

# New ESU letter

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2004	DIARY DATES
March	
Budapest: English Humour – a discussion - Hauer – 7pm	<i>Tuesday</i> 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Szombathely: Public Speaking Local Final at the British Council, English Teaching Resource. Centre	<i>Tuesday</i> 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar
Nyiregyháza: Public Speaking Local Final at the Music School	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Budapest: Public Speaking Local Final at the Műszaki Egyetem Nemzetközi Gimnázium – 9 am	<i>Monday</i> 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Győr: Public Speaking Local Final at the Révai Miklós, Gimnázium	<i>Wednesday</i> 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar
April	
Budapest: 'Singlish Folk' - Hauer - Starts at 6pm	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr
Budapest: Public Speaking 'B' final Műszaki Egyetem Nemzetközi Gimnázium – 11 am Public Speaking National Final at the British Embassy, Budapest pm	<i>Friday</i> 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr



L to R: Colin, wife Belinda, Joanna, husband James

#### Visit from the UK – London ESU

This week there was a very brief visit by Colin McCorquodale and his family from Britain. Colin is the Chairman of the London branch, though this was a private visit with some of his family, including his wife Belinda, his niece, Joanna and her husband James.

This was not the first time Colin had been in Budapest as he was here over forty years ago and several times since. Staying in the Gellért Hotel, part of a package with Danubius Hotels, he was surprised at the changes since he was here last. After walking around the city – all four are keen walkers – they met the Chair, Steve Jones and his wife over dinner.

The London branch, with over 1200 members is the largest in the U.K. They hope to develop links with the branch here and will be discussing the future with Valerie Mitchell at Dartmouth House, the ESU headquarters in London.

Colin's niece helps in the family business – a 16<sup>th</sup> Century country house – which you can see on <a href="https://www.chavenage.com">www.chavenage.com</a> whilst her husband James runs a manufacturing business.





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# **'Singlish Folk'**

Presents an Evening of Songs in English

#### The HAUER Cukrászda

Rákóczi út 47-49 (near Blaha Lujza tér)

on

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

at 6 pm ENTRY FREE

**Everybody** is welcome



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# **Public Speaking Competition**

"A Borderless World"

# The finals in Budapest ...

National Final - Budapest Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 (16<sup>th</sup> 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 classmates

#### 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 British Embassy.

If there are any other organisations who would like to support our activities we would welcome their help.

## **Debating Competition**

We propose to arrange a debating competition later in the year. If you are interested in public speaking or debating either from the teaching or participating point of view, please keep a look out for details.

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