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Preface

In this, our second annual review of British politics, we have continued our policy of providing systematic and up-to-date coverage of the main developments written by acknowledged experts in their fields. This year we are joined by Dr Christopher White of the University of Reading, who has taken on the task of reviewing the United Kingdom’s foreign policy. We are again grateful to Ross Young for providing the statistical appendix which we believe will become an increasingly useful source of reference for detecting trends (or confuting those who claim to have done so!) as the years go by. Without our contributors the Review would not exist, but we are particularly grateful to them for meeting a more demanding production schedule, which should see the Review available in the shops before too much of the current year’s events have clouded our recollections and analysis.

When asked what he found his biggest problem as Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan reputedly and famously replied, ‘Events, dear boy, events!’ In spite of annual fixtures like the party conferences, the Queen’s Speech, the Pre-Budget Report and the budget itself, and EU and G8 summits, it is other events that make each year politically distinctive: some rapidly and visibly, as with natural disasters, wars and other acts of violence; others slowly, almost imperceptibly, as with movements of population, economic change and fundamental values. In the Review we seek to offer a systematic way of mapping those changes, whatever their speed.

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