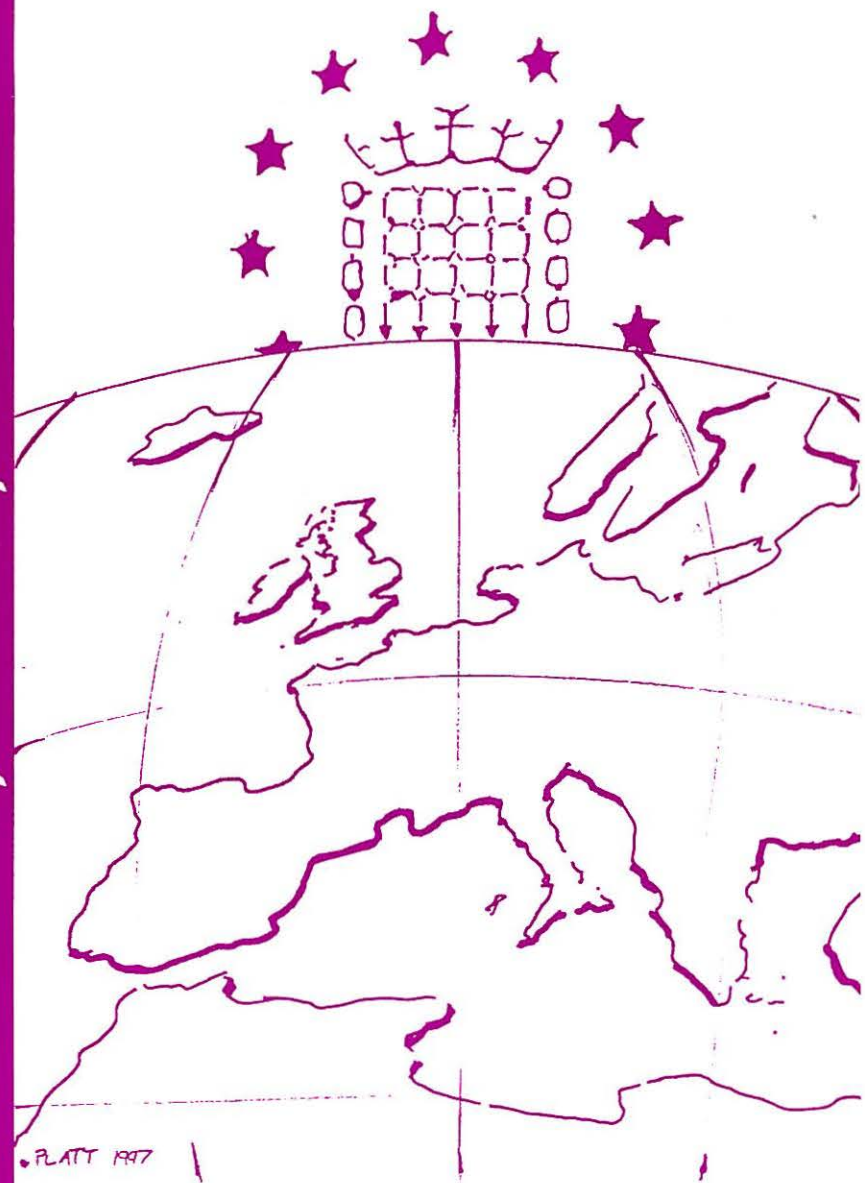


The Oxford Reform Club



Michaelmas 1997



From the President

Dear Member,

A special welcome to all the freshers who have already joined this term!! At the ORC, we've always been able to say how successful the last year has been. We have grown in five years to be the largest and most vibrant current affairs club in Oxford. Now, as we begin our second five years, we want to grow even further, even faster.

