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CAMBRIDGE UNION SOCIETY
Lent Term 2014

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Welcome back to another term in Cambridge; I am absolutely delighted to welcome you to Lent 2014 at the Union. In crafting the term, we have aimed to put together a schedule of events that we hope you will find exciting, thought-provoking and, above all, fun. From the arts to TV celebrities, economics to sport, and tabloid journalism to politics we hope to have catered to everybody.

Our Thursday night debates will see us discussing some of the most interesting and pertinent issues in society today. We will be testing our moral judgment as we decide whether we would send our own children to private school, and examining global current affairs with debates on whether to boycott the Sochi Olympics and the legacy of the Arab Spring. Moving closer to home, don’t miss the Healthcare Debate in

**Term Card**

**AT A GLANCE**

- _ARAB SPRING_ • _EDUCATION_
- _FEMINISM_ • _HEALTHCARE_
- _HUMAN RIGHTS_ • _TABLOIDS_
- _EDUCATION_ • _EUTHANASIA_
- _MONARCHY_ •

**Debates**

WITH

- Shami Chakrabarti
- Michael Howard
- David Aaronovitch
- Peter Hitchens
- NHS Chief Executive
which we will discuss the future of the NHS, or the Human Rights Debate, in which Shami Chakrabarti and Michael Howard will clash.

As you flick through the pages of the term card you will see that this term we are hosting an incredible range of individual speakers. Ask Russell Brand about just what he envisages when he says a revolution ‘is coming’; challenge David Willetts on tuition fees; listen to Sir Nicholas Hytner and Tom Hollander expound on the theatre; engage Frank Turner and Carl Barât on their music and inspiration; learn about the world of elite dance and Strictly from Darcey Bussell; and quiz Antony Beevor, AC Grayling and Ha Joon Chang on their lives and work.

Social events this term will be bigger and better than ever before. Our rebranded bar – 1815 – will be offering fabulous cocktails to all students, and every Thursday night after the debate there will be a regular slot for anything from the Rag Week Launch to an end of term party. The Superbowl party will be making a return, whilst our Arts Festival will feature performances from all your favourite Cambridge acts including the Cambridge University Show Choir, Burlesque and the Impronauts. The Union is also the perfect place to unwind this term, with Capoeira and Meditation joining Zumba, Pilates and Yoga classes. Our Library will also be open longer, with borrowable books and interactive displays – and, as ever, snooker tables are available for members’ use.

I hope you enjoy the term as much as I have enjoyed putting it together.

Imogen Schon
Big Fish Ents
£3 Entry and queue jump when queue jump applies

Dojo
Free Spring Rolls, Vietnamese Lobster, Crackers or 1/2 Edemame for every main ordered

Cafe Rouge
20% off food
Thursday - Tuesday
30% off Wednesday

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20% off food
Sun - Thu for up to 6 guests

Treasurer's Treats
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Cambridge Wine Merchants
10% discount off wines

Cambridge Cheese Company
10% discount

Cafe Rouge
20% off food
Thursday - Tuesday
30% off Wednesday

CREEM
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Campkins
35p per print on 6x4 instant pictures,
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Up and Running
10% off

Campkins
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Cambridge Cheese Company
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Big Fish Ents
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Competitive Debating

One of the great benefits of being a member of the Union is the opportunity to participate in one of the best competitive debating programmes in the world, with no experience necessary.

Come along to our debating workshops every Wednesday evening to improve your public speaking. With a range of programmes running in parallel, there will be something for everyone, from the most experienced debater to the total novice.

Each year we send our debaters to competitions across the country and world to debate and, with national competitions occurring every week, even beginners will soon have the opportunity to get involved.

If you have any questions about Cambridge Debating, email Ali at debating@cus.org

Thursday Debate Format

Our Thursday night debates are loosely based on the British Parliamentary style used in competitive debating.

Six speakers, alternating between proposition and opposition, each have 10 minutes in which to make their case. During this time, you may interrupt the speaker and make points of information – to do so just stand up and say ‘on that point’. However, speakers are allowed to decline to hear the point.

