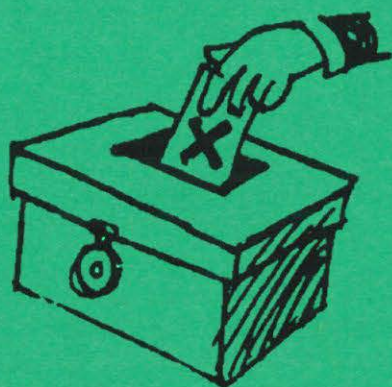


# **Oxford Reform Club**

## **Michaelmas 1994**



# **A NEW PROGRESSIVE AGENDA?**



**Termcard and Events**

# The Oxford Reform Club

*From The President*

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Dear Member,

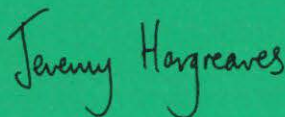
Welcome back to Oxford! This term we have in store for you the Reform Club's best programme of events ever. For the first time a member of the current Cabinet, the Secretary of State for National Heritage, will be addressing us, as well as another senior member of the government, Baroness Chalker. Our other speakers represent a wide variety of interests and walks of life - whether your interest is in hard-core political theory, the basic but vital question of Europe, or the international situation, we have something for you.

We have more other activities than ever before. We are continuing our Open Forum discussion meetings, open to all, and the second issue of *Progressive Thinker* will appear in the middle of term, as well as the beginning of the prestigious Oxford Reform Club Symposia, which have already gained an amazing amount of support both from the other political organizations in Oxford and influential think tanks beyond this city. We are also embarking on an innovative Survey of political views of undergraduates, whose results will be widely published.

Our regular fortnightly Journal will continue to be published (short opinion pieces for the Comment section are always welcome), and I am happy to report that the Oxford Reform Club is still the fastest growing society, and the up and coming Club in Oxford!

And in addition to all this, our recruitment drive is going better than ever: as I write, replies are coming from our highly successful advertisement, sent to all new undergraduates. The message is that there is great support among students for a Club which takes a sensible stand on the question of Europe, which is able to see political questions in broader terms than simply party politicking and internal squabbles, and is still able to put on great social events! I can particularly recommend our famous Gladstone Dinner, which this term promises to be as enjoyable as ever.

We are the only Society committed to getting all our members involved in our activities so I hope you will get involved in what we have to offer you this term! I hope you have a successful and enjoyable term, and I look forward to seeing you all at our events.



Jeremy Hargreaves, President

## **First week**

Tuesday 10th October, 7.30pm:

### **DRINKS PARTY**

Macmillan Room, Oxford Union  
Drop in and hear more about us

Wednesday 12th October, 1pm

### **GENERAL COUNCIL**

Morris Room, Oxford Union

The first meeting of the term of the club's ruling body. Come along and find out more about Oxford's fastest growing political and social club

Thursday 13th October, 8pm

### **GRAHAM ALLEN MP**

Lecture Room 2, Christ Church (meet at Lodge)  
Labour's spokesman on Constitutional Affairs will explain how Britain could be very different after the next election

## **Second Week**

Tuesday 18th October, 8pm

### **LORD MANCROFT**

Hartland Room, St Anne's College

Organised by OU Lib Dems

This senior Conservative Peer will explain why he is in favour of legalising cannabis.

Friday 21st October, 2pm

### **OPEN FORUM**

Christ Church, Meadow Buildings 7-1 (Meet at Lodge)  
Your chance to get involved! This event is especially for freshers, who are invited to come and exchange views on legalising the use of drugs.  
All Welcome!

### **Third Week**

Monday 24th October, 1pm

#### **SIR ANTHONY PARSONS**

Christ Church Lecture Room 2 (Meet at Lodge)

Britain's most senior former diplomat and former Ambassador to the United Nations will explain why the UN is vital to the future safety of the world

Wednesday 26th October, 1pm

#### **GENERAL COUNCIL**

Christ Church Lecture Room 2

All Welcome

Friday 28th October, 2pm

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Christ Church, Meadow Buildings 7-1 (Meet at Lodge)

Your chance to get involved! All are invited to come and discuss whether Britain can afford to stay out of Europe

### **Fourth Week**

#### **GLADSTONE DINNER**

Mckenna Room, Christ Church

Speaker to be arranged: invitations will be sent to all members  
This event, undoubtedly the most famous of all Oxford society dinners, will be held in Christ church this term. The food is good, and the company lively! A well known MP will give a light hearted speech afterwards

