

John Bercow

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I've never been much given to little social cliques.

~John Bercow

Fairness is not about statistical equality.

~John Bercow

If someone is being very cheeky, it can be quite fun to deal with that situation.

~John Bercow

For far too long the House of Commons has been run as little more than a private club by and for gentleman amateurs.

~John Bercow

I pride myself on being courteous to people, and trying to fashion good relations.

~John Bercow

I am seeking every day to restore faith in Parliament - to ensure we have a House of Commons which is representative, effective and reconnected to the people we serve.

~John Bercow

I never aspired to be Speaker simply so I could say, 'I am the Speaker of the House of Commons,' and tell my children that.

~John Bercow

I don't want to crawl over the entrails of past disputes.

~John Bercow

I think the record shows that as Speaker, I have taken the lead in cleaning up politics.

~John Bercow

It's a cowardly form of politics to use my spouse to beat me.

~John Bercow

A legislature cannot be effective while suffering from public scorn.

~John Bercow

When I first started out in politics I was, what you might describe as, a hard right Conservative.

~John Bercow

There's no point in worrying about things you can't influence.

~John Bercow

The Conservatives must realise that being sceptical is different from being phobic in what is an interdependent world.

~John Bercow

Sally is my wife, but not my chattel or my property.

~John Bercow

Even youngish men can acquire wisdom as time goes by.

~John Bercow

There are people who are just very, very sniffy and snobby and have always sort of looked down their noses at me.

~John Bercow

If you asked me if I'd rather be Speaker or a very senior minister, I'd say Speaker.

~John Bercow

I'm supremely uninterested as to what is written in many of the newspapers.

~John Bercow

It is quite wrong for party conferences to be used as an excuse for the Commons not to sit. Conferences could be held at weekends.

~John Bercow

I'm not in the business of warning people.

~John Bercow

Lying to a committee is a very grave abuse, and there ought to be a clear punishment.

~John Bercow

I'm not psychic. I cannot know what is in the mind of particular public figures.

~John Bercow

One consistent thing in an otherwise inconsistent career is that I've always been passionate about parliament.

~John Bercow

The prime minister's job is to captain his team, his party and his government.

~John Bercow

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