This term, as a new government begins to show its colours, we look at 'New Britain', and ask our speakers to unpick whether a real change is taking place. Helping us in that are former Conservative Cabinet ministers, Lord Hurd and Lord Baker, along with Sir Rhodes Boyson. Providing political balance is Lady Castle; and Will Hutton tells us some of the ideas he has contributed to 'Blairism'. Lord Jenkins reflects many of the club's interests in his attempts at realignment of the party system, his work in Europe, and as university Chancellor. The Europe Forum is a chance to find out more about the key issue facing the country, after meeting the head of the EU representation in Britain, Geoffrey Martin.

The highlight of this term's socials will be Casablanca, the themed black tie event of the year. At the end of term, a perfect chance to relax will be the trip to the Rhineland. AND we have even more of the infamous drinks parties than ever!!

Our campaigns team builds on past successes in informing about the work the EU does, and dissolving those Euro-myths - aided by David Lea of the TUC. If you're pro-European, do get involved with campaigns. If not - just come along and argue!! The ORC is determined to put its members first. Do let us know if we can improve any aspect of our activities - and do get involved and bring your friends!!

I look forward to meeting you at some events soon.

Richard Bray

Wednesday 15 October
8pm, Oakeshott Room, Lincoln



Lord Douglas Hurd

*Former Foreign Secretary and former
Conservative leadership candidate*

One of the longest-serving Cabinet ministers in the
Thatcher and Major governments talks of his experiences.

Free entry to freshers • Free wine

Thursday 16 October
7.30pm, New Music Room, Corpus Christi

FRESHERS' DRINKS

with guest

Jerry Hayes

*Former Conservative MP, now turned
media celebrity*

Free entry to freshers • Free wine

Sunday 19 October

8pm, Oakeshott Room, Lincoln



Sir Rhodes Boyson

*Former Headmaster
and Conservative Education Minister*

Tuesday 21 October

8pm, Mitre Tea Rooms



General Council

Your chance to hold the Executive to account!!

Thursday 23 October

7.30pm, Corpus Christi College



Wines of the World

Drinks selected for the wine buff or amateur...varieties from around the world. *Tickets £3 (£5) on the door*

Sunday 26 October

8pm, Oakeshott Room, Lincoln

Lady Barbara Castle

*Former Labour Cabinet Minister
and campaigner on pensions*

The evergreen left-wing former MP and MEP has been a vigorous advocate of socialist policies for over half a century. Meet a legend in her lifetime.

Tuesday 28 October

8pm, Mitre Tea Rooms



General Council

Special meeting for those interested in getting more involved. Come and meet the Exec. *followed by drinks*

Thursday 30 October

8pm, Oakeshott Room, Lincoln

Geoffrey Martin

Head of the European Commission in Britain

Over a varied career in European politics, Geoffrey Martin has seen at first hand the problems of relations between Britain and Europe. Tonight he looks to the future.

Sunday 2 November
8pm, Lincoln College

Port & Policy
Discussion on Devolution

Should the United Kingdom be remaining exactly that? Or is a federal Britain the way forward? Come and thrash the issues out in an informal atmosphere.

Thursday 6 November
8pm, Oakeshott Room, Lincoln

Europe Forum

Malcolm Bruce MP • Teresa Gorman MP
Sir Anthony Meyer • Sir Ivan Lawrence

"Is the Era of the Nation State Dead?"

Four politicians with very different views on the way forward for our nation debate your questions.

Saturday 8 November
St Hilda's College

Casablanca

see overleaf...



Casablanca

Black tie party with jazz band, pianist, cocktails, and lots more at Rick's Café.

contact Elizabeth Hancock at St Hilda's

Thursday 13 November
8pm, Oakeshott Room, Lincoln



Lord Roy Jenkins

Founder of the SDP

Former President of the European Commission

Former Labour Cabinet Minister

Chancellor of Oxford University

Sunday 16 November

8pm, Lincoln College

The ORC
Campaign
for Europe



*Assistant General Secretary of the TUC
explains why the single currency will be good for Britain*

Thursday 20 November

8pm, to be announced

Drinks Party

Details to be announced

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 (Daniel West, Lincoln). 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 (Trinity 1998)
Treasurer, Secretary, Social Secretary,
Sponsorship Officer, Marketing Officer
At least 8 places on General Committee

Sunday 23 November

8pm, Oakeshott Room, Lincoln



Will Hutton

Editor of The Observer

Author of The State We're In & The State to Come

Meet the club's Honorary President on his third visit.

