



Extra General Meeting

The Extra General Meeting was held at the Hauer Cukrászda before the regular Budapest program event for that evening, which was the 'Singlish Folk' night.

Steve Jones, the Programme Director was elected as the new Chair, Torda Marta having resigned on personal grounds. The other vacant post as a result of the resignation of the Secretary, Katinka Apagyí was filled by Dunai Peter, who has been active in developing programmes in the Ministries.

Letter from the new Chair

Dear member

The work which has been moving forward steadily over the past few months will be my continued focus. As Programme Director I have been actively trying to promote events for members with a wide variety of interests. We have established a Budapest branch and this will continue to expand in the future.

I also wish to see a great deal more activity outside Budapest and hope that we can provide some opportunities for you to take part in events planned locally as well as in national events.

I hope to meet you all at our regular events in Budapest and will be pleased to help those in the regions wishing to expand their activities or start fresh ones.

Best wishes

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THIS WEEK**

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'Singlish Folk'

Presents an
Evening of Songs in English
at

The HAUER Cukrászda
Rákóczi út 47-49
(near Blaha Lujza tér)
on

Tuesday 24th June

at 7 pm

ENTRY FREE

Everybody is welcome



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Aims and Objectives:

- **Promote** English in public speaking and debate for the support of worldwide communication and dialogue
- **Encourage** the enjoyment and constructive use of English through educational programmes
- **Provide and Create** cultural activities
- **Ensure** the coordination and coherence of our activities through the skill and dedication of our voluntary helpers
- **Rely** upon the enthusiasm and support of all our members
- **Work** in close and innovative partnership with our corporate members and sponsors

DIARY DATES

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| Budapest: Visit to Parliament a.m. | Thursday 19 th June |
| Budapest: Boat trip with a group from the ESU (UK Essex branch) | Saturday 21 st June evening |
| Budapest: Local Planning meeting at the Hauer, 6 pm – all welcome – | Tuesday 24 th June |
| Budapest: "Singlish Folk" evening of Folk Songs in English at the Hauer, 7 pm till late. | Tuesday 24 th June |
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Essex Branch Visit from UK



Ron Truss (Chairman) and members of the committee

A group of around twenty members of the Essex branch of the ESU (England) arrived in Hungary today. Pictured here at the Mercure Hotel Metropol shortly after their arrival they will spend a week soaking up the atmosphere of Budapest.

In addition they will be travelling down to Eger and on the way back will visit the Royal Palace in Gödöllő. On different days they will visit Szentendre and Lajosmizse in what appears to be a very exhausting schedule.

They will look forward to their free time to do some shopping in the 'Nagy Csarnok' and may spend a few hours recovering in the Gerlert Baths.

Offer: Courses for Teachers

The group wanted to offer something to the ESU here in Hungary and are keen that young people should be the focus of their efforts.

They are offering possibly **two free places** on a three week course in English education at Saffron Walden (Essex UK) for **young teachers at the beginning of their careers**.

These take place during the school holidays, are highly recommended and fully accredited. This is an opportunity not to be missed. All you have to do is write a letter!

How do I apply?

Write us a letter and in **no more than 100 words** explain why you think that travelling to the UK to attend this course would improve your language and your teaching.



The first meal was well received by every member

Judging

Your responses will be sent to the Essex branch and they will decide whom they consider to be the most worthy to be awarded the scholarships.

Continued Connections

What if I'm not chosen? Well, not everyone can win but it is worth the effort. The branch in Essex wish to develop some contacts here and if this is not your year then the future might see other possibilities. The costs covered for the winners will be

- **Accommodation and meals for 3 weeks**
- **Tuition Fees for 3 weeks**
- **Air fares from Hungary to the UK**

Whilst on the course you will be invited to speak to the members of the Essex branch about your home country.

Please send your entries to Steve Jones by e-mail at the address given on page 3 by **25th June 2003**.

Folk Evening Success

The second session at the Hauer on the 10th June 2003, organised by 'Singlish Folk', was as successful as the first with well over twenty members and friends participating.

Those who attended were able to sing along using the song books sent out to those interested. There were three altogether, containing something like 20 songs in each. Members were e-mailed these and printed extra for those who could not do it themselves.

There will be a final session before the summer break on the 24th June 2003 and we hope you will all come along to a very enjoyable evening.

Singers Welcome ...

We would welcome anyone who wants to perform as well as those who just wish to listen and join in from the floor. If you would like to sing we can provide accompaniment and any other assistance necessary. You do not need to be a professional singer, just an enthusiastic amateur determined to do a good job. We only use acoustic instruments but there is a wide variety of material anyway, from Beatles to very traditional unaccompanied folk music.

'Singlish Folk' will continue in September on the second Tuesday of the month, the 9th. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thoughts from Orwell

By Dick Bruner

In this centennial year of George Orwell's birth, I have been seeing various biographies of that great man and was reminded that I have two volumes of his essays. I pulled one off the shelf and started enjoying his inimitable prose. I came across the following which I believe is worth sharing:

To write or even to speak English is not a science but an art. There are no reliable rules: there is only the general principle that concrete words are better than abstract ones, and that the shortest way of saying anything is always the best. Mere correctness is no guarantee whatever of good writing. A sentence like "an enjoyable time was had by all present" is perfectly correct English, and so is the unintelligible mess of words on an income-tax return. Whoever writes English is involved in a struggle that never lets up even for a sentence. He is struggling against vagueness, against obscurity, against the lure of the decorative adjective, against the encroachment of Latin and Greek, and, above all, against the worn-out phrases and dead metaphors with which the language is cluttered up.

This should be pasted on the wall above everyone's computer.

Thank you Dick for your contribution. I would love to hear from any of you who have similar things to share.

Essex Group Visit

On Thursday 19th in the morning, the group will visit the Parliament at a time to be advised. If you are interested please let me know and I will fix details.

On Saturday 21st in the evening there will be a cruise and dinner for any ESU members who wish to come along.

Both of these events are free to ESU members.

Please let me know if you wish to attend either of these events and I will let the organisers know.

We would like to thank the Essex branch for their most generous offers and we would be delighted to see as many of you as possible there to support their visit.

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