



Historical List of Benchers From 1700 to 1970

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Year	Name	Elected	Accepted
1750	none elected		
1751	Samuel Wegg	22 June 1751	19 July 1751
1751	John Thornhill - (had declined in 1728)	10 July 1751	8 Feb 1752
1752-54	none elected		
1755	George Sturt	29 Apr 1755	7 May 1755
1755	Edward Bacon	29 Apr 1755	26 Nov 1762
1755	another 5 elected;	29 Apr 1755	did not accept
1756	Samuel Berkeley	30 Jan 1756	20 May 1757
1756	Gryffyd Price	30 Jan 1756	8 Feb 1764
1756	another 9 elected;	30 Jan 1756	did not accept
1757-59	none elected		
1760	William Rookes	16 May 1760	18 June 1760
1760	another 4 elected;	16 May 1760	did not accept
1761-62	none elected		
1763	James Eyre	27 Apr 1763	12 May 1763
1764	Thomas Bonner	31 May 1764	2 Feb 1767
1764	Samuel Pechell	5 July 1764	28 Nov 1764
1764	another 4 elected;	5 July 1764	did not accept
1765-68	none elected		
1769	William Henry Rickets	6 Feb 1769	11 Feb 1769
1769	Roger Wilson	6 Feb 1769	11 Feb 1769
1769	Danby Pickering	6 Feb 1769	4 May 1769
1769	John Fenton Clarke	6 Feb 1769	26 Feb 1770
1770	William Mayhew	9 Feb 1770	26 Feb 1770
1770	William Dent	9 Feb 1770	26 Feb 1770
1770	Charles Wolfran Cornwall	9 Feb 1770	26 Feb 1770
1770	Charles Swaine Booth Sharpe	9 Feb 1770	26 Feb 1770
1770	Joshua Grigby	9 Feb 1770	26 Feb 1770
1770	Charles Owen	9 Feb 1770	26 Feb 1770
1770	Andrew Huddleston	9 Feb 1770	2 Dec 1772
1770	another 3 elected;	9 Feb 1770	did not accept
1771-72	none elected		
1773	Edward Montagu	24 June 1773	29 June 1773

1774-75	none elected		
1776	Michael Scott	13 May 1776	20 June 1776
1776	William Bumpsted	13 May 1776	20 June 1776
1776	John Sherwin	13 May 1776	20 June 1776
1776	Thomas Allen	13 May 1776	20 June 1776
1776	another 1 elected;	13 May 1776	did not accept
1777-80	none elected		
1781	Alan Chambre	24 Jan 1781	31 Jan 1781
1781	Metcalfe Russell	24 Jan 1781	31 Jan 1781
1781	Robert Burton	24 Jan 1781	31 Jan 1781
1781	Roger Pocklington - (but had vote in Pension 29 June 1786)	24 Jan 1781	refused 11 June 1785
1781	another 3 elected;	24 Jan 1781	did not accept
1782-84	none elected		
1785	John Lloyd senior	22 Apr 1785	4 May 1785
1785	Thomas Chapman	22 Apr 1785	4 May 1785
1785	another 3 elected;	22 Apr 1785	did not accept
1786-87	none elected		
1788	Jeremiah Robinson	16 Apr 1788	23 May 1788
1788	William Paul	16 Apr 1788	23 May 1788
1788	Thomas Hill	16 Apr 1788	23 May 1788
1788	Edmund Barker	16 Apr 1788	23 May 1788
1788	Thomas Morgan	28 May 1788	30 May 1788
1788	Nicholas Ridley	28 May 1788	30 May 1788
1788	George Samuel Wegg	28 May 1788	30 May 1788
1789-92	none elected		
1793	Oliver Dixon	4 May 1793	tbe
1793	John Topham	4 May 1793	tbe
1793	John Fisher	4 May 1793	tbe
1794-96	none elected		
1797	Edward King	22 Nov 1797	24 Jan 1798
1797	Henry Collingwood Selby	22 Nov 1797	24 Jan 1798
1797	Warcop Consett	22 Nov 1797	24 Jan 1798
1798-99	none elected		
1800	Henry Stebbing	12 Nov 1800	19 Nov 1800
1800	Samuel Romilly	12 Nov 1800	19 Nov 1800
1800	William Lamb	12 Nov 1800	19 Nov 1800
1800	John Matthew Greenwood	12 Nov 1800	19 Nov 1800
1801-03	none elected		
1804	John Knill	28 Nov 1804	4 Dec 1804
1805	none elected		
1806	Philip Dauncey	30 Apr 1806	7 May 1806
1807-08	none elected		
1809	John Wear	7 June 1809	14 June 1809
1809	Montagu Farrer Ainslie	7 June 1809	14 June 1809
1809	George Sowley Holroyd	7 June 1809	14 June 1809