### **Fifth Week**

Wednesday 9th November, 1pm

#### **GENERAL COUNCIL**

Christ Church Lecture Room 2 (Meet at Lodge)

All Welcome

Thursday 10th November, 8pm

**DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN MOVEMENT**

Christ Church Lecture Room 2 (Meet at Lodge)

As Britain's place in the European Union comes under scrutiny again, as the Inter-Governmental Conference to review the Maastricht treaty comes closer, Cllr Stephen Woodard will make the definitive case for Britain being at the heart of Europe

**Sixth Week**

Monday 14th November, 1pm

**Rt Hon STEPHEN DORRELL MP**

Gladstone Room, Oxford Union

The Rt Hon Stephen Dorrell MP, Secretary of State for National Heritage, will become the first member of the Cabinet to address the Oxford Reform Club

Wednesday 16th November, 8pm

**RICHARD DENTON-WHITE**

Christ Church Lecture Room 2 (Meet at Lodge)

Richard Denton-White is co-chair of the national campaign to "Get Rid of Them" - the tactical voting campaign

Friday 18th November

**ELECTIONS**

All members are eligible to stand for next term's Committee. Nomination forms will be available nearer the time.

**Seventh Week**

Wednesday 23rd November, 1pm

**GENERAL COUNCIL**

Morris Room, Oxford Union

All welcome

Thursday 24th November, 8pm  
**NATO'S SENIOR SPOKESMAN**

Christ Church Lecture Room 2 (Meet at Lodge)

At a time when most commentators thought NATO was redundant, the organisation found a new role for itself, being a vital part of UN operations and responsible for worldwide security. Dr Jamie Shea will plot its course for the future and the integration of European Security and Defence policy.

**Eighth Week**

Tuesday 29th November, 8pm  
**EUROPEAN EXPERT ON BRITISH POVERTY**  
Morris Room, Oxford Union

As the European Commission begins a major new study of poverty in Europe, Brussels' expert on poverty in Britain will describe the scandalous exclusion of people from British society

**END OF TERM DRINKS PARTY**  
Date and Venue to be announced  
Come and celebrate Christmas with the Club

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**Further Dates to be Arranged**

**Rt Hon BARONESS CHALKER**

Lady Chalker, the Minister for Overseas Development, will talk about the mountain of problems faced by Third World countries

**JAPANESE MINISTER NUMATA**

As it becomes ever clearer that Japan will dominate the world's economy in the next century, Minister Numata will describe the Japanese view on the vital question of how it sees its relations with the rest of the world.

## GRAHAM WATSON MEP

The Liberal Democrats first ever MEP, elected only four months ago, will discuss the vital importance of Europe for Britain

## CHRISTMAS VACATION

Soon after the end of term, the club will be sending a delegation to Brussels (and possibly Strasbourg) to meet senior members of the European Commission, NATO and leaders of the three main groups in the European Parliament. Details are yet to be finalised, but if you are interested, please contact Oliver Robbins, Hertford College, or introduce yourself to him at one of our meetings

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### **Coming Up Soon with the Reform Club Hilary Term 1995**

Rt. Hon Douglas Hurd MP, Foreign Secretary; Patrick Cormack MP, and expert on Yugoslavia and the conflict there, and Sir Gordon Borrie QC, Chair of the Commission on Social Justice, have already agreed to speak to us in Hilary Term.

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### **Survey**

Early in the term we will be conducting a survey of the political views of Freshers' in Oxford. The results will be published widely, both in Oxford and nationally, so make sure you send yours back.

### **Symposia**

This term sees the beginning of a major new project in Oxford politics, the Oxford Reform Club Symposia. As well as strong support from other political societies in Oxford, this project has already won support from the Independent newspaper, the national think tank Demos, the European Movement and the Institute of Public Policy Research.

You may see its conclusions published elsewhere. If you are interested in this project to promote high level policy argument in Oxford then please contact the President at Christ Church.

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President	Jeremy Hargreaves
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At only £8 for life membership (until the end of 2nd week only!), the Oxford Reform Club is the cheapest political society in Oxford, but one of it most active. If you want to join, please send a cheque for £8 before end of 2nd week, or £10 afterwards, to Albert Marin Catterall at Christ Church.