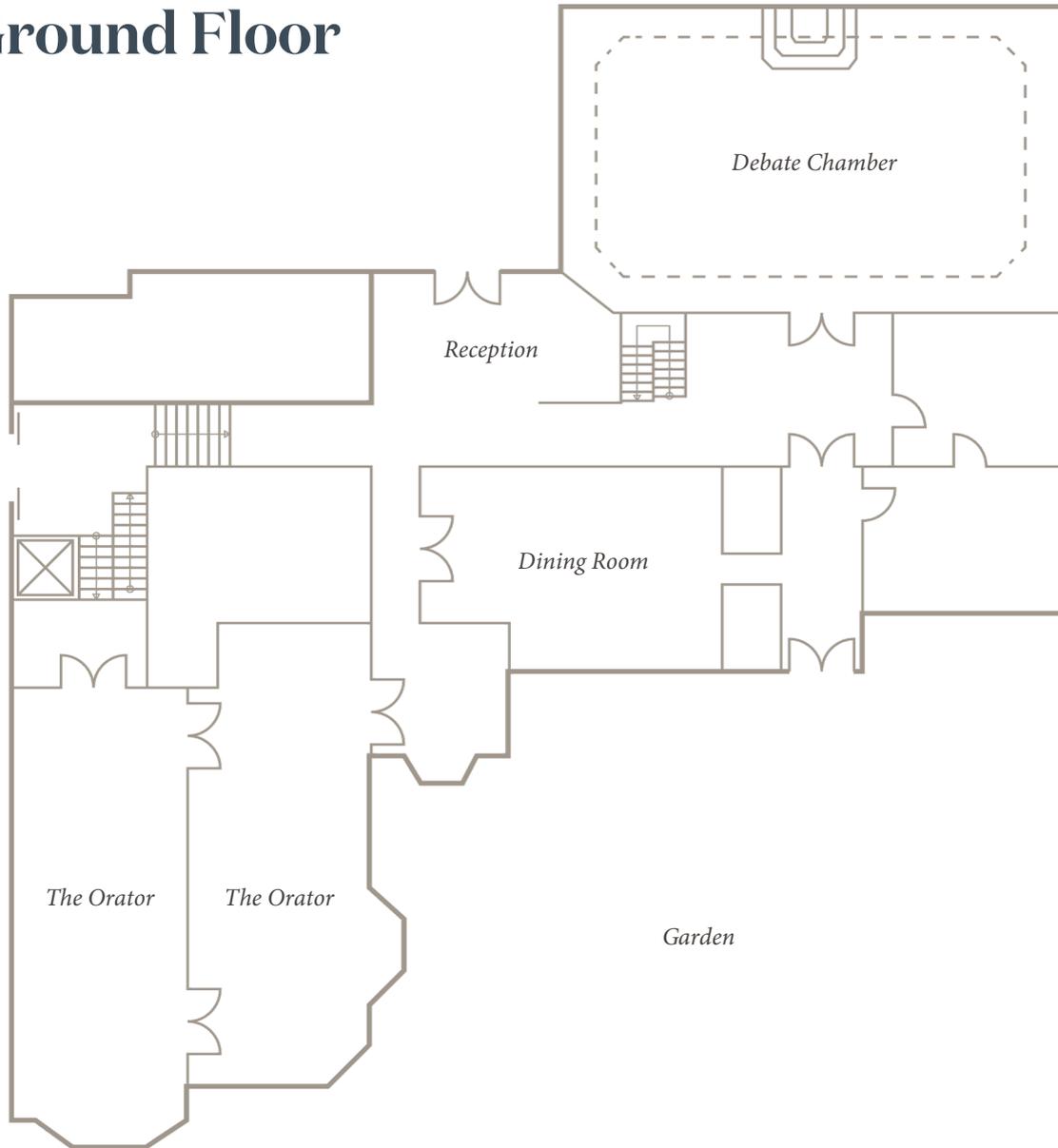


## The Orator Garden

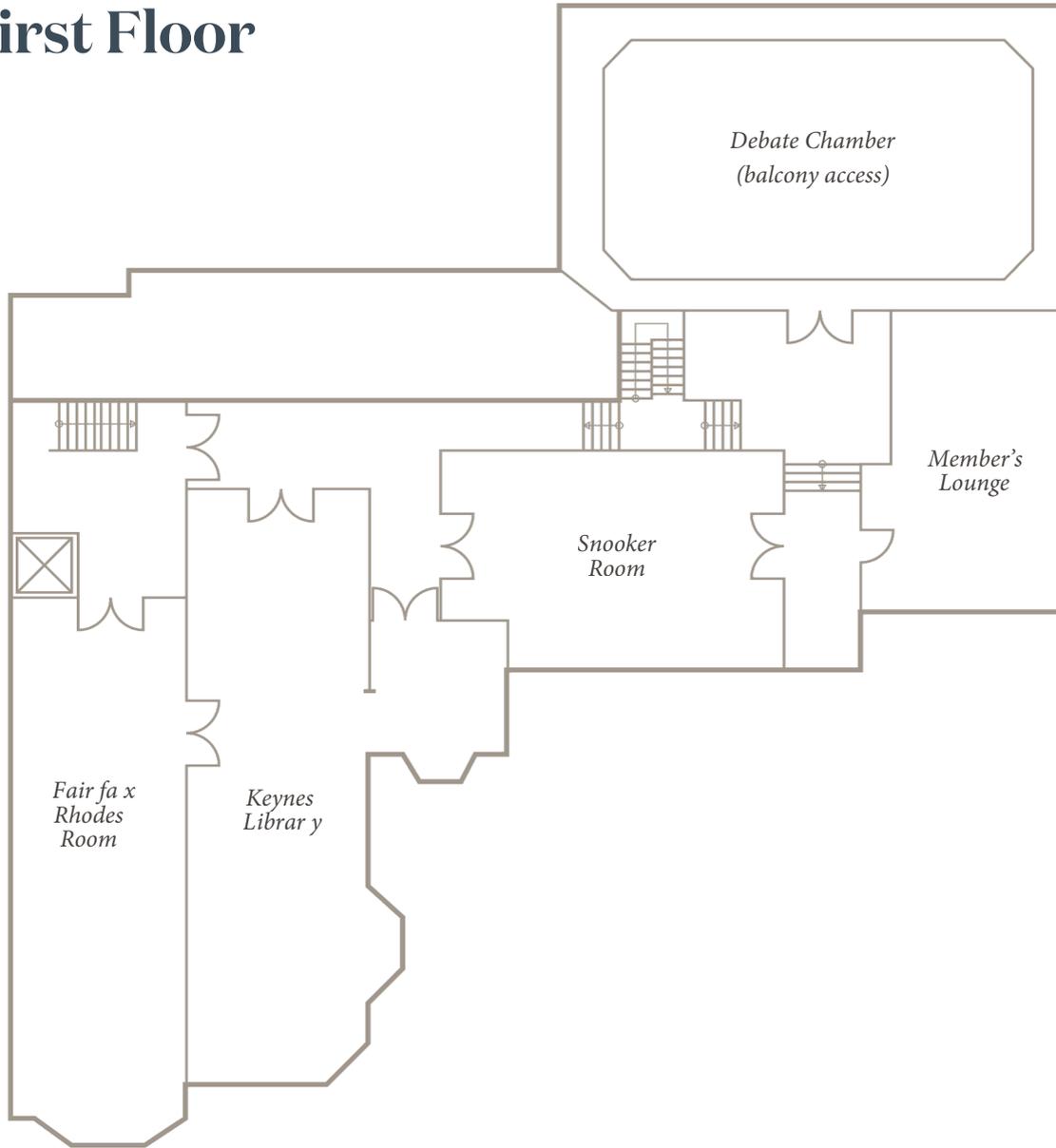
One of central Cambridge's best gardens. Located directly behind the Round Church on Bridge Street is our restaurant courtyard and beer garden. With an elegant fountain and vibrant flowers in the summer, this spot offers the perfect space for a company summer garden party or team away day. The Orator Courtyard is available for both private and shared use.



# Ground Floor



# First Floor



*Toilets are located on our basement level accessible by our lift.  
Lift access to all levels.*



# Amenities

## Transportation

- Cambridge Train Station - 10 minute drive
- London Stansted Airport - 1 hour by train
- London Gatwick Airport - 2.5 hours by train
- London Luton Airport - 2 hours by train
- London Heathrow Airport - 2.5 hours by train

## Accommodation

- **Wilde Aparthotels** - Right across the street
- University Arms Hotel - 10 minutes by foot
- Hilton - city centre - 12 minutes by foot
- The Fellows House - 16 minutes by foot

## Activities

- Scudamore's Punting - 14 minutes by foot
- Cambridge Rowing Experience - 17 minutes by foot

## Parking

- Park street car park - less than 1 minute by foot
- The Grand arcade - 10 minute by foot
- Castle hill car park - 10 minute by foot





# Day Delegate Packages

- Room hire from 9:00 - 17:00
- Event management
- Three servings of tea, coffee and biscuits
- Lunch buffet
  
- AV package
- Flipchart and pens
- AV Technician (8 hours)

From £60+VAT

## Contact

*Phone - 01223 417 144*

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### *Corporate Memberships & Sponsorships*

*Please talk to the event management for sponsorship and membership opportunities*

### *Office hours*

Monday to Friday

09:00 - 17:00



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