

OXFORD HUNGARIAN SOCIETY

Michaelmas Term 2014

All meetings, except where otherwise noted, are in the
Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College.

All speaker meetings are followed by a reception with drinks and nibbles,
and the bilingual conversation usually continues in a nearby pub.

FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER, 7PM (N.B. DIFFERENT TIME & PLACE)

FRESHERS' PARTY

A welcome party for freshers and members in a traditional English pub, the Chequers (along the passage at 131 High Street, Oxford, OX1 4DH), with a chance to taste real English ales and some true Hungarian pálinka.

FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER, 8PM

NICK THORPE

THE DANUBE: A JOURNEY UP RIVER FROM THE BLACK SEA TO THE BLACK FOREST

Nick is Central Europe Correspondent for BBC news. He will introduce his new book, published by Yale University Press, which documents centuries of civilization along Europe's great waterway, and has been compared to the classic work of Claudio Magris.

FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER, 8PM

JUDIT BRÓDY

NETWORKING IN THE PRE-DIGITAL AGE

Judit was born in Budapest and came to England in 1956. Formerly a science librarian, she has authored or contributed to a great many books, on topics ranging from sunspots to the construction of Budapest's Chain Bridge. Her interest in old letters is the focus of her talk.

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER, 8PM

MIHÁLY SAÁRY

BUDAPEST FROM 1945 TO 1956: A BLEND OF HISTORICAL
REFLECTION AND PERSONAL MEMORIES

Mihály left Hungary aged 17 after the 1956 Revolution and studied medicine in London. During this time he ran the Hungarian Society of the University of London Union (ULU). He is now retired and lives in Hertfordshire. His main interest is health and nutrition.

FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER, 8PM

TREVOR HAYDU-JONES

LOST PROPERTY: ONE CORONET

Trevor, who is married to a Hungarian, has had a life-long interest in medieval history. He tells us the story of the Margit Crown: found on Margaret Island in Budapest and currently in the Nemzeti Múzeum in Budapest, its provenance has so far been shrouded in secrecy.

SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER, 5PM (N.B. DIFFERENT TIME & PLACE)

MID-TERM SPICE-UP

A social food event at 66 Hurst Street, Oxford for those in need of some spicy Hungarian paprika to brighten those dark November shadows. If you would like to attend, please write to Klára Horváth (klara@hungsoc.com).

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER, 8PM

KATARINA ŠTULRAJTEROVA

MAGNA CARTA AND THE GOLDEN BULLS: EUROPEAN
SYNCHRONICITIES

Katarina is a historian and lecturer at Oxford with a special interest in Central European history, the history of medieval and modern universities, and the medieval papacy. Her discussion of these crucial constitutional parallels comes just before the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta.

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 7PM (N.B. DIFFERENT TIME)

THE DOOR

Directed (in English; 2012) by István Szabó, the film tells of how a female writer (Martina Gedeck) is unusually inspired by her headstrong new servant (Helen Mirren). After the screening of the film there will be a discussion of Magda Szabó's classic novel (translated by Len Rix) that inspired it.

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER, 8PM

JAZZ EVENING

An evening of jazz with singer **Katalin Sztankovics**. The concert is followed by seasonal drinks and nibbles.

THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER, 7PM (N.B. DIFFERENT TIME & PLACE)

END-OF-TERM FORMAL HALL

Join us for formal hall dinner in the imposing dining hall of St John's College. The price is £8 for members (£13 for non-members), to include a selection of wines and Tokaji aszú. Dress code: smart casual. Numbers are limited: to attend, please write to Gábor Halász (gabor.halasz@sjc.ox.ac.uk) by 23 November.

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER

MIKULÁS PARTY

Our traditional **Mikulás Party** is planned for the afternoon of **Saturday 6 December**, more details to follow.

The Oxford Hungarian Society exists for all those interested in matters Hungarian. We receive no outside funding, and so rely on membership fees and donations.

We suggest a minimum of £5 for student members and £10 for other members per term. We always welcome further donations to help cover our expenses.

Membership fees or donations can be paid by cash or cheque at our events or by bank transfer to the following bank account:

Oxford Hungarian Society

Sort code: 200109

Account number: 13317595

Alternatively, cheques (made out to 'Oxford Hungarian Society') can be sent to: Kati Evans, 45 Sunningwell Village, Oxford OX13 6RD.