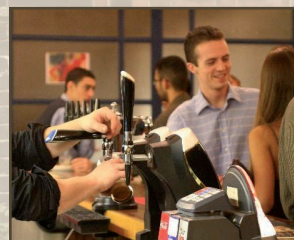


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Welcome to the Cambridge Union Society

The Cambridge Union Society represents the best of student life. Based in our very own building, we are the city's largest society, with members from both universities. Since 1815 we have hosted speakers, controversial debates and lively entertainments.

As the oldest student debating society in the world, we are the pre-eminent centre of free speech in British intellectual life. Every week, well known, witty and controversial speakers discuss the most important issues of our time. Politicians, journalists, writers, sportspeople and scientists debate religion, Africa, sex, drugs and music.



Roland Foxcroft
President

Recent speakers have included the President of Iraq, the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. Academics like Simon Schama, Stephen Hawking and Richard Dawkins tried to educate us, whilst Sven Göran Eriksson, Patrick Stewart and Jeremy Paxman have thoroughly entertained us.

From our late-night clubbing to sophisticated jazz and cocktail nights, we offer entertainments for all tastes. Our wine, chocolate, whisky and tea tastings are a hit each term, and our eat-as-much-as-you-like pancake and ice cream nights are bliss. Belly dancing and poker nights occur regularly, whilst kickboxing matches, drama and films complete a packed calendar.

Unwind in the daytime with a cup of coffee and a newspaper after checking your e-mails. Play snooker all day, or read a novel in the city's largest fiction lending library. Get reductions at many local shops with our Treasurer's Treats. Later, grab a drink in the only cheap central bar in Cambridge or hire a room to party with friends.

Welcome to Cambridge. Welcome to the Union.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'R. Foxcroft', written over a light blue grid background.

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Speakers and Debates

Ideas & Issues that Matter

Another week, another highly acclaimed debate! Each week, we welcome the most powerful, knowledgeable, and famous figures from around the globe. It is a rare privilege to hear discussions on ideas that have shaped all our lives. Inspiring talks and debates from the world's most eloquent and entertaining men and women are hosted in the chamber. And at each event, members are invited to ask questions and voice their opinions from the floor.



Boris Johnson
Journalist & Politician



Nazanin Afshin-Jam
Miss World Canada



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Television Journalist



John Gunner
MP

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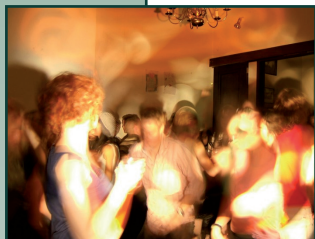
Scientist
Writer

Recent Guests at the Union

Princess Michael of Kent	The Chechen Deputy PM
The Dalai Lama	Vanessa Redgrave
Queen Noor of Jordan	Simon Schama
Desmond Tutu	George Monbiot
Prince Charles	George Galloway
Stephen Hawking	Peter Stringfellow
John Malkovich	Michael Howard
Patrick Stewart	Neil & Christine Hamilton
Michael Moore	Gillian Anderson
Louis De Berniers	Paddy Ashdown
Germaine Greer	Rohdri Morgan
Bobby Charlton	F.W. De Klerk
Seamus Heaney	Ken Clarke
David Trimble	Norman Lamont
The Duke of Edinburgh	Helmut Kohl
Sven Göran Eriksen	The President of Ireland



Events & Entertainment Society at the Union



The Union Society isn't just about debates and speakers. After a day of lectures, sometimes you just want to relax and enjoy yourself. This coming year, expect Jazz and Cocktails, comedy, speed dating, Ann Summers nights, open mic sessions, a battle of the bands, belly dancing lessons, snooker tournaments; even a chill out night with masseurs to relieve your study stress.

Clubnights



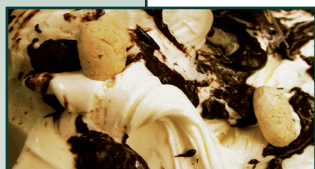
The Union is the only student organisation that puts on club nights that continue into the early hours. This year you can expect regular events with top DJs and cheap drinks—the only place to be at the weekends in Cambridge!

Tastings



Last year Union members tasted their way through litres of wine, whisky, speciality tea, along with cheeses and chocolates. This year, we also hope to move on to champagne, vodka, and caviar! Whether you wish to become a connoisseur, or just to enjoy free goodies, don't miss out.

Music



From jazz & cocktail parties to classical music recitals, we bring the very best performers from Cambridge to your Union. We are constantly looking out for new acts, from the brilliant to the bizarre. So, whether you want to dance the tango, or simply kick back and relax, this is your place for musical variety.