1809	Isaac Espinasse	7 June 1809	14 June 1809
1809	Edward Christian	7 June 1809	14 June 1809
1810-12	none elected		
1813	John Bell	10 Feb 1813	27 Feb 1813
1813	William Sheldon	10 Feb 1813	27 Feb 1813
1813	John King	10 Feb 1813	5 May 1813
1814-15	none elected		
1816	Stephen Gaselee	22 May 1816	19 June 1816
1816	John Williamson	22 May 1816	19 June 1816
1816	another 1 elected;	22 May 1816	did not accept
1816	William David Evans	26 June 1816	10 July 1816
1816	Joseph Smith	26 June 1816	10 July 1816
1817	none elected		
1818	George Heald	11 Nov 1818	14 Nov 1818
1819	John Whishaw	18 Nov 1819	26 Jan 1820
1819	another 2 elected	18 Nov 1819	did not accept
1820	none elected		
1821	Henry Sockett	10 Feb 1821	9 May 1821
1821	Lockhart Johnstone	10 Feb 1821	9 May 1821
1821	Francis Maude	10 Feb 1821	9 May 1821
1821	another 2 elected	10 Feb 1821	did not accept
1822-24	none elected		
1825	Thomas William Carr	9 Nov 1825	26 Nov 1825
1825	George Wailes	9 Nov 1825	26 Nov 1825
1825	Herbert Jenner	9 Nov 1825	26 Nov 1825
1825	another 1 elected	9 Nov 1825	did not accept
1826-28	none elected		
1829	John Palfrey Burrell	20 May 1829	29 May 1829
1829	Sir William Anglin Scarlett	20 May 1829	29 May 1829
1829	Thomas Parker	20 May 1829	29 May 1829
1829	John Perry	20 May 1829	29 May 1829
1829	Francis Whitmarsh	20 May 1829	29 May 1829
1829	another 1 elected	20 May 1829	declined
1830-33	none elected		
1834	Robert Bayley or Bayly	4 June 1834	11 June 1834
1834	Thomas James	4 June 1834	11 June 1834
1834	George Long	4 June 1834	11 June 1834
1834	another 2 elected	4 June 1834	declined
1835-36	none elected		
1837	Henry Edgell	26 Apr 1837	3 May 1837
1837	Robert Greene Bradley	26 Apr 1837	3 May 1837
1837	John Godfrey Teed	26 Apr 1837	3 May 1837
1837	Thomas Greenwood	26 Apr 1837	6 May 1837
1838-40	none elected		
1841	Thomas Greene	21 Apr 1841	28 Apr 1841
1841	Archer Ryland	21 Apr 1841	28 Apr 1841

