

'Teamtalk' - Chatangoljunk ...



The competition is now well under way with 84 schools having entered. The most important development this year is the re-designed website www.chatangoljunk.hu (the same name as last year) which enables information to be updated daily and provides downloads for those taking part. As well as entry forms to download there are sets of argument topics from 2004 and information booklets about the competition.

Change in Style

It has been possible to reduce the total number of competitions for most schools by increasing the number of teams going to the final (there will be 12 instead of the 9 last year) and by increasing the size of the local competitions (up to 14 teams possibly).

Regional Qualifying Rounds

The qualifying rounds are only for those who entered more than 2 teams and will have to be completed by the **28th October 2005**.

Regional Finals

These Regional Finals will be held over a 10 days period beginning the **5th November 2005**, though this weekend is unlikely to be chosen by any of the venues. There will be finals in Budapest (5 finals as there were nearly 40 schools entering in Budapest), Eger, Miskolc, Nyíregyháza, Pécs, Szeged, Veszprém and Győr.

National Final, Budapest

This event is on **Saturday 26th Nov. 2005**. This year it will be held on the Saturday so that your friends and family can attend too. As mentioned before there will be twelve teams competing in two Halls.

The competition will begin in the Millennium Theatre, where the competition was held last year. There will be opening speeches followed by the recitations from all 12 schools. During these, those competing in both the interview and argument sections will begin their preparation (20 minutes before 'performing').

In the Theatre, after the recitations, there will be 6 groups doing the argument section followed by 6 doing the interview with a celebrity guest. At the same time in the VIP Hall there will be 6 teams doing their interviews (with the same jury and celebrity) followed by the 6 teams doing the argument section with the jury which judged the argument section in the Theatre.

In this way, the overall length of the competition has been reduced to around 4 hours allowing a later start - at around 13.00 - and an earlier finish at around 17.00.

Rules

As you should already know, the rules are the same as last year. There will be 6 in each team which includes one reserve as the team cannot be changed after the Regional Final. All 6 members, whether they perform or not, will receive the same prize.

Scoring

Judges will score 1 point for first place down to 5 points for the fifth place and 6 points for all other teams. The recitation is worth half as many points (0.5 down to 2.5 with all others receiving a score of 3).

The three judges will agree a rank order in each section. The three rank orders will then be added by the referee, the team having the lowest score being the winner.

'Singlish Folk'

Presents an
Evening of Songs in English
at
The HAUER Cukrászda
Rákóczi út 47-49
(near Blaha Lujza tér)
on
Tues. 18th Oct & 1st Nov
at 6 pm
ENTRY FREE
Everybody is welcome

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In the Regional Finals there will be four publisher sponsors, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Longman and MacMillan. There will be book prizes for the first three teams. All entrants will receive a certificate of merit for participation and the first three teams a certificate for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.



At the discretion of the judges and sponsors other prizes, either for individuals or groups, may also be awarded.

Native Speakers

We already have native speakers who have volunteered to act as judges for all sections and celebrity guests for the interview. Each jury of 3 people (There will be two juries in every competition – one for the arguments and one for the interviews) will contain at least 1 native speaker. Each competition will need a minimum of 3 native speakers.

Prizes and Certificates

As in last year's competition the main prize will be the trip to the UK, on a course in English at the King's group schools, for 6 students and their teacher, flown to the UK by EasyJet.



King's Group
of English Language Schools



2005 October		
Budapest: 'Singlish Folk' - Hauer - Starts at 6 pm – FREE TO ALL	Tuesday 18th Oct.	
Budapest: Discussion Night Hauer - Starts at 6 pm – FREE TO ALL	Tuesday 25th Oct.	
November		
Budapest: 'Singlish Folk' - Hauer - Starts at 6 pm – FREE TO ALL	Tuesday 1st Nov.	
Budapest: Discussion Night' - Hauer - Starts at 6 pm – FREE TO ALL	Tuesday 8th Nov.	

A Competition to Enjoy

Whether you are a judge, a participant, a teacher or an observer the rule is ... enjoy it!!

In Chatangoljunk there are no losers, everyone is a winner and benefits from taking part. We want everyone to succeed and if we have to have a winner so be it!

'Singlish'

www.singlish.hu



For some time the website www.hunglish.net has been used as the information point for 'Singlish' events and the New ESU of Hungary. Because the site was not purpose designed it was unable to deliver the services which many people asked for.

The new site now boasts several new features including the following:

Regular updating

Because the site is purpose built it is easy to update and will always give you the very latest news no matter what the circumstances.

Downloading

The easiest way for you to get information is to download it from the internet. This facility enables you not only to get what you are sent but also information which has been sent previously. There is a complete set of New ESU Newsletters, from the very first back in October 2002 to the latest – this one! Instead of arriving as attachments you will be informed of the availability of the new one, with a link, and will be able to download it and any others you wish.

MP3s

Whilst performing for OUP and MacMillan at conferences, Steve Jones has been asked constantly for information on the songs – mostly English language folk songs – which he uses. You can now download MP3 files or listen to the songs on line. Naturally for those who cannot do this there will still be the possibility of obtaining the songs on CD as MP3s or audio files or on cassette tape. Naturally, in this form there are associated costs.

Songbooks

The regular 'Singlish Folk' sessions at the Hauer are supported by a set of publications, free to download, which were previously sent out by e-mail. They can now be downloaded at your convenience and wherever you are at no cost. These booklets, each of between three and six pages, contain the words of the songs used on those evenings (Tuesdays at the Hauer Cukraszda).

There are 20 songbooks and a downloadable song locator which enables you to find in which book and on which page the songs are. This is produced by Judit Borszéki and is regularly updated as new songbooks are added.

The Singlish Course

An additional resource found on the website is the 'Singlish' course. This is in the process of being updated but is free to download and gives 180 pages of songs with worksheets and information.

Your Help!

I have already received offers and I hope others will come forward with additional ideas, information and other kinds of feedback so that the resource can become a living thing. If you use it in the classroom please let me know what you did to make it more user friendly. Unfortunately, at the moment there aren't MP3s for every song but we hope to remedy that soon.

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