Members get more of a chance to have their say during the two floor rounds, where points of up to a minute are taken in proposition, opposition and abstention. At the end of the debate, the audience votes by leaving through doors marked ‘Ayes’ or ‘Noes’, or a blank door for abstentions. The results are announced shortly after in the bar.
The Union Bar and Cafe has been renovated over the Christmas holidays and will be relaunched as 1815 at 10pm on Saturday 18th January, the evening of the Arts Festival.

The launch will be an opportunity to preview our new menu and 1815’s low priced drinks, which we are excited to announce will be available to all students, members or not.

~1815~

The Union Bar & Cafe

Term Opening Hours
Monday - Wednesday: 10am - 11pm
Thursday - Friday: 10am - 1am
Saturday: 6pm - 1am

Cafe serves food and drink from 10am until late.

Members' Deals
50p Filter Coffee and Tea, £2 Paninis

Free WiFi

HAPPY HOUR
6pm-8pm, Monday - Saturday
£2 pint of Amstel
£2 Vodka + Coke/Lemon
2 for £6 on Selected Cocktails

COCKTAIL HOUR
9pm-10pm, Friday & Saturday
2 for £6 on Selected Cocktails

Watch out for our new deals and special cocktails in the bar!

Monday Societies Night
Contact barandeventsmanager@cus.org to bring your society’s social to our bar and get special deals for large groups.

Tuesday LGBT Night
9.30pm - 11pm LGBT+ Gathering

Wednesday Cocktail Night
Each week our bar staff will create a fabulous new cocktail for you to try.

Thursday Debate Night
Come along to the bar after the debate is over for live music, jazz and cocktails, and more.

Friday & Saturday Music Night
A variety of musical experiences, from themed nights to live music. If you’d like a venue to practice or perform, email ents@cus.org for a slot, 10pm until late.
**Weekly Ents**

Join these exciting weekly classes with discount rates for Union members.

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**Meditation**
Mondays, 6-7pm   Societies Room
Calm your mind and body from the stresses of work with this week night class to discipline your mind.

**Yoga**
Wednesdays, 6-7pm   Blue Room
Unwind, strengthen and stretch your way to fitness with this class in focus.

**Zumba**
Fridays, 5-6pm   Blue Room
Join the party, with this fun and effective dance workout based around Latin and International music.

**Pilates**
Sundays, 3.30-4.30pm   Blue Room
Develop your core muscles in this effective endurance class.

**Capoeira**
Sundays, 5.30-7pm   Blue Room
A Brazilian martial dance that combines attack and defence with dance, music and acrobatics.

**Cocktail Workshops**
Wednesdays, 8pm   1815
Learn the basics of cocktail making with plenty of recipes to impress your friends.

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£10 Members  
£15 Non-Members
Email barmanager@cus.org to book your place.

£2 Members  
£5 Non-Members
for all classes excluding cocktail workshop.

Remember to book in advance!  
Tickets are available from The 1815 Bar 
Monday - Saturday 
Email Dan at ents@cus.org for more information.
The greatest societies in history - the ancient Egyptians, the Greeks and Romans, the Byzantines, the centres of the European Renaissance, and beyond - kept their most important documents, archives, and books in private spaces, so that those who wished could explore, learn, and thrive in a conducive environment.

We see no need to break from tradition; thus, the Union is excited to offer its members use of its stunning library facilities, complete with the largest borrowable fiction collection in Cambridge.

Our library functions as an intimate respite from the bustling study spaces across the University, housing the Fairfax Rhodes Reading Room, which contains rare and antiquarian editions of works ranging from Dickens to Darwin. We encourage you to explore, for study or for pleasure, as we work over the course of the coming term to present and build upon our vast collections, and plan for the Union’s bicentennial year in 2015.

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These roles are absolutely vital to the smooth running of Union events. Stewards assist with logistics and security; AV Stewards manage recordings, sound and lighting; and photographers’ work features in our publicity materials and press releases. For each event you help at, you will receive a £5 bar tab and free Panini.