1841	Thomas Purvis	21 Apr 1841	28 Apr 1841
1841	Samuel Turner	21 Apr 1841	28 Apr 1841
1842	none elected		
1843	John Romilly	13 Dec 1843	17 Jan 1844
1844-46	none elected		
1847	Thomas Chandless	5 May 1847	26 May 1847
1847	William Jope	5 May 1847	26 May 1847
1847	Henry Tennant	5 May 1847	26 May 1847
1847	another 2 elected	5 May 1847	declined
1848-49	none elected		
1850	William John Broderip	30 Jan 1850	17 Apr 1850
1850	Thomas Horncastle Marshall - (had declined in 1847)	30 Jan 1850	17 Apr 1850
1851	Walter Coulson	16 July 1851	5 Nov 1851
1852-53	none elected		
1854	Boyce Combe	1 May 1854	10 May 1854
1854	William Wilde	1 May 1854	10 May 1854
1854	Henry Belward Ray	1 May 1854	10 May 1854
1854	James Pulteney Barstow	1 May 1854	10 May 1854
1855-56	none elected		
1857	William Henry Bodkin	22 July 1857	4 Nov 1857
1857	John Walter Huddleston	22 July 1857	4 Nov 1857
1857	Robert Lush	22 July 1857	4 Nov 1857
1857	Henry Manisty	22 July 1857	4 Nov 1857
1858-59	none elected		
1860	1 elected	15 Feb 1860	declined
1860	Archibald John Stephens	24 Mar 1860	18 Apr 1860
1861	none elected		
1862	William Matthewson Hindmarch	15 Feb 1862	12 Apr 1862
1862	Thomas Southgate	12 Nov 1862	17 Nov 1862
1863	none elected		
1864	[Dr] John Lee	2 Nov 1864	9 Nov 1864
1865	none elected		
1866	Thomas Norton	24 Jan 1866	26 Jan 1866
1866	Thomas Parker	19 Dec 1866	16 Jan 1867
1866	Lewin Taverner	19 Dec 1866	16 Jan 1867
1866	Smith Spencer Wigg	19 Dec 1866	16 Jan 1867
1866	James Wishaw	19 Dec 1866	16 Jan 1867
1866	William Blount	19 Dec 1866	16 Jan 1867
1866	John Lawrence Tatham	19 Dec 1866	16 Jan 1867
1866	John Bullar	19 Dec 1866	16 Jan 867
1866	William Mawdesley Best	19 Dec 1866	16 Jan 1867
1866	another 1 elected	19 Dec 1866	declined
1867	none elected		
1868	John Archibald Russell	15 Apr 1868	22 Apr 1868
1868	Edward Vaughan Kenealy	15 Apr 1868	22 Apr 1868

1868	John Holker	15 Apr 1868	22 Apr 1868
1869	William Cracroft Fooks	7 July 1869	3 Nov 1869
1870-73	none elected		
1874	Samuel Joyce	19 Feb 1874	1 Apr 1874
1874	John Edwards	7 July 1874	31 Oct 1874
1874	Aldborough Henniker	7 July 1874	31 Oct 1874
1875	Thomas Davis Bayly	1 Mar 1875	22 Mar 1875
1875	Francis Towers Streater	1 Mar 1875	22 Mar 1875
1875	William Peter Jolliffe	1 Mar 1875	22 Mar 1875
1875	John Carr	1 Mar 1875	22 Mar 1875
1875	Joseph Arden	1 Mar 1875	22 Mar 1875
1875	another 1 elected	1 Mar 1875	declined
1875	Henry Griffith	21 Apr 1875	28 Apr 1875
1876	none elected		
1877	Arthur John Hammond Collins	21 Mar 1877	11 Apr 1877
1877	William St James Wheelhouse	21 Mar 1877	11 Apr 1877
1878-79	none elected		
1880	William Shaw	28 Apr 1880	26 May 1880
1880	Benjamin [Chilley Campbell] Pine	7 May 1880	26 May 1880
1880	William Brown	7 May 1880	26 May 1880
1880	Maurice Charles Merttins Swabey	7 May 1880	26 May 1880
1880	George Francis	7 May 1880	26 May 1880
1880	Hugh Shield	7 May 1880	26 May 1880
1880	Hugh Cowie	7 May 1880	26 May 1880
1881	HRH Duke of Connaught	4 July 1881	19 Apr 1882
1882	William Bowen Rowlands	15 Apr 1882	19 Apr 1882
1883	Thomas, Lord O'Hagan	21 Dec 1883	16 Jan 1884
1883	John David, Lord Fitzgerald	21 Dec 1883	16 Jan 1884
1884	Clement Alexander Middleton	19 Mar 1884	23 Apr 1884
1884	James Shiel	19 Mar 1884	23 Apr 1884
1884	Arthur Beetham	19 Mar 1884	23 Apr 1884
1884	Hon Edward Romilly	19 Mar 1884	23 Apr 1884
1885	none elected		
1886	Walter David Jeremy	24 June 1886	7 July 1886
1886	Charles Forbes	24 June 1886	7 July 1886
1886	Edwyn Jones	24 June 1886	7 July 1886
1886	John Rose	24 June 1886	7 July 1886
1887-90	none elected		
1891	John Charles Lewis Coward	8 May 1891	27 May 1891
1891	Miles Walker Mattinson	8 May 1891	27 May 1891
1891	James Mulligan	8 May 1891	27 May 1891
1891	Edward Henry Power	8 May 1891	27 May 1891
1891	William Paterson	8 May 1891	27 May 1891
1891	another 1 elected	8 May 1891	declined
1892	none elected		
1893	Charles Montague Lush	17 Nov 1893	13 Dec 1893

