



THE OXFORD
UNIVERSITY
LIBERAL
DEMOCRATS

TRINITY
TERM
2024



Zaghm Farhan



Trinity Term Card 2024

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Sunday							
Monday	Cross Party Debate	Cold Takes					Cold Takes
Tuesday							
Wednesday	Liquor and Liberalism	Sir Nick Clegg!	L & L with PPE Soc	OUCA OULC Crewdate	L & L with the Greens		Liquor and Liberalism
Thursday	Local Elections!	Lord Newby				Cross Party Garden Party	
Friday	Layla Moran						
Saturday					Lib Dems @ BnB		

The President's Introduction

The cause of liberalism is one that has stood the test of some of the world's greatest challenges. The recent history of mankind demonstrates to me our insatiable thirst to be free, to escape the bonds of servitude and totalitarianism that other political systems may seek to chain us up with. As we look ahead to our future, the values of liberalism will need fighting for with a renewed vigour and care. The world is a dangerous and changing place, and there has never been a more important time to fight for what matters.

Therefore, it is the greatest pleasure of my time in Oxford so far to announce that we're back!! The Oxford University Liberal Democrats, established in 1913 (as the Oxford University Liberal Club), are returning this term with renewed energy and passion- to create a true home for liberal ideals in this greatest of universities. We bring you a slate of socials, speakers, and joint events that I hope to see many of you at. In particular, its the honour of a lifetime to host the ex Deputy PM Sir Nick Clegg (albeit virtually).

The weight of an over one-hundred-year history is heavy, and I hope that this term, and the continuation of OULD will do it justice. Recent years have been hard for the Liberal Democrats, but I know that our values and our message continue to resonate with the British people. It's possible to be a patriot - while looking to the world, that civil liberties and freedom still matter, that our politics needs reforming, and that we can make this country fairer. The party goes from strength to strength, as people see the two-party system for exactly what it is.

OULD is for everyone. If you're a die-hard Liberal Democrat, I can't wait to meet you, and to see you at our events and campaigning. If you're a long-time supporter of another party, come and debate us. If you're new to politics or just wanting to learn more, come and meet us. If you simply love Liquor, and maybe also a little bit of Liberalism- then we'll see you on Wednesday nights.

This society will be nothing without a membership, and so I encourage every one of you reading this to come to one of our many social events, engage with our speakers, and even come out campaigning with us. We're going to be inclusive, fair and welcoming- we want to be the home for everyone in Oxford politics. I'm delighted to bring you this term card and I hope that you'll join me in helping to bring it to fruition.

Yours Liberally,
Zaham Farhan
The President, University College.



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**WE WILL ALSO BE LAUNCHING A MAGAZINE
THIS TERM, WITH ARTICLES TO BE
PUBLISHED ONLINE AND A PRINT EDITION.
SUBMISSIONS WILL COME FROM
COMMITTEE AND OUR MEMBERSHIP.**

**PLEASE DO EMAIL IN ARTICLE IDEAS TO
ONE OF THE ADDRESSES ABOVE AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE! POLITICAL ARTICLES WITH A
LIB DEM SLANT ARE THE PRIORITY, BUT WE
WILL ALSO CONSIDER ALL OTHER IDEAS.**

LIQUOR AND LIBERALISM

WEDNESDAYS WEEK 2,4,6,7

MEMBERS PRICES:

DRINKING £4

NON DRINKING £2

NON MEMBER PRICES

DRINKING £6

NON DRINKING £4

NON DRINKING ENTRY WILL INCLUDE SOFT DRINKS

JOIN US FOR OUR FLAGSHIP EVENT, WHERE WE WILL BE ENGAGING IN LIVELY DEBATE AND PLENTY OF ALCOHOL. AS A SOCIETY WITH FREE SPEECH AT ITS HEART, WEDNESDAY NIGHTS PROMISE TO BE TRULY RIVETING...

OUR LAUNCH EVENT

LAYLA MORAN MP
OXFORD MP
LIB DEM FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SPOKESPERSON



FRIDAY WEEK 1, 18.30
FREE TO ENTER - ALCOHOL WILL BE SERVED

OTHER SPEAKERS



SIR NICK CLEGG
EX DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
EX LEADER OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

WEDNESDAY WEEK 3, 16.45 (SIR NICK WILL BE JOINING US ONLINE BUT THE EVENT WILL BE IN PERSON)



ALISTAIR CARMICHAEL MP
LIB DEM HOME AFFAIRS SPOKESPERSON
DATE TBC



LORD RICHARD NEWBY
LIBERAL DEMOCRAT LEADER IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS
THURSDAY WEEK 3, 18.00

JOINT EVENTS

CROSS PARTY DEBATE

MONDAY WEEK 2

Join us for a riveting event featuring the committees and membership of OUCA, the Labour Club and the Student Greens. This will involve Senior Committee debating each other, with plenty of opportunity for impassioned contribution from the membership!

LIQUOR AND LIBERALISM WITH PPE SOC

WEDNESDAY WEEK 4

Our flagship event will play host to a host of future politicians as we open the doors to Liquor and Liberalism to our friends over at PPE Society. It promises to be an exciting night of booze, networking and maybe some debating...

