



Another Successful Burns Supper 27th January 2004

The evening of the 27th turned out to be another very successful Burns Supper. Those attending heard a wonderful 'Immortal Memory' speech from Ian Manson, who was joined by his wife Jan to sing some of the most beautiful Burns songs.

The Budapest Scottish Dance Society turned out a full team of eight dancers to give two wonderful displays which included the famous 'Highland Fling'. All of the participants had an opportunity to try out their own dancing skills too when Debbie Moss 'called' some Scottish country dances. Naturally the guests tasted the 'haggis', piped in by Kéri György and carried in by Michael Currie. Ken MacKenzie kept the evening going in his own unique way and others, such as Steve Jones and Tom and Csilla from Dagda provided some further musical entertainment. The toast to the Lassies and the reply were given by Alistair McLeish and Lara Moretti and the Selkirk Grace was given by Amanda Egerton-King.

A big thank you to the Hungarian Scottish Society for their support, providing the haggis, cheese and drink.

2004

DIARY DATES

February

Budapest: Discussion with slides David A. Hill [Hauer](#) - Starts at 6pm

Tuesday 17th Feb

Budapest: 'Dagda' at the [Benczúr club](#) - 8pm Guest: [Cecily Morrison](#) on the lowland pipes

Friday 20th Feb

Budapest: Pest Szent Lőrinc Eng Club [Katolikus Közösségek Háza](#), Contact: [Péter Zajkas](#) (organizer) 06-30-210-2516

Monday 23rd Feb

March

Budapest: 'Singlish Folk' at the [Hauer](#) - Starts at 6pm

Tuesday 2nd Mar

April

Budapest: Public Speaking Final at the [British Embassy, Budapest](#)

Friday 16th Apr

Right: Michael Currie and Kéri György with the Haggis



Below: Gary Lukatch enjoys a glass of wine after his Haggis



BUDAPEST

Next Event – 17th February

'Off the Tourist Track' David A. Hill

This will be a discussion about some parts of Britain you seldom see combined with a slide presentation. David Hill will be familiar to many of you through his writing and publishing. The programme will start at around 6pm with a discussion and the slides a little later.

Picture Gallery: Folk Night 3rd Feb



'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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NATIONAL EVENT

Public Speaking Competition *"A Borderless World"*

The organisation of this event has begun in several areas, due to the assistance of local volunteers. Already there are arrangements for local competitions in Budapest, Győr, Szombathely, Nyiregyháza, Pécs and Szeged. I am hoping that other areas will begin to organise too and if you are planning to do so you should contact Steve Jones as soon as possible.

Due to the generosity of British Airways, the winner will be able to take part in the International Final in London on Friday 14th May 2004. Information can be found on the web site www.HunGLISH.net, (click on Diary Dates, then Public Speaking Competition).

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The finals in Budapest ...

National Final - Budapest *Friday 16th April 2004*

We plan to have two finals as we did last year. On the 16th April there will be a 'B' final (11 am) at the Műszaki Egyetem Gimnázium, where *runners up* from the district competitions 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. Each area will select one member for the 'A' final and one member for the 'B' final. Local areas or the participants themselves will have to arrange transport and any other costs locally.

We are grateful for the help offered by Oxford University Press, MacMillan, British Airways, the British Council, the Műszaki Egyetem Gimnázium and the



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Embassy. We are happy to say that Theodora are also sponsoring the competition. If there are any other organisations who would like to support our activities we would welcome your help.

Public Speaking Organisers (Regions)

You should:

- Send an electronic registration letter to schools (by end of Feb 2004 : obtainable from Steve Jones)*
- Arrange a venue large enough for your competition (maximum 12 students – maximum 2 hours)*
- Arrange for three judges – at least one native speaker*
- Inform Steve Jones of the names of your entrants (Provide details of names, addresses, tel. nos. etc.)*
- Inform us of the name of your winner and runner up (by 31st March 2004)*