Sport



Our historic chamber is often transformed into a very modern kickboxing ring. We regularly host university boxing matches and, next term, we are introducing fencing. Watch our own sports teams thrash the Oxford Union. Or, if you prefer your sports less brutal, please join our friendly snooker tournament!



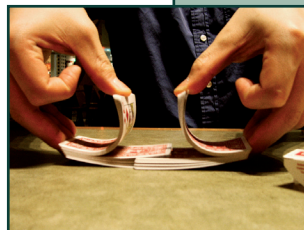
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We take Society seriously!”

Special Union Events

Days to Remember

Poker Tournaments

If you just want to play for matches, or something a little more profitable, and have a few hours to spare at the end of a long week, come along to the Union's Texas Hold 'Em evenings. Members of all abilities are warmly welcomed. Don't know how to play? No problem— we can teach you!



Comedy Evenings

Sharing a long friendship with the Footlights comedy club, we regularly bring you humour from the place that produced Cleese, Fry and Laurie. We also invite professional comedians and humorous authors to speak in some debates. Even magicians have been known to visit our bar...



Indulgence Evenings

The Union's famed Ben & Jerry's nights regularly see literally thousands of tubs of Ben & Jerry's ice cream being dished out to members free of charge. Similarly, last year saw the introduction of a pancake night. Indulge at the Union, and eat as much as you could possibly like!



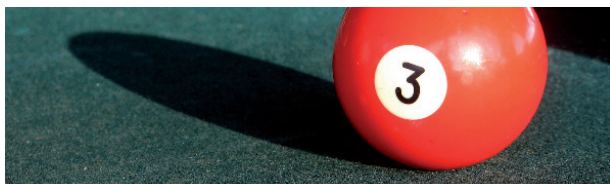
The Garden Party

Champagne. Strawberries. Pimms, lemonade and cream. Our Summer garden party gets the basic ingredients right, adds some of the classiest music and dishes up in one of the most beautiful gardens in Cambridge. Expect the very best in post-exam relaxation. The only thing we can't guarantee is the sun!



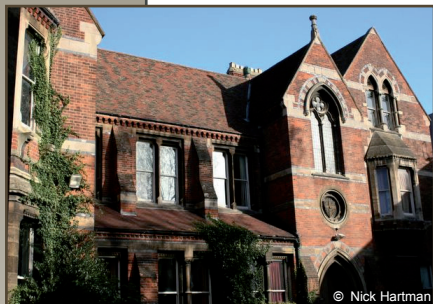
Bar Quizzes

Next term, our pub quizzes promise to be very popular, with large prizes given away to the "most knowledgeable" Union members. Prizes will be cds or books from local stores.



Facilities at the Union

Read, Research, Relax



As one of the only student-run societies in the country that owns its own building, we offer unrivalled facilities that suit your needs. With our perfect location in the city centre, many of our members use the building between lectures, after shopping with friends, or as a starting point for a big night out. We are constantly upgrading our facilities, and are always keen to accommodate new suggestions. The Union is the perfect place for relaxation, recreation and casual research.



Keynes Library

As the largest fiction lending library in Cambridge, our library is the perfect retreat from hectic university life. Indeed, we even have a selection of CDs for you to borrow. Also, as one of the prettiest libraries in the centre, we are an ideal place for study. With extensive biographies, exam papers and historic books, we offer a collection very different from any other library. We also have some of the most special rare books in the country, kept safely under lock and key—just ask for more details.

Computing Facilities

We are one of the only places in central Cambridge that offers free Wi-Fi internet access from early morning to late evening, both in our bar and in the library. We also have a computer network in the building, from which you will also be able to access our video collection of recent debates. So, whether you feel like checking your e-mails between lectures, or want to type up that latest essay, we offer the perfect location for both.

Office Amenities

With one of the only fax machines in the city available to students, and an extremely cheap photocopying machine, we are ideal for your office needs. Our staff are in the building during work hours and are always keen and ready to help with any unusual requests. So whether you urgently need to send a letter to Lesotho, or are searching for somewhere to print off posters, we will be able to help.

