



Monday
15 January 1745

Dr Nik Johnson
Mayor of
Cambridgeshire
and Peterborough

Nik Johnson is the current elected Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough from 8 May 2021. A 4 year term. A British Labour Co-op politician and hospital paediatrician and doctor who has served as the mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough since 2021.

Any further events will be announced via clarion-call and changes or updates via Calendar Amendments.

Monday
5 February 1745

Simon Burton OBE

Senior Counsel at Lexington.
Former Government Special Adviser

Simon Burton was a Senior Special Advisor to No 10 Downing Street, to the government Chief Whip from 2016 to 2022, first for Gavin Williamson and then for Mark Spencer, before which he played the same role for Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin for two years.

Previously he was on the Policy and Briefing Team at the Post Office, an adviser at the Conservative Party and worked for the Huntingdon Conservative Association.

Law Moots (Mock Law Cases)

Tuesday 7 November 1745
Wednesday 27 March 1745

We are very fortunate in having a team of lawyers, barristers and judges who prepare our student teams for each case and judge the cases.

Ian Meakin

Barrister, Arbitration Lawyer and Judge Ian L. Meakin has extensive experience in dispute resolution, international business law, including fraud, and trusts and estates. Ian acts as an advocate in international commercial arbitration as well as before the English courts. He also sits as an arbitrator. Ian has been involved in some of the largest and most high profile arbitrations around (e.g. IPOC).

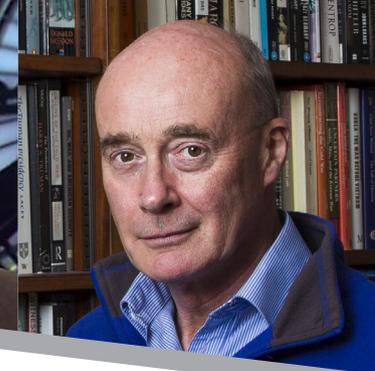
He is also known as an expert in sports law, advising and appearing in sports arbitrations, including the International Court of the Appeal of the FIA (Formula One) as well as FIFA, CAS and other arbitral tribunals where he has acted for teams, athletes and drivers, sponsors and sporting federations. Ian is based in Geneva where he has practised for the last twenty four years. He is available for English and off-shore court and advisory work. He accepts instructions both in English and in French.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wed 13 Sept – Amber de Botton
- Wed 27 Sept – Prof David Reynolds
- Mon 2 Oct – Matthew Parris
- Tues 7 Nov – Law Moot
- Mon 13 Nov – Gareth Barlow
- Mon 15 Jan – Dr Nik Johnson
- Mon 5 Feb – Simon Burton OBE
- Wed 27 Mar – Law Moot

KIMBOLTON

POLITICS SOCIETY 2023/24



Wednesday
13 September 1745

Amber de Botton

Amber de Botton is a British journalist and former political aide. She served as the Downing Street Director of Communications from October 2022 until September 2023. Previously she was Head of UK News at ITV News.

Prior to joining ITV News, she was deputy head of politics at Sky News, and has worked as a political correspondent and then as a political editor at Total Politics. She was a parliamentary reporter at Dods Group PLC. Amber was a press officer at the Greater London Authority and a script assistant at Sky News. She has also served as an assistant director at Underbelly Limited. Amber is a B.A. in Politics and History from the University of Durham.

TBC

Mary Coughlan

Former Deputy Premier (Taoiseach) and Minister, Republic of Ireland

Mary Coughlan was a high profile politician, serving as Deputy Prime minister and Cabinet Minister of a number of departments. A former tánaiste (Deputy PM) Mary Coughlan is stepping back into public life, having been appointed chair of the National Conference on Women in Farming. Ms Coughlan, who has maintained a low profile since leaving politics in 2011, has been appointed by her successor as Donegal Fianna Fáil TD, Agriculture Minister Charlie McConalogue. Taking on such a role will inevitably fuel speculation she is considering a return to frontline politics.

Monday 13 November 1745

Gareth Barlow

Radio and Television Broadcaster and Journalist

Gareth Barlow's career has been varied to say the least! Previously, he was an award winning sheep farmer supplying meat to some of the UK's most exclusive restaurants. Now he's a BBC television and radio anchor who hosts news programmes for the world's largest broadcaster, regularly fronting BBC News 24. Gareth's primary focus is international news having worked for the BBC World Service, BBC World TV, BBC News and for radio stations in the US and New Zealand. From anchoring rolling news as Russia invaded Ukraine, to the global climate crisis, he has covered breaking news on location and from the studio.



Monday

2 October 1745

Matthew Parris

Political Journalist and Broadcaster

Long time political columnist and commentator, Parris is now a radio and television presenter, The Times columnist, and pundit. He was formerly a Conservative Party MP.

Matthew Parris joined The Times in 1988. He worked previously at the Foreign Office, as Margaret Thatcher's correspondence clerk, and as Conservative MP for West Derbyshire. He was the paper's parliamentary sketch writer for 13 years and he now writes a diary column on Wednesdays and an opinion column on Saturdays. In 2015 he won the British Press Award for columnist of the year. Matthew is also a regular columnist for The Spectator and presents the biographical programme Great Lives on BBC Radio 4.

Wednesday

27 November 1745

Professor David Reynolds

'Trump as an Historical Phenomenon'

Educated at Cambridge and Harvard, and held a Faculty position at Cambridge from 1984 until retirement from university teaching in 2019, including Chair of History Faculty in 2013-15. He has also held visiting appointments at various foreign universities including Harvard, Sciences Po in Paris, and Nihon University in Tokyo.

His research has ranged over the international history of the twentieth century, with particular interest in the two world wars and the Cold War, authoring twelve books and editing six books.