

List of former Presidents of Oxford University Liberal Club and Oxford University Liberal Democrats

This is a list of presidents of **Oxford University Liberal Club**, and its successors under various names, including the present-day **Oxford University Liberal Democrats**. Founded in 1913, it is the oldest of the political clubs at the [University of Oxford](https://www.ox.ac.uk/).

Presidents of Oxford University Liberal Club, 1913–1970

Year	Term	President	College
1913	Trinity	Mark Jackson	Magdalen
		Break in records	
1919	Michaelmas	Nevil "Alec" Beechman	Balliol
1920	Hilary	Nevil "Alec" Beechman	Balliol
1920	Trinity	Nevil "Alec" Beechman	Balliol
1920	Michaelmas	Edward Marjoribanks	Christ Church
1921	Hilary	Basil Herbert	Christ Church
1921	Trinity	Basil Herbert	Christ Church
1921	Michaelmas	J.B. Woodruff	?
1922	Hilary	J.B. Woodruff	?
		Break in records	
1926	Trinity	Roger Fulford	Worcester
		Break in records	
1927	Hilary	Dingle Foot	Balliol
		Break in records	
1930	Hilary	John Foot	Balliol
		Break in records	

1934	Trinity	Honor Balfour	St Anne's
1934	Michaelmas	Michael Foot	Wadham
1935	Hilary	Frank Byers	Christ Church
1935	Trinity	Muir Hunter	Christ Church
		Break in records	
1936	Michaelmas	Raymond Henry Walton	Balliol
1937	Hilary	Alan Wood	Balliol
1937	Trinity	The Hon. Rufus Noel-Buxton (Joint President) Peter Twinn (Joint President)	Balliol Brasenose
1937	Michaelmas	Eric Allison	Brasenose
1938	Hilary	Derman Christopherson	University
1938	Trinity	Peter Stuart	Exeter
1938	Michaelmas	John Wilson	Oriel
1939	Hilary	Peter Twinn	Brasenose
1939	Trinity	Robert Shackleton	Oriel
1939	Michaelmas	George Grey	Hertford
1940	Hilary	Diana Gloag	Somerville
1940	Trinity	James Comyn	New
1940	Michaelmas	Kenneth Jones	University
1941	Hilary	Basil Wigoder	Oriel
1941	Trinity	Lewis Clarke	Jesus
1941	Michaelmas	Madeleine Bishop	Somerville
1942	Hilary	John Smith	St Catherine's
1942	Trinity	Betty Evans	Westfield
1942	Michaelmas	Douglas Verney	Oriel
1943	Hilary	Daphne Park	Somerville
1943	Trinity	Archibald Dunn	New
1943	Michaelmas	Kenneth Lamb	Queen's
1944	Hilary	John Long	Queen's
1944	Trinity	Alan Gibson	Queen's
1944	Michaelmas	Keith Dewhurst	Trinity

1945	Hilary	Graeme Moodie	Queen's
1945	Trinity	Pamela Brisbane	Westfield
1945	Michaelmas	Arnold Hever	Queen's
1946	Hilary	Anthony Long	Hertford
1946	Trinity	Henry Palmer	Queen's
1946	Michaelmas	Anthony Seabrook	Oriel
1947	Hilary	John Beeching Frankenburg	Balliol
1947	Trinity	John Stobbs	Pembroke
1947	Michaelmas	Patrick Arthur Thomas Furnell	Trinity
1948	Hilary	Bernard Dann	Wadham
1948	Trinity	Arthur Mildon	Wadham
1948	Michaelmas	Elizabeth Graham	Somerville
1949	Hilary	Brian Law	St John's
1949	Trinity	Keith Kyle	Magdalen
1949	Michaelmas	Anne Chesney	Somerville
1950	Hilary	Jeremy Thorpe	Trinity
1950	Trinity	John Edwards	Merton
1950	Michaelmas	Michael Turner Bridger	Lincoln
1951	Hilary	Richard Blackmore	Wadham
1951	Trinity	John Thompson	St John's
1951	Michaelmas	Philip Watkins	Brasenose
1952	Hilary	Andrew Alexander	St John's
1952	Trinity	Alan Deyermond	Pembroke
1952	Michaelmas	Bruce Burton	Jesus
1953	Hilary	John Collins	Queen's
1953	Trinity	Richard Hoskins	Queen's
1953	Michaelmas	Roger Booth	Jesus
1954	Hilary	Clifford Joseph	St John's
1954	Trinity	Philip Lewis	Corpus Christi
1954	Michaelmas	John King-Farlow	Christ Church
1955	Hilary	Quintin Iwi	New
1955	Trinity	David Penwarden	Keble

