New ESU of Hungary
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After a week where

they visited Eger, Szentendre, Gödöllö

and Lájosmizse as well as the sights of

Budapest the group

ESU members to a

**Budapest** 

# Hungarian-Scottish Society will support ESU Burns Supper in January 2004

After the success of the Burns supper on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2003 we are pleased that the Hungarian Scottish Society under the leadership of Magyar Zoltán wishes to continue this relationship and support the Burns Supper in January 2004. The two societies have much in common and may also be looking at other events on which there might be co-operation. We have agreed to carry information on Hungarian Scottish Events which will be of interest to members and are happy to put members in touch with the Society if they wish to become members.

# Highland Games in Hungary

The Society is already planning a version of the Highland Games in Csesznek to the north of Lake Balaton near Pannonhalma. This will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September and should be an exciting event to attend. Further details will be available in the next Newsletter. St. Andrew's Day, the 30<sup>th</sup> November, will be celebrated too in a traditional Scottish manner.

#### **DIARY DATES**

**Csesznek:** Hungarian Scottish Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept Society Highland Games

**Budapest:** "Singlish Folk" evening Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept of Folk Songs in English at the Hauer, 7 pm to 9 pm.

**Budapest:** 'Games Night' (chess, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept mah-jong, scrabble etc. at the Hauer, 7 pm to 9 pm.

**Budapest:** "Singlish Folk" Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Budapest:** 'National Night' at the Tuesday 21st Oct Hauer, 7 pm to 9 pm.

**Budapest:** "Singlish Folk" Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov

Tuesday 9th Dec

Budapest: "Singlish Folk"
Christmas Party – venue to be

announced.

#### Essex Branch Visit from UK



Programme Co-ordinator, Una Corderoy and former Chair Márta Torda

cruise on the Danube, a dinner and typical English hospitality.

Many of the group enjoyed their visits to the Gerlert Baths. We



invited

**Traditional Gipsy Band** 

hope that they will visit again, either as a group or as individuals so they can soak up more of the atmosphere here in Budapest.

#### Courses for Teachers

Ron Truss, Chairman of the Essex branch of the ESU explained that their membership tended to be older in age than that in Hungary, most of the members being retired. They have a very busy annual programme and would be delighted if they could recruit new members from a younger age bracket. This has proved difficult.



Ron Truss discusses teaching with Czikai Zsuzsa, a young Hungarian teacher.

Perhaps their offer to young people in Hungary reflects this wish to help younger people, which the ESU here very much appreciates. As a result, two young

Hungarian teachers will attend a course for two weeks in Saffron Waldon at the expense of the Essex group.

We sincerely wish to thank the group for their great generosity. Look out for reports in the Newsletter.

# Folk Evenings -Continued Success

The session on the 24<sup>th</sup> was less well attended than previous evenings, however, the sixteen people who did, enjoyed themselves very much. If you wish to get the song books (words only) produced by Singlish Folk, contact us and we will e-mail them to you. If you have any queries about folk songs or music we will be happy to help with your enquiries.

#### 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 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there!

# Aims and Objectives:

- <u>Promote</u> English in public speaking and debate for the support of worldwide communication and dialogue
- <u>Encourage</u> 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
- <u>Rely</u> upon the enthusiasm and support of all our members
- Work in close and innovative partnership with our corporate members and sponsors



# 'Singlish Folk'

Presents an Evening of Songs in English at

## The HAUER Cukrászda

Rákóczi út 47-49 (near Blaha Lujza tér)

# Tuesday 9th September

at 7 pm
ENTRY FREE

Everybody is welcome



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## **Budapest Programme**

The programme for the Autumn has been arranged and we hope that you will make a note of the dates in your diary. The new nights on offer are the games evening and the National night.

# Planning meetings

These are open to everybody who wishes to contribute to planning the programme or has something to offer. These meetings are held on the same night as the Singlish Folk evenings, from 6 pm to 7 pm.

We are particularly looking for contacts within the English speaking countries e.g. Canada, Australia, India, Pakistan, Malaysia, New Zealand etc. who could offer cultural briefings, food sampling, music, dance etc.

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We will be having a break over the Summer months of July and August. The Newsletter will be sent out with details of further activities towards the end of August ready for September. We will be happy to include your contributions in any edition of the Newsletter if you e-mail it or post it to us. Have a good Summer break.