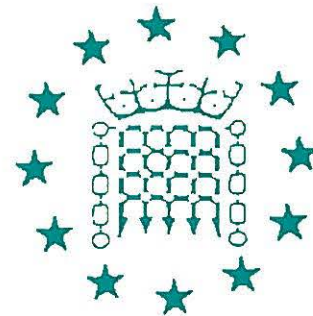


*The
Oxford Reform
Club*



Hilary 1997



From the Presidents

Dear Member,

You are all doubtless aware of the success of last term (250 new members, great speakers, big social events), so much so that it is not necessary to describe all the events in detail here. Suffice to say that we had a storming time, and many thanks to Rachel for all the hard work and leaving the club on a sound footing.

As the temperature rises at Westminster, we bring to Oxford speakers who will shape the direction of politics in the months to come. We are delighted to welcome Sir Robin Butler, Head of the Civil Service and Cabinet Secretary, with extensive knowledge of both Whitehall and Westminster. In order to tell you who will soon be residing in No.10, we present Professor Ivor Crewe, Vice Chancellor of Essex University, who will speak on: "The Election—Who Will Win and Why". We will be, as ever, campaigning for a positive approach to Europe, but look forward to Teresa Gorman, outspoken Eurosceptic, challenging our views. Taking a more international perspective, we are privileged to welcome General Sir Peter de la Billiere and Sir David Hannay, former British ambassador to the UN. Closer to home, we have Stephen Tumim and John Bird, founder of the Big Issue. Our speakers represent a broad cross-section of public life, and we hope they will stimulate as well as inform.

The Venetian Masquerade promises to be Oxford's most stylish and imaginative social event this term, while the French Drinks, joint with the OU French Soc., will provide an enticing start to Hilary. The weekend in Paris, later on, will give us all an opportunity to ward off Fifth Week blues. We look forward to seeing you at this, and at our black tie dinner, which will again be in the elegant McKenna Room in Christ Church.

We and the Executive hope to deliver a varied and exciting programme and the Reform Club's best term yet.

We look forward to seeing you at your events this Hilary.

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Oxford's fastest growing political society

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General Sir Peter de la Billiere
Teresa Gorman MP
Sir Stephen Tumim
John Bird
Sir David Hannay
Professor Ivor Crewe
Alastair Campbell

Venetian Masquerade
French Drinks
The Disraeli Dinner

Weekend in Paris

Dining with speakers

All members are welcome to dine with the speakers. Contact the Presidents early in term if you are interested.

Membership

To join the Oxford Reform Club send a cheque (payable to the Oxford Reform Club) for £10 for life or £5 for a year to Phyllis McKay, Magdalen. Please enclose college and going down date.

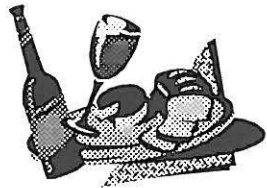
Tuesday 21 January
8pm, Oakeshott Room, Lincoln

Sir Stephen Tumim

Former HM Chief Inspector of Prisons

Prison expert and arch-liberal, Stephen Tumim will talk on prisons and prison reform. Now Principal of St Edmund Hall, he is a long-standing critic of Government policy.

Friday 24 January
8pm, Rainolds Room, Corpus Christi



French Drinks

Joint with OU French Society

Start the term in style and great value with an evening of French wine, brie, and baguettes.

£3 for members (ORC/OUFS), £5 for non-members.
Tickets on the door.

Thursday 30 January
8pm, venue to be announced

A. John Bird

Founder & Editor-in-Chief of the Big Issue

Prominent campaigner for the homeless (and Dennis's boss), John Bird will speak on possible solutions to one of the major social issues of the day.

Wednesday 29 January
8pm, Mitre Tea Rooms



General Council

General Council is when the members can quiz the officers and committee or impeach the President for producing such an excellent line-up of speakers

Sunday 2 February
8pm, Quinn Room, Lincoln

Port & Policy The Monarchy

Time to go?

Add your intellectual arguments to those of ITV...

Thursday 6 February
8pm, venue to be announced

Professor Ivor Crewe

Vice Chancellor of Essex University

National expert on British voting and frequent television pundit will speak on 'Who will win the election and why'. Come along to find out who will be in Number 10.

Friday 7 February

LASER QUEST

Even if Tony Blair doesn't beat the Conservatives, we will! Write to Dan Pounder (Lincoln) to be part of the slaughter.

Monday 10 February
8pm, Oakeshott Room, Lincoln

Sir Robin Butler

*Cabinet Secretary and
Head of Home Civil Service*

Whitehall veteran Robin Butler has recently hit the headlines by speaking out against the politicisation of the Civil Service in the run up to the election. Come along and hear 'the real Sir Humphrey'.

Please arrive early to be sure of a seat.