*For stewarding, contact Eloise and Katherine at hoem@cus.org*
*For AV stewarding, contact Oliver at audiovisual@cus.org*
*For photography, contact Chris at photographer@cus.org*

Guest Liaison Assistants (GLA)
GLAs look after our speakers from the moment they arrive to the time they leave - a fantastic opportunity to meet and talk to our speakers.

*Email Tom and Jasmine at debates.liason@cus.org*

Speakers and Debates Committees
These committees invite high profile speakers, and are a great opportunity to get involved with relatively little time commitment by writing to the people who interest you most.

*For speakers, contact Ted at speakers-elect@cus.org*
*For debates, contact Nick at executive-elect@cus.org*

Ents Committee
The Ents Committee helps to run events throughout the year, including the Arts Festival and the end of year Garden Party.

*Contact Daniel at ents@cus.org*

College Reps
College Reps meet every Friday night to give feedback on events from their friends in college and receive a bar tab for their help. Any member is welcome to come along and there is no limit to the number of reps who can come from any college.

*To become a College Rep, contact Tim at executive@cus.org*

Emergency Debates
Before the main debate every Thursday, we hold a short debate between students on a fun or topical motion, organised by the elect team.

*Email Michael at president-elect@cus.org to be put on the mailing list.*
Maverick actor, comedian, author and burgeoning political activist, Russell Brand is a cultural phenomenon with a phoenix-like ability to rise from the ashes of his own self-destruction. A former heroin addict, Russell has given evidence to a Select Committee on drug addiction and is now fronting Comic Relief’s Give It Up Campaign. Russell encourages abstaining from voting and holds ‘not a flicker of doubt’ that a revolution is coming.

Russell Brand
Monday 13th January, 7.00pm

A.C. Grayling
Wednesday 15th January, 2.00pm

The Philosopher in the World
Professor A.C. Grayling is a prominent philosopher and proponent of New Atheism. Master of the New College of the Humanities, and Vice President of the British Humanist Association, his works include Ideas That Matter, Liberty in the Age of Terror and The God Argument.

Does Business Hijack International Development?
Friday 17th January, 5.00pm

Is the pursuit of profit taking over the moral agenda? Classic ‘horror stories’ include Nestlé’s aggressive marketing of breast-milk substitutes, but does there have to be a dichotomy between profit and international development? How comfortable are we with viewing the global poor as the unfortunate bottom of an inevitable social and economic pyramid?
Thursday 16th January, 7.30pm

Lord Falconer’s Assisted Dying Bill, currently making its way through the British Houses of Parliament, would allow mentally capable adults with less than six months to live to request and receive help in ending their own lives. In this debate, we ask whether legalising assisted dying is moral, and whether sanctity or quality of life should be prioritised.

Colin Brewer
Retired psychiatrist Dr Colin Brewer is credited with first proposing a self-deliverance manual. He is a vocal supporter of the ‘right-to-die’.

John Harris
John Harris is Professor of Bioethics at Manchester University. He sat on the Ethics Committee of the British Medical Association for 15 years.

Michael Irwin
Michael’s vocal campaign to legalise assisted suicide has earned him the alias ‘Dr Death’. He formerly Chaired the Voluntary Euthanasia Society.

Robert Preston
Founding Director of the campaign group Living and Dying Well, Robert is a former Whitehall civil servant and a parliamentary official.

Madeleine Teahan
Associate Editor at the Catholic Herald, Madeleine is a keen commentator on issues surrounding euthanasia and assisted dying.

Brian Iddon
The Chairman of Care Not Killing, Brian sat on the UK Science and Technology Select Committee between 1997 and 2010.

Post-Debate in the Bar: Cocktails and Music
CAMBRIDGE UNION SOCIETY

Arts Festival
Saturday 18th January

Free entry for all.

10pm Launch Party at the newly refurbished Union Bar.
Cafe open from 2.00pm onwards

BLUE ROOM
Cambridge University Show Choir • Cambridge Drama Previews
Emma Wright • King of Gaana • Iram Qureshi • Rival Skies • J Lodge
Cambridge University Indian Classical Arts Society • Dirty Blonde

RAG COMEDY ROOM
Cambridge Improvauts • Adrian Gray • Goldfish Fire Alarm • Ted Hill
Daisy T-G • Fay Roberts • Tony Wells • Awkwardion • Big Z Bear

THE CHAMBER
The 39 Steps by Patrick Barlow: Churchill GODS • Burlesque
Indian Dancing: Cambridge University Indian Classical Arts Society
Brazilian Capoeira • Martial Arts: Akiado

2.00pm - 10.00pm

Free entry for all.

