

MONACO



Alastair Campbell entertains

A controversial figure for next Celebrity Lunch

One of the most controversial figures in recent UK politics is coming to Monaco as guest speaker for a *Celebrity Lunch* on June 23.

Described as a 'heavy hitter', Alastair Campbell was British Prime Minister Tony Blair's director of communications until 2003 and managed to inspire as many column inches as his boss.

A Cambridge graduate, he rose quickly in the media world, and was only 29 when he was appointed editor of a fledgling newspaper called *Sunday Today*. Its failure led him to a nervous breakdown from which he emerged even more driven than before.

He went on to become political editor of the leftwing tabloid the *Daily Mirror* and a close advisor to the then Labour leader Neil Kinnock, before resigning in the mid-nineties to join Tony Blair's team. His battles to control the British media, culminating in what became known as the 'Kelly affair' over Saddam's

weapons of mass destruction, are well-documented, even in the foreign press.

Less well known is his unflagging support of the Leukaemia Research Fund, having watched a close friend die from the illness. He's completed the London Marathon, the Great North Run and the Great Ethiopian Run in aid of the Fund.

Leukaemia Research

He will be in town for the *Celebrity Lunch*, a popular regular networking event for business people organised by Azur Productions on the 23rd, with another charity fund raiser on the 24th. He is described as being 'combative, funny and with an insight into life at Number 10 that few can rival.' The fact that he is still very much behind the scenes in the ongoing Blair-Brown leadership controversy in the UK should make for an interesting event.

For more information on the lunch and to reserve a place call +377 93 30 08 75.