1955	Michaelmas	Alan Share	Merton
1956	Hilary	David Hilton	Queen's
1956	Trinity	John Robinson	Keble
1956	Michaelmas	Sarah Myers	St Hugh's
1957	Hilary	John Cohn	Christ Church
1957	Trinity	Tom Crowther	Keble
1957	Michaelmas	John Crossley	Keble
1958	Hilary	Sylvia Hargreaves	St Hugh's
1958	Trinity	Roger Billings	Exeter
1958	Michaelmas	John Mitton	Brasenose
1959	Hilary	David Franks	Brasenose
1959	Trinity	Marjorie Williams	Lady Margaret Hall
1959	Michaelmas	Charles Frieze	Queen's
1960	Hilary	Paul Foot	University
1960	Trinity	Philip Cowen	Corpus Christi
1960	Michaelmas	Michael Falchikov	Oriel
1961	Hilary	Nigel Lister	St Peter's
1961	Trinity	John Howe	Merton
1961	Michaelmas	Malcolm Brahams	Balliol
1962	Hilary	Christopher Mott	Christ Church
1962	Trinity	Paul Tyler	Exeter
1962	Michaelmas	Peter Selman	Queen's
1963	Hilary	Garth Pratt	Corpus Christi
1963	Trinity	Richard Littlejohns	Keble
1963	Michaelmas	George Kiloh	Christ Church
1964	Hilary	Jeremy Beloff	St Catherine's
1964	Trinity	Jim Cousins	New
1964	Michaelmas	Will Pinching	St John's
1965	Hilary	Ian Morison	Lincoln
1965	Trinity	Charles Scanlan	Balliol
1965	Michaelmas	Helen Rushworth	St Antony's

1966	Hilary	Alan Butt Philip	St John's
1966	Trinity	Ronald Cohen	Exeter
1966	Michaelmas	Donald Hamilton	Balliol
1967	Hilary	Ken Addison	St Peter's
1967	Trinity	Anthea Brown	St Hugh's
1967	Michaelmas	John Grey	Magdalen
1968	Hilary	Donald Brims	Keble
1968	Trinity	Roger Clarke	Hertford
1968	Michaelmas	Paul Cavadino	Balliol
1969	Hilary	Stephen Walkley	New
1969	Trinity	Guy Harkin	Hertford
1969	Michaelmas	Mike Flanagan Mike House	Pembroke Exeter
1970	Hilary	Jennifer Shepherd	St Hilda's
1970	Trinity	Michael Keating	Pembroke
1970	Michaelmas	Andy Popper	Oriel

Presidents of Oxford Union of Liberal Students, 1971–1976

In Hilary Term 1971, the **Oxford University Liberal Club** changed its name to the **Oxford Union of Liberal Students**.

Year	Term	President	College
1971	Hilary	Neil Hickman	Worcester
1971	Trinity	Alan Sherwell	Queen's
1971	Michaelmas	Stephen Postle	St John's
1972	Hilary	Mike Austerberry	Worcester
1972	Trinity	Glyn Jones	Worcester
1972	Michaelmas	Stephen Cheshire	Queen's
1973	Hilary	Oliver Elphick	Exeter
1973	Trinity	Anthony Sturman	Queen's

1973	Michaelmas	Paul Ryder	Worcester
1974	Hilary	Richard Pyne	Keble
1974	Trinity	Richard Pyne	Keble
1974	Michaelmas	David Croft Robert Boden	Magdalen Oriel
1975	Hilary	Paul Seddon	University
1975	Trinity	Francis Cave	Magdalen
1975	Michaelmas	Tim Bick	Lincoln
1976	Hilary	Ewan Ferlie	Balliol

Chairs and presidents of Oxford Students' Liberal Society, 1976–1987

In Trinity Term 1976, the **Oxford Union of Liberal Students** changed its name to the **Oxford Students' Liberal Society**. The role of President was renamed Chair. By the early 80s, the title was Oxford Student Liberal Society and the title President was in use.