Tuesday 25 November

8pm, Oakeshott Room, Lincoln



Termly General Council & Elections

Hear the officers' reports of the term, and have the chance to stand for election yourself!! see previous page for details

Thursday 27 November

8pm, Oakeshott Room, Lincoln



Lord Kenneth Baker

Former Home Secretary & Education Secretary

Eighth Week

Sunday 30 November

7.30 for 8, McKenna Room, Christ Church

The Gladstone Dinner

The black tie dinner of the year - limited places available
contact Phyllis McKay, Magdalen

Thursday 4 December

Christmas Party

Details to be announced

Sunday 7 - Tuesday 9 December

Trip to the Rhineland

Two full days in the heart of Germany for £40 (£42 non-members) - includes travel and overnight accommodation and breakfast in Cologne. Optional extra trip to Bonn.

Places limited

contact Henry Longbottom, St. Peter's, for more details

Dining with speakers

Dinner with the world's top statesmen? Contact the President early in term if you are interested.

Membership

To join The Oxford Reform Club send a cheque (payable to the Oxford Reform Club) for £12 for life or £6 for a year to Andrew Thomas, Wadham. Please enclose college and going down date. Remember - the more members we have, the better the events.

Encourage your friends to join!!

Ninth Week

The President would like to thank...

...all the members who might not understand the in-jokes, but are what it's all about.

The Team

Liz & Phyllis, for sobriety and Rick's Café; Matthew, for getting things done and being a Tory; Sam, for loyalty and great ideas; Sara, for giving the President a morning off; Marianne, for always being willing; Andrew, for ambition and beards; Tom, for the millions to come; Alex, for keeping me on my toes - good luck!!; and Edward, Simon, Henry, Simon, Paul, Martin; and Andrew, who are going to do great things (I hope!!).

The Old Guard

Nick & Natalia, for sun-dried tomatoes and peasants; Dan, El P. no longer; Rachel, for 250 and deceptive brilliance; Andy, for surveys and The Mitre; Mark S., for the tie etc.; Old Mark (or more accurately, his expenses allowance); AC; JH; all the others - and DCJ, the club's hidden pillar.

And Finally

Corpus, for not being Lincoln, and especially Sun and the gang; everyone (too many to name) who have helped along the way; Charlotte, for not believing she'd get a mention; my family, for always being at the end of the telephone (and the M5); and our rep. in Bonn, for tolerance, the Meadow Marathon and so much more.

Presidential Thanks

The Executive

President

Richard Bray, Corpus Christi

President-Elect

Alex Skinner, Christ Church

Treasurer: Sara Priem, Magdalen

Secretary: Marianne Nixon, St. Hilda's

Marketing Officer: Matthew Boyle, Lincoln

Sponsorship Officer: Tom Steinberg, Lady Margaret Hall

Campaigns Officer: Samantha McGarry

Recruitment Officer: Andrew Thomas, Wadham

Social Secretaries

Phyllis McKay, Magdalen & Elizabeth Hancock, St. Hilda's

Committee

Edward Sawyer, Lincoln

Simon Blake, Lincoln

Henry Longbottom, St. Peter's

Ian Brown, Lincoln

Paul Boon, St. Edmund Hall

Simon Milnes, Lincoln

Martin George, Lincoln

Andrew Simmons, Lincoln

Ex-Presidents in Residence

Nicholas Kerigan, Magdalen

Natalia Nowakowska, Lincoln

Daniel West, Lincoln

David C Jones, Christ Church (Hon)

Senior Member

Dr David Vines, Balliol