Friday 14–Sunday 16 February

Weekend in Paris

Escape fifth week blues with our visit to Europe's most romantic city

*Tickets available from Natalia Nowakowska, Lincoln
More details later in term*



Friday 21 February

8pm, Oakeshott Room, Lincoln

Teresa Gorman MP

Outspoken Euro-sceptic

One time supporter of John Redwood's leadership campaign and former whipless wonder, Teresa Gorman will share her views on national sovereignty.

Members of OUCA may attend.

Sunday 23 February

Magdalen Evening

Enjoy an evening of good food, followed by dessert, port, and an informal discussion in the JCR Dining Room. For details contact Nick Kerigan, Magdalen.

Wednesday 26 February

8pm, Mitre Tea Rooms



General Council

Friday 28 February

8pm, Rhodes House

Venetian Masquerade



including:

string quartet

Italian wine & delicacies

characters in genuine

Venetian costume

free entry to raffle

masks provided

entertainers

black tie/Venetian dress

Tickets: £10 members £12 non-members
from Dan Pounder, Lincoln, 0370 865290

Tuesday 4 March

8pm, Oakeshott Room, Lincoln



Termly General Council & Elections

(see overleaf)

Thursday 6 March

8pm, Oakeshott Room, Lincoln

Sir David Hannay

Former British Ambassador to the UN

Currently British special envoy to Cyprus, Sir David will talk on 'The United Nations: an agenda for reform'. Sir David is a distinguished diplomat and friend of the new UN Secretary-General, Kofe Annan.

Friday 7 March

7.30 for 8, The McKenna Room, Christ Church

The Disraeli Dinner

The best black tie dinner of the term

Tickets available from Dan Pounder, Lincoln, later in term.

Wednesday 12 March

Presidential Drinks

Chocolate & Baileys

Details to follow

Thursday 13 March

8pm, Oakeshott Room, Lincoln

Sir Peter de la Billiere

Commander of British forces in the Gulf War

Recently retired Head of the SAS, General Sir Peter de la Billiere will talk about the Gulf War and the current problems of the Middle East.

All members are encouraged to stand for election of the Executive of the Oxford Reform Club. Elections will be held at the Termly General Council on Tuesday of Seventh Week and nominations close by 12 noon of that day (should all positions be filled).

Nominations (proposed and seconded by two voting members of the Club) should be given to the Returning Officer (David C Jones, Christ Church). There is a fee of £10 for officer nominations and £20 for presidential nominations. Candidates for officerships may hust at the meeting. Voting will take place following the husts by secret ballot.

Positions President (Michaelmas 1997)
Treasurer
Secretary
Social Secretary
Sponsorship Officer
Marketing Officer
At least 8 places on General Committee

The Presidents would like to thank

Albert 'When I were a lad' Catterall, for always being there; Fred, for new molecules; Jeremy H, for ORCslash and resurfacing in YEM; Olly, for ostriches and fireside witticisms; Mark S, for perceptive questioning and great social events; Ben F, for support; Andy, for JEANS and *that* shirt; Rachel, for success and *everything...*; Mark L, for being our guru; DCJ, for eternal help and pixies...

Richard B, for hard work, spinach and mistletoe; Ian W, for 'rent-a-bigot', and promises of work as Secretary; Phyllis, for boundless enthusiasm, super-efficiency and jelly beans; Toby, for never going unnoticed; Dan P, for faith and scientific precision; Alex W, for making it to the Gladstone dinner; Dan W, for not, and ruling with an Iron Fist; Sabina K, for karaoke, lava lamps and being the perfect hostess (always); Caroline C, for stepping into the breach; Liz H, for insights into the Cheshire Fire Brigade; Edward S, our Hegel in residence; Fran C, Tina M, Andrew T, Sebastian B, Simon B, Sean R, Duncan S, Richard T, and Napoleon R for enthusiasm and hard work in Hilary; The Mitre, for sloping tables and co-operation; Armando I, for The Flyer; Will H, for stakeholding in the ORC; Eric Anderson and Robin Griffith Jones for support; finally, Jean Monnet, for vision.

Natalia would also like to thank:

My family for support and enthusiasm, especially Dziadzia Zbyszek; the Cathars, for inspiration; the geriatric daisywheel; Nick, for the Imperial Barge, port and the purple arch in the sky.

Nick would also like to thank:

My parents, for support and subsidies; Mike (ever memorable); Dinos, for being ever eager; Cellnet, for cheap(!) bills; Natalia, for Postman Pat & Top Cat, the Coronation, Oban whisky and 'Preacher Man'.

The Executive

Presidents

Nick Kerigan, Magdalen • Natalia Nowakowska, Lincoln

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Daniel West, Lincoln • Sabina Kalyan, Lincoln

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Fred Boardman, Christ Church

Mark Smith, Christ Church

Andy Mayer, Brasenose

Rachel Gibbons, University College

David C Jones, Christ Church (Hon)

Senior Member

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