Year	Term	Chair/President	College
1976	Trinity	Peter Brook	New
1976	Michaelmas	Henry Tinsley	Worcester
1977	Hilary	Mark Rathbone	Worcester
1977	Trinity	Stephen Hey	Lincoln
1977	Michaelmas	Helen Goodman	Somerville
1978	Hilary	Sam Howison	Wadham
1978	Trinity	Nick Amor	Magdalen
1978	Michaelmas	David Powell	Queen's
1979	Hilary	Rachel Hetherington	Somerville
1979	Trinity	Jeremy Shaw	Queen's
1979	Michaelmas	David Bye	Exeter
1980	Hilary	John Inkipin	Merton
1980	Trinity	Lynda Powell	St Catherine's
1980	Michaelmas	Peter Cooper	Trinity

1981	Hilary	Patrick Forbes	Pembroke
1981	Trinity	Brent Smith	Pembroke
1981	Michaelmas	Neil Schofield	Christ Church
1982	Hilary	Ian Gambles	Balliol
1982	Trinity	Adrian Van Klaveren	St John's
1982	Michaelmas	Maria Leek	Exeter
1983	Hilary	Martin Horwood	Queen's
1983	Trinity	Mary Pring	Somerville
1983	Michaelmas	Dave Brown	Merton
1984	Hilary	Tim Pitt-Payne	Worcester
1984	Trinity	Helena Djurkovic	Pembroke
1984	Michaelmas	Mark Stephens	Lincoln
1985	Hilary	Frances Thirlway	Balliol
1985	Trinity	James Forder	Keble
1985	Michaelmas	Martin Downs	Pembroke
1986	Hilary	Clifford Darton	Lincoln
1986	Trinity	Ian Garrett	St Catherine's
1986	Michaelmas	Neil Kitchener	Queen's
1987	Hilary	Dan Maldoom	Lincoln

Presidents of Oxford Students' Alliance Society, 1987–1988

In Trinity Term 1987, the **Oxford Students' Liberal Society** merged with the **Oxford University Social Democratic Club** (founded in 1981) to form the **Oxford Students' Alliance Society**. This merger pre-dated the national merger of the Liberal Party and the SDP by over a year. The merged society was led by a President.

Year	Term	President	College
1987	Trinity	Adrian Taylor	Trinity
1987	Michaelmas	Evan Harris	Wadham

1988	Hilary	Paul Bromfield	Pembroke	
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Presidents of Oxford University Social and Liberal Democrats, 1988–1989

In Trinity Term 1988, the **Oxford Students' Alliance Society** changed its name to the **Oxford University Social and Liberal Democrats**, in line with the then-name of the newly merged national party. Between 2010 and 2016, an informal system of co-chairs arose, as opposed to the traditional Presidential system. This was partially reversed with the adoption of a new constitution in 2015, and fully reversed by constitutional amendment in 2017.

Year	Term	President	College
1988	Trinity	Clare Gibbons	St Hilda's
1988	Michaelmas	Tom Winnifrith	Hertford
1989	Hilary	Kate Williams	St Hugh's
1989	Trinity	Oliver White	Brasenose
1989	Michaelmas	Jon Rule	University

Presidents of Oxford University Liberal Democrats, 1990–present

In Hilary Term 1990, the **Oxford University Social and Liberal Democrats** shortened their name to the **Oxford University Liberal Democrats**, in line with the national party.

Year	Term	President	College
1990	Hilary	Lynn Anthony Eddie Rich	Jesus Wadham
1990	Trinity	James Rattue	Balliol
1990	Michaelmas	Roger Giess	Keble
1991	Hilary	Roger Giess	Keble

1991	Trinity	James Moore	Christ Church
1991	Michaelmas	Michelle Church	Brasenose
1992	Hilary	Peter Rothery	University
1992	Trinity	James Sanderson	Christ Church
1992	Michaelmas	Ian Glen	Exeter
1993	Hilary	Angus Ritchie	Magdalen
1993	Trinity	Mark Egan	University
1993	Michaelmas	Aidan Thomson	Magdalen
1994	Hilary	Andrew Sweeting	University
1994	Trinity	Gordon Woods	St John's
1994	Michaelmas	Richard Renaut	St Anne's
1995	Hilary	Liz Truss	Merton
1995	Trinity	Alan Renwick	Merton
1995	Michaelmas	Nick John	University
1996	Hilary	Roger Crouch	St John's
1996	Trinity	Senay Boztas	Exeter
1996	Michaelmas	Tim Ward	University
1997	Hilary	James Chard	Lady Margaret Hall
1997	Trinity	Andrew Hazelwood	Lady Margaret Hall
1997	Michaelmas	Neil Carberry	Lady Margaret Hall
1998	Hilary	Philip Reicherstorfer	Mansfield
1998	Trinity	Alison Hughes	Somerville
1998	Michaelmas	Kate Treleaven	Exeter
1999	Hilary	Jane Blumer	St Hilda's
1999	Trinity	Nina Percival	Wadham
1999	Michaelmas	Lucinda Johnson	St Hilda's
2000	Hilary	Nicholas Graham Jennifer Joslin	Christ Church Christ Church
2000	Trinity	Laura Davies	Keble
2000	Michaelmas	Daniel Griliopoulos	Magdalen
2001	Hilary	Sonia Sodha	St Hilda's
2001	Trinity	Adam Killeya	Balliol

