



## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF LUXEMBOURG

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Chairman.  
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Dear Oxonians,

Attached to this letter are two items:

1. **A virement form.** If you have not already done so please complete this and **pay your subscription for 2013.**
2. **A list of members with their commune of residence.** This is an extract from the entry in the Register of Commerce which the Society is obliged to submit and which is available publicly. As mentioned in our circular e-mail of 13 January in accordance with Luxembourg law a list of members with their nationality and postal addresses is submitted to the Registre de Commerce. We advised then that we were proposing to circulate to members a list of our members together with postal addresses. Members were asked to advise if they objected to this. While there was no significant objection the Committee decided to limit the address to the name of the commune of residence. Members who wish to contact other members on the list can do so by e-mailing Jane Feehan our Membership Secretary at [membership@oxford.lu](mailto:membership@oxford.lu).

2012 was brought to a close with our now well established appearance at the Foire de l'Etudiant and a highly efficient programme of practice interviews conducted together with the Cambridge Society. Andrew Hallan orchestrated events for the Society and we were honoured by the visit from the Senior Tutor and Tutor for Admissions at Brasenose who attended our stand at the Foire and visited a number of schools.

Andrew and his team provided interview practice for 37 aspiring Oxonians and Cantabrians. Sadly they were much less successful than last year with 3 offers from Oxford (5 in 2011) and only one from Cambridge (3 in 2011).

While on the subject I should mention that we (Oxford and Cambridge Societies) will be holding another joint information event on 11<sup>th</sup> April and they will be looking for mentors to talk to students on their subject areas (contact [secrtry@oxford.lu](mailto:secrtry@oxford.lu) )

After an excellent 2012 with record membership your Society has got off to a quick start in 2013 with an event-packed year in prospect. The **joint dinner with the Oxford Belgo-Luxembourgish Society at University College** is reported on our website [www.oxford.lu](http://www.oxford.lu) . This was followed by **Brief Lives with Music** concerts held at the Seymours' house on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February, based on readings from Aubrey's "Brief Lives". The concerts raised €500 euros net, which the Seymours have generously donated to OUSL for use by needy Luxembourg students at Oxford, Aubrey's old university.

We have since then had a fascinating talk by Laurent Mignon, a Luxembourger and University Lecturer in Turkish and a Fellow of Saint Antony's College, Oxford on the reception of Rabindranath Tagore in Turkey and a very enjoyable social dinner with our friends from the Cambridge Society.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

#### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April: Oxford and Cambridge Student Information Event**

We are looking for alumni who would be willing to talk informally with interested students about their own studies at Oxford and their subsequent careers. If you could devote a couple of hours to helping at the event please contact Andrew Hallan at [secrtry@oxford.lu](mailto:secrtry@oxford.lu) or on +352 621 50 87 16.

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## **Friday, 26 – Sunday, 28 April: Oxford's European Reunion in Madrid**

You can see the programme at <https://www.alumniweekend.ox.ac.uk/>.

## **Friday, 28 – Sunday, 30 June 2013: Oxford and Cambridge Benelux reunion in Luxembourg and Annual Dinner**

The Society is inviting members of Oxford and Cambridge Societies in Belgium and the Netherlands to a reunion weekend in Luxembourg which shall take place on 28-30 June 2013. Our friends from the Cambridge Society of Luxembourg will be present as well. Details of the weekend events will be posted on [www.oxford.lu/events](http://www.oxford.lu/events).

The **provisional programme** is as follows:

### **Friday, 28 June:**

On Friday evening we will organise a “**pub crawl**” through some of Luxembourg’s best known cafés and clubs in the picturesque “Grund” area and the “Rives de Clausen”.

For those of a less lively disposition we will arrange a table or two at a typical and charming Luxembourgish restaurant in the city.

### **Saturday, 29 June:**

**Reunion** of the Benelux alumni in the morning to get to know each other.

- Alternative tours have been arranged thanks to OUSL members as follows: City Museum & Archives or The old City.
- Lunch will be arranged in a City centre restaurant.
- After lunch we visit the European Investment Bank art collection.
- In the evening we will organise a concert entitled “SONNETS TO SUNDRY NOTES OF MUSIC” with
- British countertenor Christopher Robson who is also a “Kammersänger” (German honorific title for distinguished singers) in Bavaria.
- Robson and a lute player will perform his Shakespeare and John Donne Sonnets programme (see [www.oxford.lu/events](http://www.oxford.lu/events) for a programme that he did at the Teamtheater in Munich a few years ago). The concert will take place in the church of St. Jean-du-Grund.
- There will be a collection in favour of the Luxembourg branch of “SOS Villages d’enfants” (<https://www.sosve.lu/>). This Charity, whose patron is HRH Grand-Duchess Maria-Teresa, provides shelter, medical care and education for over 80.000 children in more than 133 countries.
- The concert will be followed by a black tie (or lounge suit) dinner at the “Cercle Munster”. The guest of honour and speaker will be HE The Hon Alice Walpole (MA Cantab), Her Britannic Majesty’s Ambassador in Luxembourg.

### **Sunday, 30 June:**

- A visit to Luxembourg’s fortress museum (Musée Drai Eechelen) and national identity exhibition. Further information can be found in the 2013 Luxembourg City brochure (attached) and on <http://lux.uni.lu>.
- For those staying a little bit longer, OUSL members will be happy to show them around further parts of the city including The European Quarter (depending on numbers).
- A walking tour amongst the vineyards along the Moselle. Subject to demand we may be able to arrange a wine tasting and lunch at one of the wineries.

**A booking form will be sent to members with details of exact times and charges where applicable.** The dinner will cost €60 per head and the concert €20 per head. Members can use the form to select the events that they wish to attend.

For further questions do not hesitate to get in touch with the organising team which consists of David Clark (+352 2697 6267), Andrew Hallan (+352 621 508716), Jan Könighaus and David Weis. We can be contacted on [events@oxford.lu](mailto:events@oxford.lu).

## **Saturday, 13 July: Luxembourg Varsity Croquet**

This summer, on a lawn near you (chez Vaudrey in Useldange actually), the finest mallet-wielders in all of Luxembourg will do battle in the second edition of the Oxbridge Varsity Croquet match. Following on from "le match amical" held last year, Cambridge have challenged Oxford to a more serious affair, but not forgetting the Pimm's. Should you be interested or participating in the event, please contact Dawit Demetri ([dawit.demetri@lu.pwc.com](mailto:dawit.demetri@lu.pwc.com)).

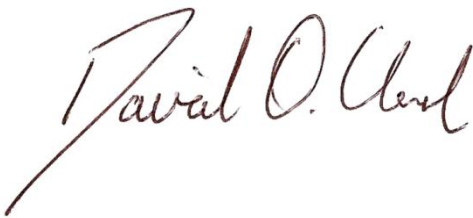
### **In planning**

#### **2013**

- The OUSL is in discussion with the EIB Institute to organise a debate dealing with issues of "**Resolving the economic crisis**". Contact myself [chair@oxford.lu](mailto:chair@oxford.lu).
- Jane Feehan is looking to arrange a debate on "**Sustainable Farming**". Contact Jane on [membership@oxford.lu](mailto:membership@oxford.lu).

#### **2014**

- **Literary tour of Kent and East Sussex** I am plotting a possible weekend tour of literary houses and gardens on the south coast of England to take place in the summer of 2014. More information will be provided in due course but do let me know if you might be interested. [chair@oxford.lu](mailto:chair@oxford.lu)



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