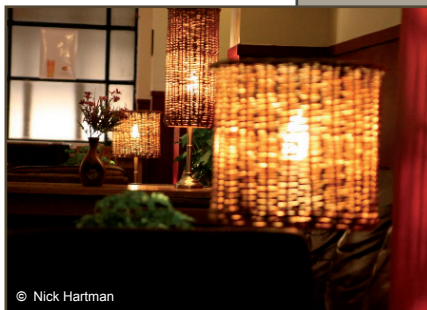


Coffee & Newspapers

Unwind with a steaming hot cup of fair trade coffee in our bright and welcoming Mountbatten Room. We order the day's national newspapers; we also have a selection of journals and large stocks of the universities' main student magazines. We provide the only coffee facilities that are still open at 10pm, if you feel like burning the midnight oil. So whether you pop down from the library, or want to meet with friends between lectures, the Mountbatten Room is the ideal location.

Room Hire

Need a place to party? Fed up with porters knocking on your door? Book a room for very reasonable rates and enjoy the space and privacy that only the Union can provide. We also have specific deals for clubs and societies, so if you need a place to host a drinks party or lecture, we can do it for you. We also have the facilities for showing films or Powerpoint lectures. Just pop in and ask!



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Sport

With the only free full-sized snooker tables in the city, as well as regular tournaments, we are the perfect place for you to spend time relaxing after a hard day of study. With both nine-ball and eight-ball pool tables, and also the opportunity to play English Billiards, we try to cater for all your cue-sport needs. Our dart board is a popular feature of our bar, and is also free for members.



Reciprocal Membership

Visiting Cambridge, Massachusetts? Is your favorite speaker addressing the Oxford Union next week? Our arrangements with over sixty other institutions will let you use their facilities free of charge. And, like our own office staff, theirs will often be happy to use their local knowledge to help you find cheap accomodation or answer any questions that you may have.



Competetive Debate

Persuasively Great



Do you enjoy discussing important issues? Do you like exploring big ideas? Do you want to improve your ability to speak persuasively? If so, then debating is for you. Develop the skills needed to give public speeches and to evaluate public policy or, if you wish, compete in international tournaments.

The benefits of debating are many. Debating develops analytical and speaking skills which aren't just useful in politics; you will find them useful in your academic work and many other areas of life. The abilities you develop at the Union to think critically and to express your ideas clearly will serve you well. Employers look for articular applicants; some even include debate in their training programmes.



Are you new to debating? We offer weekly coaching sessions each week for debaters of all levels. Our coaches are often the best in the world. Competitions are also open to newcomers. Our Freshers' Competition, for example, runs in the second half of the Michaelmas term and awards a cash prize to its winners.

Almost every weekend, debating teams represent Cambridge at intervarsity debating competitions in the UK. We also send teams to both the European and World Universities Debating Competitions. We even subsidize the travel of those who compete or judge for the Union.



Debating is about making good arguments, but it's also about making great friends. Our lively social programme includes garden parties, meals and other entertainments. Debating introduces you to some great people within Cambridge, but you can end up with friends from around the UK and all over the world!

However involved you want to be, and whatever your current level of experience, the Union's debating programme provides an experience that is as enjoyable and sociable as it is intellectually stimulating and useful. If you like thoughts, ideas and words, come to our fresher's parties on the 9th and 10th of October or contact us at debating@cambridge-union.org



Food & Drinks

Share and Enjoy

Dinner with Speakers

The Union Society brings you in contact with some of the world's most interesting and influential figures through our debates and special events. But that's not all. At most events, members are invited to dine with the evening's speakers.

The dinners, of course, are excellent. We provide only the best for both our members and our distinguished guests.

Spaces, of course, are limited, so if you wish to dine with one of our speakers, contact the office early for prices and to make a reservation.

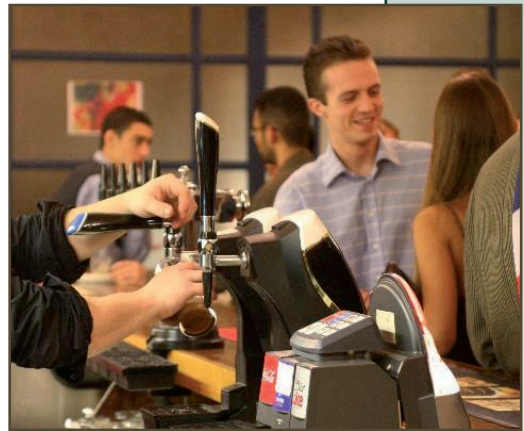


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Member's Bar

As the central student bar in Cambridge, we are simply the best venue for grabbing a couple of pints at the end of a long day, making new friends, or starting a big night out.

With our expansive range of lager, beer and real ale, as well as our impressive wine cellar and our collection of spirits, we can provide all the liquid refreshment you would possibly want. Next term sees the introduction of our cocktail menu, including our very own special hot evening concoctions. Don't see what you want on the menu? Our bar manager is willing to mix up any poison you could possibly want and, in many cases, will even order new drinks. Our bar is also made complete with our collection of bar games, a range of soft drinks, and free WiFi access.