1893	James Francis Oswald	17 Nov 1893	13 Dec 1893
1893	Stuart Cunningham Macaskie	17 Nov 1893	13 Dec 1893
1893	Charles Alfred Russell	17 Nov 1893	13 Dec 1893
1893	Charles James Fleming	17 Nov 1893	20 Dec 1893
1894	none elected		
1895	Richard Reader Harris	16 Jan 1895	23 Jan 1895
1896	Herbert Parker Reed	22 Jan 1896	29 Jan 1896
1896	Thomas Terrell	22 Jan 1896	17 Dec 1896
1896	William Tyndall Barnard	22 Jan 1896	13 Jan 1897
1896	Edward Dicey	22 Jan 1896	20 Jan 1897
1897	none elected		
1898	Dunbar Plunkett Barton	9 Feb 1898	16 Mar 1898
1898	Henry Charles Richards	20 July 1898	25 Oct 1898
1899	Henry Edward Duke	31 Jan 1899	15 Feb 1899
1899	Sir James Acworth Davies	15 Feb 1899	19 July 1899
1899	Sir Julian Emmanuel Salomons	8 Nov 1899	15 Nov 1899
1900-01	none elected		
1902	James Henry Mussen Campbell (later Lord Glenavy)	31 January 1902	20 February 1902
1903	none elected		
1904	Herbert Francis Manisty	29 January 1904	12 February 1904
1904	Edward Clayton	29 January 1904	12 February 1904
1906	William John Reynolds Pochin	26 January 1906	16 February 1906
1906	Arthur Edmund Gill	26 January 1906	16 February 1906
1906	Edmund Francis Vesey Knox	09 November 1906	16 November 1906
1906	James Richard Atkin (later Lord Atkin)	09 November 1906	16 November 1906
1907	HRH Prince Arthur of Connaught	06 June 1907	12 June 1907
1908	William Patrick Byrne (later Sir William)	29 April 1908	06 May 1908
1908	Frederick Edwin Smith (later Lord Birkenhead)	29 April 1908	06 May 1908
1909	John William McCarthy	26 January 1909	17 February 1909
1909	Montagu Sharpe (later Sir Montagu)	26 January 1909	17 February 1909
1909	George Rhodes	21 June 1909	23 June 1909
1910	Frederick Arthur Greer (later Lord Fairfield)	09 November 1910	17 November 1910
1910	Timothy Michael Healy	09 November 1910	18 January 1911
1911	none elected		
1912	Charles Herbert Smith (or Herbert-Smith)	20 November 1912	13 December 1912
1912	Henry Winch	20 November 1912	13 December 1912
1912	Ivor Bowen	20 November 1912	13 December 1912
1913-16	none elected		

