



2004

DIARY DATES

February

Budapest: Pestszentlőrinc English Club **Katolikus Közösségek Háza**,
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Monday 23rd Feb

March

Budapest: 'Singlish Folk' - Hauer -
Starts at 6pm

Tuesday 2nd Mar

Budapest: Programme discussion
Hauer – 7pm

Tuesday 2nd Mar

April

Budapest: Public Speaking Final
at the **British Embassy, Budapest**

Friday 16th Apr

Public Speaking Competition **“A Borderless World”**

If I want to enter as a competitor ...

You should speak to your teacher and then contact the local organiser in your region. At the moment there are organisers in Budapest, Pécs, Nyiregyháza, Győr, Szeged and Szombathely.

If I am a teacher in a school ...

You should contact your local organiser either directly or through the e-mail address on this newsletter. If there is no representative in your region then you may contact Steve Jones to set up a regional competition of your own.

If I am a regional organiser ...

I need to find a venue for the competition (a room!), - judges – three and preferably native speakers but if not they must be near native speakers. Your aim is to have as many contestants as possible but I would advise a maximum of 12, which means the competition may be completed in about two hours. You may wish to get local sponsorship to cover costs locally – prizes and travel to the finals. Please keep all details of sponsorship so that they can be published. If your local government or a school wishes to sponsor their student to go to the UK finals we have no objection, however, the person who wins the National final in Budapest will be the only one eligible to go.

The finals in Budapest ...

National Final - Budapest **Friday 16th April 2004**

We plan to have two finals as we did last year. The winners of the local competitions will automatically go into the 'A' final at the Embassy. On the 16th April there will be a 'B' final (11 am) at the Műszaki Egyetem Gimnázium, where **runners up** from the district competitions (one from each region) will have an opportunity to get into the main 'A' final. Those selected for the 'B' final will also be invited to attend the 'A' final on the afternoon of the same day (16th April) at the Embassy even if they do not get into the 'A' final itself.

Travelling to the UK ...

Students of any nationality may enter the competition, however, the person travelling to the UK to represent Hungary must be Hungarian and will be the highest placed Hungarian finalist. Local areas or the participants themselves will have to arrange transport and any other costs locally.

Some simple rules for guidance ...

Competitors

- Do not learn your speech – work from brief notes
- Remember, you have only 5 minutes (+ or – 45 s)
- Be prepared to change what you say
- Practice in front of your class-mates

Regional Organisers

- Organise a quiet room which is not too big
- Organise three judges and decide what each should judge
- Send Steve Jones a list of your participants and the name of the winner and runner up.

We are grateful for the help offered by Oxford University Press, MacMillan, British Airways, the British Council, the Műszaki Egyetem Gimnázium, Theodora and the Embassy. If there are any other organisations who would like to support our activities we would welcome your help.

'Singlish Folk'

Presents an
Evening of Songs in English
at

The HAUER Cukrászda

Rákóczi út 47-49

(near Blaha Lujza tér)

on

Tuesday 2nd March

at 6 pm

ENTRY FREE

Everybody is welcome



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He has offered us another evening in the future, one to which everyone will wish to come I'm sure. If you have any ideas on what you would like to see please let us know.

Future Events - discussion

7pm on 2nd March 2004

At the next meeting on the 2nd March at the Hauer the group will be discussing the kinds of meetings we intend to organise before the end of the year.

Debating ...

It has already been suggested that we have another National Debating Competition – a balloon debate - which would be totally different from the Public Speaking Competition. The date suggested was November and I would be happy to hear of any ideas for this.

Talks and Discussions ...

We are looking for speakers and topics – this year we had the Ladakh photos and David Hill's. We need other styles of meeting in which you might be interested. Please offer not only your advice but your help too.

At the present time meetings are every two weeks. The Singlish Folk will continue roughly monthly but each month we are looking for another event.

English Clubs ...

We are happy to support these clubs as they are doing a valuable service to both our members and others. I am happy to advertise your meetings so if you organise an English Club, please let me know the date and place you meet so we can let people know.

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'Off the Tourist Track' David A. Hill

Report 17th February 2004

An audience of twenty people of all ages and backgrounds enjoyed a wonderful evening discussing areas of Britain not normally included in visits.



A happy group after the discussion

David Hill, as well as writing English language textbooks has a wide knowledge of English history and architecture and has a collection of pictures illustrating all aspects of Britain (and other countries too).