With cheap drinks and regular discounts, we are one of the most budget-friendly venues in the city. Open six evenings a week, we will become a regular part of your university social life.



Getting Involved

Union Means You

It seems obvious, but as a student organisation, the Cambridge Union Society is organised and run by students just like you. A successful Union isn't just about elected positions; we all rely on each other to organise events, hang posters, manage event admission, rearrange chairs, judge debates, and participate in the regular members' decision-making meetings. Even something as simple as discussing the the news or the week's debate in the bar helps ensure the success of the Union. But our members can tell you even better...



Frankie Whiffen, Student Union President
Anglia Ruskin University

The Member

I found out about the Cambridge Union Society in my final year of study. They offer a great range of activities and socials, as well as unique chances to hear guest speakers from around the world talking about issues on a broad range of areas. I hope that Anglia Ruskin students take up this opportunity to get involved in such a great facility and enjoy all that they have to offer.



Dana Livne, Graduate
St. Edmund's College

The Director of Recruitment

My experience of getting involved at the Union has surpassed all my expectations. As Director of Recruitment I've been working on making sure that all our new members get the best welcome to the Union ever! For me, working in a student-run society of this size and calibre is exciting and always rewarding. I would definitely recommend it. **If you are looking to enjoy student life with a difference, come and get involved!**





The Serial Volunteer

When I arrived in Cambridge I wasn't intending to join the Union, let alone get involved in it. After all, it's just for people who are good at debating and public speaking, right? Wrong. I soon realised that there was so much more on offer to members with different interests. I've now been a college secretary, on House Committee once, and External Committee twice. Last term I was Director of Event Management, so I guess it's fairly obvious that I enjoy being involved in this place! It's a great way of meeting new people from different colleges and backgrounds, as well as having the chance to meet and greet speakers. It also provides a very unusual opportunity to get an insight into the functioning of a not-for-profit organisation. For me, the highlight was organising the visit by the Iraqi president last term. Most of all, it's good fun and I'd really recommend getting involved!



Rachel Phillips, Undergraduate
Christ's College



This Term at the Union

Sneak Peek

Speakers



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David Starkey

This term, the Union will host speakers from all walks of life to talk on a wide variety of different issues. We will debate the role of politics in sport, whether God is dead and whether we have confidence in the Government. For the first time we will be having forums on such topics as Palestine, Abortion, and Africa in order to unite experts in their respective fields. Speakers that have already confirmed include David Starkey, the renowned historian, Carl Schramm, CEO of the largest educational foundation in the world, and James Watson, the scientist who discovered DNA.

Entertainments



From weekly club nights, to more relaxed tastings, we are bringing back some of the most well-loved events in the Union's calendar. Michaelmas should also see the return of our famous Ben and Jerry's night, where every member can eat as much ice cream as anyone could possibly want. We are also introducing new events: a **snooker tournament**, a **fencing match in the chamber**, and the introduction of **comedy** will all help make this the best term the Union has ever seen.

Facility Improvements

This Summer, we are bringing computers into the library and introducing free WiFi access in both the library and the bar. We are also introducing improved coffee facilities and changing our drinks menu. The snooker room is being redecorated, and we are creating a room for our rare book collection. Next term, our building will be the perfect venue for both work and play.

Free Introductory Events

To give you a taste of the Union, we are arranging a series of free events. We are confident that you will love the society so much that you will join!

Sat. 22 September - **Debate:**
"This House would legalise euthanasia"

Wed. 3 October - Bjorn Lomborg, **Author:**
"The Skeptical Environmentalist"

Thurs. 4 October - **Debate:**
"This House believes nuclear energy is the solution to the climate crisis"

Fri. 5 October - **Freshers' Clubnight.**



Deals & Discounts

Treasurer's Treats

As students, we all have to keep an eye on the pennies... but we also want to have a good time. We don't want to be hindered from achieving our goals and enjoying our friends in ways that make our years at Cambridge the best we have. We want to live our student days the way we want, not the way our bank manager does.

As the Union Treasurer, I arrange for deals and discounts throughout the city of Cambridge for Union members.

Live the high life without suffering a low balance. Join the Union and take advantage of discounts at top Cambridge restaurants, designer stores, stylists, cinemas, and clubs, to enjoy the wealth that only a student can have.