1917	Sir Alexander Wood Renton (or Wood-Renton)	13 June 1917	24 July 1918
1917	William Clarke Hall (later Sir William)	13 June 1917	20 June 1917
1917	Sir Cecil Walsh	13 June 1917	19 September 1917
1917	Robert Ernest Dummett (later Sir Robert)	13 June 1917	20 June 1917
1917	Sir Hamar Greenwood, bart (later Lord Greenwood)	13 June 1917	20 June 1917
1918	none elected		
1919	Arthur Warren Samuels	07 March 1919	02 May 1919
1920	William Courthope Townsend Wilson (later Sir William)	16 June 1920	21 July 1920
1920	Walter Greaves-Lord (later Sir Walter)	16 June 1920	21 July 1920
1920	George Darell Keogh	16 June 1920	21 July 1920
1920	Bernard Campion	16 June 1920	21 July 1920
1920	Harold Smith (later Sir Harold)	16 June 1920	21 July 1920
1921	Thomas Brash Morison (later Lord Morison)	12 April 1921	15 April 1921
1922-23	none elected		
1924	James William Ross-Brown	21 May 1924	18 June 1924
1924	James Whitehead	21 May 1924	18 June 1924
1925	Frederick Hinde	24 June 1925	22 July 1925
1926	HRH Prince Henry (later Duke of Gloucester)	28 April 1926	28 April 1926
1927	Richard Storry Deans	11 May 1927	20 May 1927
1927	Augustus Andrewes Uthwatt (later Lord Uthwatt)	11 May 1927	20 May 1927
1927	George Malcolm Hilbery (later Sir Malcolm)	11 May 1927	20 May 1927
1928-29	none elected		
1930	Noel Middleton	26 November 1930	10 December 1930
1930	Nicholas Lechmere Cunningham Macaskie	26 November 1930	10 December 1930
1930	William Trevor Watson	26 November 1930	10 December 1930
1930	Harold Derbyshire (later Sir Harold)	26 November 1930	10 December 1930
1930	Sir Albion (Henry Herbert) Richardson	26 November 1930	10 December 1930
1931-33	none elected		
1934	Robert Warden Lee	14 November 1934	19 November 1934
1934	Hubert Joseph Wallington (later Sir Hubert)	14 November 1934	19 November 1934
1934	Rt Hon Oliver Frederick George Stanley	14 November 1934	declined 12 Dec 1934
1935	none elected		

1936	Arnold Duncan McNair (later Lord McNair)	24 June 1936	29 June 1936
1936	David Patrick Maxwell Fyfe (later Lord Kilmuir)	24 June 1936	29 June 1936
1937	none elected		
1938	Arthur Strettell Comyns Carr	27 April 1938	04 May 1938
1938	William Lennox McNair (later Sir William)	27 April 1938	04 May 1938
1938	Frederic Aked Sellers (later Sir Frederic)	27 April 1938	04 May 1938
1939	Henry William Barnard	24 November 1939	15 December 1939
1939	Hartley William Shawcross (later Lord Shawcross)	24 November 1939	15 December 1939
1940	none elected		
1941	Sir Andrew Rae Duncan	25 April 1941	02 May 1941
1942	Sir (John) Bertrand Watson	15 April 1942	22 April 1942
1942	Leonard John Stone (later Sir Leonard)	15 April 1942	29 April 1942
1943	Sydney Elsdon Pocock	26 May 1943	30 June 1943
1943	Sir John Forster (later Lord Forster)	26 May 1943	07 July 1943
1943	Henry Edwin Salt	26 May 1943	30 June 1943
1944	none elected		
1945	Wilfrid Alexander Barton	11 April 1945	18 April 1945
1945	Henry Broome Durley Grazebrook	11 April 1945	18 April 1945
1945	Michael Edward Rowe (later Sir Michael)	11 April 1945	18 April 1945
1946	none elected		
1947	Percy Charles Lamb	16 July 1947	24 September 1947
1947	Sir Patrick Devlin (later Lord Devlin)	16 July 1947	24 September 1947
1947	John Waddington Brunyate	16 July 1947	24 September 1947
1948	Albert Denis Gerrard (later Sir Denis)	17 November 1948	15 December 1948
1948	George Pollock	17 November 1948	15 December 1948
1948	Herbert Edmund Davies (later Lord Edmund-Davies)	17 November 1948	15 December 1948
1949	Sir (Alfred Henry) Lionel Leach	10 November 1949	17 November 1949
1950	James Mould	22 November 1950	13 December 1950
1950	Archie Pellow Marshall (later Sir Archie)	22 November 1950	13 December 1950
1951	John Selwyn Brooke Lloyd (later Lord Selwyn-Lloyd)	21 November 1951	27 November 1951
1952	Cecil Arthur James Bonner	30 April 1952	13 May 1952
1952	Reginald Charles Vaughan	30 April 1952	13 May 1952
1952	Geoffrey William Tookey	30 April 1952	13 May 1952