2001	Michaelmas	Robin Gray	St Benet's Hall
2002	Hilary	Philip Thompson	St John's
2002	Trinity	Chris Hanretty	St Anne's
2002	Michaelmas	Louise Radnovsky	University
2003	Hilary	Christopher Williams	Somerville
2003	Trinity	Tom Wainwright	St John's
2003	Michaelmas	Dave White	Wadham
2004	Hilary	Steve Harper	Corpus Christi
2004	Trinity	Tom Lavercome	University
2004	Michaelmas	Jonathan Bochensky	Regent's Park
2005	Hilary	Kate Mieske	Wadham
2005	Trinity	Frederik Herzberg	Merton
2005	Michaelmas	Joseph Chick	Corpus Christi
2006	Hilary	Sam Rowlands	Worcester
2006	Trinity	John Colgan	Queen's
2006	Michaelmas	Julian Naden Robinson	Christ Church
2007	Hilary	Chris Stanley	St Catherine's
2007	Trinity	Alex Worsnip	St Anne's
2007	Michaelmas	Katherine Wall	Lady Margaret Hall
2008	Hilary	Joseph Ammoun	St Edmund Hall
2008	Trinity	Martin Nelson	Lady Margaret Hall
2008	Michaelmas	Johnny Medland	Queen's
2009	Hilary	James Schneider	Trinity
2009	Trinity	Mark Mills	St Edmund Hall
2009	Michaelmas	Emily Baxter	Wadham
2010	Hilary	Emily Baxter (Senior Co-Chair) Caroline Lester (Junior Co-Chair)	New Wadham
2010	Trinity	David Freeborn (Senior Co-Chair) Caroline Lester (Junior Co-Chair)	St Hugh's Wadham
2010	Michaelmas	David Freeborn	St Hugh's
2011	Hilary	Ed Watson	Oriel
2011	Trinity	James King	University

2011	Michaelmas	Robin McGhee	St Anne's
2012	Hilary	Benjamin Maconick	Keble
2012	Trinity	Oliver Park	University
2012	Michaelmas	Mairi Robertson	Lady Margaret Hall
2013	Hilary	Rio Jones (Senior Co-Chair) Sam Fowkes (Junior Co-Chair)	Hertford Wadham
2013	Trinity	Nico Hobhouse	Trinity
2013	Michaelmas	Jean Vila	Wadham
2014	Hilary	Alex Cibulskis	Wadham
2014	Trinity	Andy McKay	Wadham
2014	Michaelmas	Eilidh Macfarlane	Trinity
2015	Hilary	Mark Smyth	Hertford
2015	Trinity	Syed Imam	St Hilda's
2015	Michaelmas	Matthew Sumption	Christ Church
2016	Hilary	Gareth Wilkes	St. John's
2016	Trinity	Lucinda Chamberlain	Brasenose
2016	Michaelmas	Harry Samuels	New College
2017	Hilary	Alex White	Regent's Park
2017	Trinity	Louise Kandler	Lady Margaret Hall ^a
2017	Trinity	Lucasta Bath	Hertford ^a
2017	Michaelmas	Joe Crossley	University
2018	Hilary	Adam Higgins	St. Catherine's
2018	Trinity	Sam Cole	Worcester
2018	Michaelmas	Finn Conway	Balliol
2019	Hilary	Damayanti Chatterjee	Brasenose
2019	Trinity	Edward Peckston	Brasenose
2019	Michaelmas	Olly Besley	Jesus
2020	Hilary	Nick Brown	Magdalen
2020	Trinity	Joseph Rosalind-Hayat	Worcester
2020	Michaelmas	Jamie Scragg	St. Catherine's
2021	Hilary	Asher Weisz	
2021	Trinity	Not Known	

2021	Michaelmas	Angus Parker	
2022	Hilary	Kai Pischke	
2022	Trinity	Janey Little	Lady Margaret Hall
2022	Michaelmas	Theodore Jupp	St Peter's
Break in the running of the Society			
2024	Hilary	Zagham Farhan	University
2024	Trinity	Zagham Farhan	University

Presidents of the Oxford University Liberal Association

At the end of Trinity Term 2024, the Society voted to adopt the new name of the Oxford University Liberal Association, though the name Oxford University Liberal Democrats is still also able to be used.

Year	Term	President	College
2024	Michaelmas	Zagham Farhan	University

Notes

- a. Indicates resignation partway through the term and subsequent successor elected for the rest of that term.

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- List of OULC and OULD presidents at the [Friends of OULD website](#)

See also

- List of Presidents of the Oxford Union
- Former presidents of Oxford University Conservative Association