Elliot Bishton, *Treasurer*

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Soul Tree nightclub

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Jim Garrahy's Fudge
Nomads gift shop
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Il Barbieri



History of the Union

192 Years of Free Speech



The Cambridge Union was founded in 1815, after a drunken brawl between three Senior Wranglers. It is the oldest student debating society in the world, and is the model on which many similar institutions are based. From its birth, the society has not shied from controversy: for a while it was even banned by the University for being too contentious! In 1866, the society moved into its current home, designed by the great architect Alfred Waterhouse.

The Last Century

The 20th Century saw the Union become the heart of British intellectual life. Prime Ministers throughout the Century, as well as Presidents and even Monarchs all visited the Society. The chamber was used by Marshall Montgomery to lay some plans for D-Day. Many officers went on to lead distinguished careers, including John Maynard Keynes, Ken Clarke and Michael Howard. Nehru addressed the members shortly after Indian Independence, Desmond Tutu and F W de Klerk visited when Apartheid had fallen, and both Ronald Reagan and Lech Walesa spoke at the end of the Cold War.



Looking to the Future

This century has started how the last one has ended. Recently, the NATO Secretary-General spoke about international relations in the chamber, and Hans Blix commented on Saddam's arsenal. Earlier this year, we were visited by Iraq's first democratically-elected president.

Today, the Union proudly guards its independence and reputation for freedom of speech. It continues to invite the very best speakers, and now has developed a reputation for lively entertainments too. It has modernised, become more inclusive, and has remained the vibrant focus for university life for all its members. The Society has a bright future.

For more information on the history of the Cambridge Union Society, please pick up a booklet from our office.



Reasons to Join

The Cambridge Experience

The Cambridge Union is a special and unique part of Cambridge life. It is simply the best way to meet people outside your college or halls. Unlike any institution you might have once joined, or which you will join later in your life, we give you unparalleled possibilities to:

- ▶ Meet the most influential, intelligent and entertaining people in the world.
- ▶ Experience parties to die for.
- ▶ Be taught to debate by the best in the world.
- ▶ Enjoy a range of facilities in the town centre to cater for all your needs.

Who Joins

Anyone and everyone. Over 5,000 people currently in Cambridge have joined the Society, and we have around 85,000 members worldwide. Undergraduates, Postgraduates and lecturers all join the Union, and become involved in all levels of the society. People join from a number of academic institutions, including the University of Cambridge, Anglia Ruskin University and Cambridge Arts and Sciences College. Our equality and diversity policy has ensured that members from all ethnicities, genders and backgrounds enjoy our facilities and fall in love with the Society.

How to Join

Joining the Union has never been easier. Simply fill out the form overleaf, and send it to the Society along with a passport photo. Your membership card will be made straight away and will be available for collection in a few days from the office. Membership becomes active immediately, so you will be free to enjoy any of our benefits as soon as you have returned this form. Alternatively, pop into our office to pay in cash or to talk about alternative payment methods, including monthly payment.

Normally, a life membership at the Union costs £99. But for a limited time, this cost has been reduced to £85.

Becoming a member will cost you less than £1 a week for your time in Cambridge, and will last for life. This represents fantastic value, for what is a unique opportunity.



Join The Union

Application Form

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If you do not consent to your name and educational institution being passed on to members of the Society as part of the election procedure, please tick here: ☐





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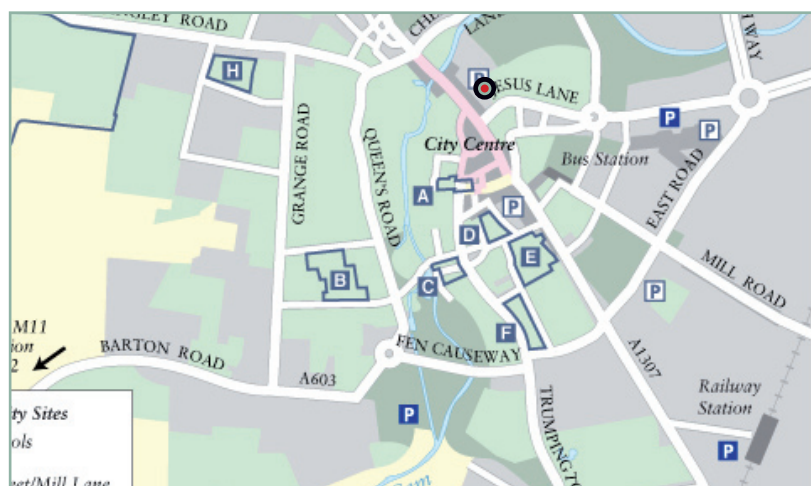
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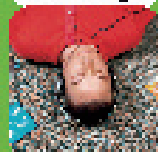
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