1952	Dingle Mackintosh Foot (later Sir Dingle)	30 April 1952	13 May 1952
1953	Lucien Macull Dominic De Silva	18 November 1953	24 November 1953
1953	John Ramsay Willis I(later Sir John)	18 November 1953	24 November 1953
1954	David Karmel	06 July 1954	20 July 1954
1954	Christopher Nyholm Shawcross	06 July 1954	20 July 1954
1955	Sir Herscht Lauterpacht	19 January 1955	02 February 1955
1956	Claude Humphrey Meredith Waldock (later Sir Humphrey)	27 November 1956	15 December 1956
1956	Roy Ernest Borneman	27 November 1956	15 January 1957
1956	Roy Mickel Wilson (later Sir Roy)	27 November 1956	15 December 1956
1956	Hugh Elvet Francis	27 November 1956	15 December 1956
1956	Charles John Hamson	27 November 1956	15 January 1957
1957	none elected		
1958	Sir (William) Ivor Jennings	05 June 1958	16 June 1958
1958	Kenneth Robert Hope Johnston	05 June 1958	16 June 1958
1958	John Megaw (later Sir John)	05 June 1958	16 June 1958
1959	Michael Richard Hoare	11 November 1959	24 November 1959
1959	Richard Marven Hale Everett	11 November 1959	24 November 1959
1960	Richard Haddow Forrest	02 November 1960	16 November 1960
1960	Frederick Elwyn Jones (later Lord Elwyn-Jones)	02 November 1960	16 November 1960
1960	Rudolph Lyons (later Sir Rudolph)	01 February 1961	07 February 1961
1961	Sir Kenneth Hamilton Bailey	01 February 1961	01 February 1961
1961	Sir Gerald Gray Fitzmaurice	01 February 1961	07 February 1961
1961	George Stanley Waller (later Sir George)	01 February 1961	07 February 1961
1962-63	none elected		
1964	Frank Alleyne Stockdale	11 February 1964	25 February 1964
1964	Leonard Caplan	11 February 1964	25 February 1964
1964	David Powell Croom-Johnson (later Sir David)	11 February 1964	25 February 1964
1964	William Lloyd Mars-Jones (later Sir William)	11 February 1964	25 February 1964
1965	Leslie James Morris Smith	12 May 1965	18 May 1965

1965	Lionel Alleyn Blundell	12 May 1965	18 May 1965
1965	John Raymond Phillips (later Sir Raymond)	12 May 1965	18 May 1965
1965	Ronald Harry Graveson	12 May 1965	18 May 1965
1966	Ralph Vincent Cusack (later Sir Ralph)	19 January 1966	02 February 1966
1966	Geoffrey Dawson Lane (later Lord Lane)	28 September 1966	13 October 1966
1967	John Hamilton Campbell Goldie	07 February 1967	22 February 1967
1967	Sebag Shaw (later Sir Sebag)	07 February 1967	22 February 1967
1967	Edward Brian Gibbens	07 February 1967	22 February 1967
1968	Rose Heilbron (later Dame Rose) the Inn's first woman Bencher	08 May 1968	26 May 1968
1968	Sir Edward Lucas Gardner	08 May 1968	26 May 1968
1968	Hugh Emlyn Hooson (later Lord Hooson)	08 May 1968	26 May 1968
1969	Eric William Griffith	26 February 1969	19 March 1969
1969	Harold Marnham	26 February 1969	19 March 1969
1969	Raymond Stock	26 February 1969	19 March 1969
1969	Alun Talfan Davies (later Sir Alun)	26 February 1969	19 March 1969
1969	Kenneth George Illtyd Jones (later Sir Kenneth)	26 February 1969	19 March 1969
1970	Robert Alexander MacCrindle	04 February 1970	10 February 1970
1970	Gordon Slynn (later Lord Slynn)	04 February 1970	10 February 1970
1970	Stephen Terrell	24 June 1970	08 July 1970
1970	Maurice Edward Bathurst (later Sir Maurice)	24 June 1970	08 July 1970
1970	Douglas George Horace Frank (later Sir Douglas)	20 October 1970	04 November 1970
1970	Hugh Norman Gregory Fernando	18 November 1970	18 November 1970