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The Union Bar
& Cafe

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Sir Nicholas Hytner

Monday 20th January, 7.00pm

Sir Nicholas Hytner has been Director of the National Theatre since 2003, where he has directed numerous plays including *England People Very Nice*, *The History Boys*, *His Dark Materials*, *Henry V*, *The Madness of George III*, and *The Wind in the Willows*. He read English at Trinity Hall. Over his career, he has also directed for the Royal Shakespeare Company, The Royal Opera House and Glyndebourne.

David Willetts

Date TBC

As Minister for Universities and Science, David Willetts had a prominent role in defending the Coalition’s decision to increase tuition fees for students. During his career, Willetts acquired the nickname ‘Two Brains’, worked on Margaret Thatcher’s Policy Unit, and entered Parliament for the first time in 1992. Willetts is supportive of the UK’s advancement in space exploration.

Debating Workshops

Wednesdays, 7.00-9.00pm

Everyone is welcome at our debating workshops. These are aimed at anyone who wants to learn more about how to debate, construct arguments or improve their public speaking. We have a wide variety of workshops available, all run by our world class debaters, as well as practice debates and socialising in the bar afterwards.
Thursday 23 January, 7.30pm

With widening differences between the rich and poor, would sending your children to private school entrench their privilege? Do you have a societal duty to provide for equality of opportunity or is your primary duty to your children? With 7% of the population, but 40% of Oxbridge students, privately educated, will you send your children to a private school?

Post-Debate in the Bar: Get Involved Drinks from 9.15pm
An English folk/punk singer and songwriter, Frank Turner was initially the vocalist of post-hardcore band Million Dead. Frank embarked upon a primarily acoustic-based solo career following the band’s split in 2005. He has released five solo albums to date – his most recent album, *Tape Deck Heart*, was released in April 2013.

**Frank Turner**

**Monday 27 January, 7.00pm**

As a historian, Antony received widespread praise for his vivid, compelling style and his treatment of the ordinary lives of combatants and civilians. Antony was a British Army officer before leaving to focus on his writing, with works including the critically acclaimed *Stalingrad* and *Berlin: The Downfall 1945*.

**Antony Beevor**

**Tuesday 28th January, 7.00pm**

In partnership with the CU Pythons American Football Club, we bring you, for the fourth year running, the Superbowl Party - but this year even bigger and better than ever. With huge screens in the Chamber, hotdogs, popcorn, American beer on tap, and special drinks deals, this promises to be the best Superbowl Party in Cambridge!

**Superbowl Party**

**Sunday 2nd February, Time TBC**
The Leveson Inquiry and the Daily Mail’s comments about Ralph Miliband are the latest in a long series of controversies revolving around the tabloid press. Tonight we ask if tabloid journalism is simply harmless fun or if it has come to represent everything that is wrong with Britain.

Chris Bryant
As Shadow Immigration Minister, Chris began the 2010 phone hacking debate having being hounded by tabloid media since 2003.

Jack Rivlin
Jack Rivlin is the creator and owner of The Tab, a national franchise of online and print student tabloid newspapers.

Marina Pepper
Marina Pepper is a Liberal Democrat local politician, children’s book author, actress, journalist, and former Page 3 and Playboy Girl.

Susie Boniface
Under the pseudonym Fleet Street Fox, Susie Boniface is a columnist and blogger for The Mirror and various other tabloid and broadsheet publications.

Post-Debate in the Bar: Student Media Drinks
Tom Hollander
Wednesday 5th February, 7.00pm
An English actor, Tom Hollander has appeared in countless films including Enigma, Pirates of the Caribbean, the BBC’s Pride and Prejudice, In the Loop and Valkyrie. He read English at Selwyn College, during which time he was also a member of the Footlights and President of the Marlowe Society.