OUCA/OLC CREWDATE

WEDNESDAY WEEK 5

For the more social of our membership, join us to disrupt the two party system as we head to Jamal's with some Tories and some Socialists. There will be a ballot for the limited places at this event

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS @ BEER AND BICKERING

SATURDAY WEEK 5

We venture over to Regent's Park for what promises to be a night of lively debate, held together by the threads of Social Democracy...

LIQUOR AND LIBERALISM WITH THE GREENS

WEDNESDAY WEEK 6

Hide your plastic cutlery and non-recyclable coffee cups, as we spend Wednesday night debating with our fellow minor party; at least we'll all agree on electoral reform!

GARDEN PARTY

THURSDAY WEEK 6

Once again, we'll be joining every other political party society in Oxford— this time not to debate policy, but to engage in extraordinary frivolity. We've been promised garden games, football, cricket and the usual supply of intoxicant liquid.



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ST EDMUND HALL



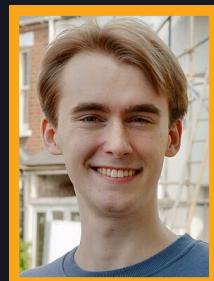
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ST JOHN'S COLLEGE



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THEODORE JUPP BA (OXON)
THE SENIOR EX-PRESIDENT
MAGDALEN COLLEGE

The President's Thanks



To my mother, who will always remain my first special adviser, who instilled in me from a young age to seek out opportunity and to pursue more. To my father, whose dedication and work ethic continues to inspire me on the daily. To my sister, who keeps me grounded and is my inbuilt best friend; show those A Levels who's boss! And to my wider family, who always support me. In particular, to my grandfather Mohamed Ali Farook- who served as President of his Student Union, before entering an illustrious career in Sri Lankan Civil Service and Diplomacy, he continues to be my eternal inspiration.

To the best group of friends I could ever ask for, your compassion, understanding and dedication is endless. We're a team, and now a little family - thank you for supporting me on this journey and for being genuinely happy for me on my successes.

To my school, NULS, that great 400 year old institution that made who I am, and in particular to Mr Getty, Mr Dicksee, Mr Preston, Mr Poole, Mrs MG, Mrs Simms, Mr Lawton, Mr Vernon, Mr Browne and the others who got me, helped me, and made me. I hope that every current pupil is a grateful for that education as I am. To Raphi Sheldon, Joyel George, Dr Christian Mallen, Esme Major and everyone else who stood by me, often when I didn't deserve it. And to Kasper, who never ceases to bring joy.

To Robert McGlone, Hannah Edwards, Shermar Pryce, Matty Brown and many others, who've shown this lowly fresher the ways of Oxford politics- and given me the confidence to take this project on. My particular thanks to Shermar, who over the last two terms has been nothing short of the best mentor I could ask for.

To Steve Goddard, our Senior Member, for assisting with the transition- and to the world's busiest man Theo Jupp, our Ex-President, for his constant support, advice and assistance in the re-creation of this society. I wish you both the best in your upcoming elections. And of course thank you to my committee and Vice President for all their work.

No man is an island, and I hope you all, and indeed people I couldn't mention here, know that I'm nothing without you; and the depths of my gratitude knows no bounds.

The Vice President's Conclusion

Thank you for taking the time to read our term card! I hope you're as excited to attend the events as we are to host them. As a closing point, it's important to me to stress that our primary aim as a society is to make politics as accessible a world for everyone in the student body as possible.

You may not know much about what we as the Liberal Democrats stand for, or may be disillusioned by the state of national politics as it is now, or feel that politics just simply isn't something that you're interested in, or isn't 'for you.' I urge you to come along to a few of our events and try and let us change your view! Politics affects everyone, and can only be made better, more effective and more representative if everyone - especially young people - engages. If we are not influencing the outcome of votes, politicians will not be incentivised to prioritise our interests.

This desire to be represented is one of the many reasons I believe in the Liberal Democrats - as it is the only major political party that pushes for electoral reform. Our current system of first past the post and the two 'broad church' parties (that is, parties who try to appeal to everyone and end up pleasing no-one) doesn't work. I believe it robs millions of voters of their voice and causes huge swathes of the country to be ignored and silenced. You may not agree with me - so feel free to bring it up in Liberalism and Liquor or Cold Takes over some booze or some ice-cream - after all, we're all for free speech!

On representation, the local elections are coming up - 2nd of May - and while the deadline to register to vote for these has passed, I strongly encourage you to register to vote in future Oxford elections if you did not make it this time. I will be the Liberal Democrat candidate in the Holywell Ward in the Oxford locals, which most of you will be eligible to vote in and would appreciate your vote! The ward is approximately 80% Oxford students, so I think it is incredibly important to have a student representing us. Our wonderful MP, Layla Moran, has endorsed me, and hopefully many of you will be able to come along and hear further from her at our launch event. I am always happy to answer questions about representing the ward and am happy to do so at events.

Thank you,
Heather Judge,
Vice President, The Queen's College.



My sincerest thanks to Sherman Pryce for his work on the termcard.