Ha Joon Chang
Monday 3rd February, 7.00pm
Ha Joon was ranked by Prospect Magazine as one of the top World Thinkers in 2013 and has worked as a consultant to the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Oxfam and various United Nations agencies. He specialises in Development Economics and most recently wrote 23 Things They Don’t Tell You About Capitalism.

David Bull
Tuesday 4th February, 7.00pm
Since David Bull joined UNICEF UK as Director in 1999, the charity’s voluntary income has more than trebled. Under his leadership, UNICEF UK has become an advocate for children, through campaigns focusing on HIV/AIDS, exploitation and maternal health. Between 1990 and 1999, David was Director of Amnesty International UK.

RAG LGBT+ Speed Dating
Tuesday 4th February, 8.30pm

Rainbow Bop
Saturday 8th February, 10.00pm
On the eve of the Sochi Olympics and in light of recent Russian legislation threatening the rights of the LGBT+ community, should we boycott the Sochi Olympics in protest? Or would this only negatively affect the athletes who have trained so hard for their Olympic moment? Should such international sporting events be politicised?

Thursday 6th February, 7.30pm

**Sochi Debate**

**THIS HOUSE WOULD BOYCOTT THE SOCHI OLYMPICS**

**Alex Hopkins**
Executive Editor of *Beige* magazine, a publication aimed at the LGBT market, Alex Hopkins has edited the LGBT pages of *Time Out London*.

**Louise Englefield**
Co-founder and director of Pride Sports UK, Louise Englefield works to challenge homophobia and improve LGBT access to sport.

**Tess Berry-Hart**
Tess’ work as an author and playwright deals largely with LGBT issues. Her play *Sochi 2014* is on at London’s Hope Theatre in January and February.

**Ian Braid**
Chief Executive of the British Athlete Commission, Ian Braid is also a director of British Triathlon. He sits on the UK Board of Sport Resolutions.

**Veronica Lee**
Veronica is an award-winning critic, writing on theatre and comedy to the *Daily Telegraph, Sunday Telegraph, Observer* and *London Evening Standard*.

**Post-Debate in the Bar:** LGBT+ drinks with CUSU
Carl Barât was the co-frontman of The Libertines, an era-defining group which spearheaded the revival of garage rock in the UK, but which disbanded after the relationship between Barât and Pete Doherty became toxic. Carl is currently the frontman and lead guitarist for Dirty Pretty Things and holds an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Winchester.

Modern Art Forum

Wednesday 12th February, 7.00pm

With record numbers of visitors to the Tate Modern, National Gallery and National Portrait Gallery last year, just what is the continuing appeal of art in the UK? What is the relevance of art to our society and how has this changed? Speakers are:

Jonathan Yeo, a contemporary portraitist for whom Tony Blair, David Cameron and Nicole Kidman have sat, and whose unauthorised collage of George W Bush, using pornographic magazines, brought him worldwide notoriety;

Martin Gayford, Cambridge alum, who has written prolifically about art in a series of major biographies, was art critic at The Spectator and The Sunday Telegraph, and is now Chief Art Critic for Bloomberg News; and,

Alistair Adams, who recently revealed his portrait of Tony Blair for the National Portrait Gallery and is President of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters.
Thursday 13th February, 7.30pm

The current government has brought in sweeping and controversial reforms to the NHS, putting more power and responsibility in the hands of GPs and patients. We ask whether the NHS still has a place in the welfare state’s flagship institution, or whether it is time to let the markets rule.

Healthcare Debate

THIS HOUSE WOULD PRIVATISE THE NHS

Emran Mian
Director of the Social Market Foundation, Dr Mian is also a frequent contributor to Prospect Magazine.

Helen Evans
Director of Nurses For Reform, Dr Evans wrote the report Sixty Years On: Who Cares About The NHS?. For over 20 years, she worked for the NHS.

Mark Littlewood
Director of the Institute of Economic Affairs, Mark Littlewood was chief press spokesman for the Liberal Democrats and the Pro Euro Conservative Party.

Peter Carter
General Secretary and Chief Executive of the Royal College of Nursing, Dr Peter Carter OBE is committed to challenging the cuts to health services.

Stephen Dorrell
Chair of the Health Select Committee, Stephen Dorrell MP was Secretary of State for Health between 1995 and 1997. He is MP for Charnwood.

David Nicholson
Chief Executive of NHS England since 2011, Sir David Nicholson was knighted in 2010 for his services to the organisation.

Post-Debate in the Bar: Cross-Party Political Drinks
Clarke Carlisle

Monday 17th February, 7.30pm

Clarke Carlisle is former head of the Professional Footballers’ Association who once won the title of ‘Britain’s Brainiest Footballer’. Clarke is Ambassador for the Kick It Out anti-racism campaign, first footballer to appear on Question Time, and has presented documentaries for the BBC on racism and mental-health issues in professional football.

John Rhys-Davies

Date TBC

John Rhys-Davies is a Welsh actor perhaps best known for playing Gimli in The Lord of the Rings trilogy and the charismatic Arab excavator Sallah in the Indiana Jones films. Davies has contributed enormously to the epic genre of filmmaking and has worked with Steven Spielberg, Peter Jackson and Orlando Bloom.

Peter Hitchens

An acclaimed author and writer for The Mail on Sunday, Peter Hitchens has reported as foreign correspondent from Gaza, Iraq and Iran.

Sara Khorshid

An Egyptian journalist, Sara Khorshid has written on Islamic relations for The Guardian and New York Times. She will join us via videolink.
 Few events in the past decade have been as important or had such widespread ramifications as the Arab Spring. As civil war rages on in Syria and other countries struggle to maintain stability, we ask: would it be better if the Arab Spring simply hadn’t happened?

Thursday 20th February, 7.30pm

**Arab Spring Debate**

**THIS HOUSE REGRETS THE ARAB SPRING**

**Con Coughlin**
An expert on terrorism and the Middle East, Con Coughlin has spent 25 years in journalism and is the *Daily Telegraph*'s Defence Editor.

**Philip Wood**
Historian Philip Wood is a specialist on the early medieval Middle East, and the intersection of political and religious ideas in the region.

**Emyr Jones Parry**
Former UK representative to the UN Sir Emyr Jones Parry is currently Chairman of the Wales Millenium Centre.

**David Aaronovitch**
Writer and broadcaster, David Aaronovitch was a strong supporter of the Iraq War, but believes in alternatives to military intervention in Syria.

**Leo Docherty**
Conservative Middle East Council Director, Leo Docherty has written about his time serving with the British army in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Douglas Murray**
Writer Douglas Murray has claimed Iraq needs more neoconservatism after the 2003 invasion. He is associate director of the Henry Jackson Society.

*Post-Debate in the Bar:* Cocktails and Music
Foreign Aid Forum

Monday 24th February, 7.00pm

It cost the UK £11.2 billion in 2013 – but how much impact is foreign aid really having, and is it justified when money is tight and global corruption rampant? In this forum we discuss whether and why foreign aid is working, both for the recipients and for us in Britain.

RAG Big Night In

Friday 28th February, 9.00pm

After the success of the Christmas Big Night In and Love Actually Screening, the RAG team are back to offer you another night of food, drinks and fun at the Union. Watch this space for more details.

Cambridge Schools Debating Competition

Saturday 1st March, All Day

The Cambridge Schools Debating Competition attracts over 600 teams from schools nationwide and internationally. Finals Day sees the top 40 come to Cambridge to compete over three rounds for a place in the Grand Final. Come along to watch or (even better) to judge an excellent day’s debating.
Thursday 27th February, 7.30pm

The announcement that Prince William is studying in Cambridge this term has prompted comment and outcry across the national and student media. The monarchy is Britain’s most iconic national institution, a central non-partisan plank of our constitution – according to some. For others, it is an outdated relic that impedes our democracy and entrenches elitism. In this debate, we put the arguments, and the modern monarchy, to the test.

**Bethan Jenkins**
Welsh Assembly Member and founder of Plaid Cymru Youth, Bethan Jenkins has expressed frustration at swearing allegiance to the Queen.

**Peter Whittle**
Director of thinktank the New Culture Forum, Peter Whittle challenges the ‘Left-liberal stranglehold’ on the arts. He is author of *Monarchy Matters*.

**Peter Kellow**
Leader of the Democratic Republican Party, and writer for the *Huffington Post*, Peter Kellow believes there is a need for radical changes in UK politics.

**Hugo Vickers**
Known for writing royal biographies such as *Elizabeth, The Queen Mother*, Vickers was appointed Chairman of the Jubilee Walkway Trust in 2002.

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**Post-Debate in the Bar:** RAG Week launch
Davis Polk’s London office offers trainees and vacation scheme students a unique opportunity at one of the world’s preeminent law firms.

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Feminism has seen a revival in recent years with Twitter, Facebook and blogging facilitating an ever-greater reach for the cause. Criticism, though, comes from all sides. Is modern feminism too radical? Not radical enough? Is it sexist, racist or classist? Just which battles should it be fighting?

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**Tanya Gold**
As a columnist for tabloids including *The Guardian* and *The Independent*, Tanya believes feminism has become too personal and irrelevant for many.

**Laura Bates**
Well-known feminist writer Laura Bates founded the Everyday Sexism Project to document daily instances of sexism around the world.

**Charlotte Vere**
A writer for Conservative Home, Charlotte Vere is the Director of the Girls’ School Association and founder of the thinktank Women On.

**Lynne Segal**
Professor Lynne Segal is a feminist activist and author currently working in the Psychosocial Studies department at Birkbeck University, London.

**Alex Porter**
Alex is a Third Year studying PPS at Murray Edwards. She was the Union’s first Women’s Officer and is the current Vice President.

**Caroline Criado Perez**
Having co-founded The Women’s Room, Caroline Criado Perez spearheaded the recent campaign to put Jane Austen’s portrait on British banknotes.

**Post-Debate in the Bar:** Cocktails and Music
Darcey Bussell CBE is widely acclaimed as one of the greatest British ballerinas of all time. Becoming a principal dancer at the Royal Ballet when she was just 20, she has performed with leading ballet companies around the world, such as NYCB, the Kirov and the Australian Ballet. Darcey is now President of the Royal Academy of Dance and is a judge on Strictly Come Dancing.

Neville Wilshire

Monday 10th March, 7.00pm
Motivational Techniques

Nev set up his first company at the age of 24 and now runs the Save Britain Money Group, encompassing seven companies. Achieving fame in the BBC 3 documentary The Call Centre, Nev and the Call Centre released a charity single - Mr Brightside in C Sharp in a somewhat unlikely bid for the Christmas Number 1 spot. Nev’s unique style of leadership - with compulsory sing alongs and intense interest in his employee’ love lives - will be explained in a talk on Motivational Techniques.
Thursday 13th March, 7.30pm

One of the most contentious issues in politics, the Human Rights Act is seen by many as a vital step towards freedom of the individual, whereas others believe it has simply resulted in an ‘avalanche of political correctness’, creating a compensation culture in Britain. Is the Human Rights act fit for purpose?

Michael Howard
A former Conservative Party Leader, Michael is a QC and an authority on legal and constitutional matters. He advocates a new British Bill of Rights.

Martin Howe
Martin, a QC, is involved in high-profile human rights cases including the right for British Gurkha veterans to settle in the UK.

Edward Faulks
A QC since 1996, Edward has worked as a Special Advisor to the Department for Constitutional Affairs on compensation culture.

Imogen Schon
The outgoing President of the Union, Imogen was a Trustee for the Children’s Rights Alliance for England from 2010 – 2012.

Shami Chakrabarti
The Chancellor of Oxford Brookes, Shami is the Director of the British civil liberties advocacy organisation, Liberty.

Fred Cowell
A lecturer in Law, Fred is currently the London Officer and Head of Office for the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative.

Post-Debate in the Bar: End of Term Party
I have loved my time at the Union. I have learned a huge amount, met some amazing speakers and seen some great debates. But most importantly, I have made friendships which will long outlast my time here or at Cambridge and which mean so much to me.

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