# Hilary Term 2014



### A Happy New Year - Welcome back!

As always, we have put together a promising term card full of exciting speaker events, socials and cultural happenings. Check your emails and our Facebook group for further information. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Your Oxford German Society Committee 2013 - 2014

#### Week 1

#### **Exchange Trip to Cambridge**

Sat, Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am, Pickup outside Blackfriars, St Giles Members Only £15 Exchange + £20 Transfer



This term, our exchange trip with the Cambridge and London German Societies brings us to "the other place". Starting with a pub visit, we will embark on an exciting social programme, to end the day with a formal hall at Peterhouse, one of the traditional Cambridge

colleges. The price for the exchange includes the social programme and the formal hall. On top of that, participants will have to pay 20 GBP for the transfer to and from Cambridge. You will be hard pressed to find a better price for a fast connection. Sign-up details in our Week 0 newsletter!

#### Week 2 & 3

#### **Discussion with Prof Bernd Lucke**

Mon, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 pm, Blue Boar Theatre (Christ Church) TBC Members free, non-Members £3

Bernd Lucke is a German economist and founding member as well as elected party speaker of the Alternative for Germany (AfD) – which contends that the Euro threatens European integration. Whereas the euro-sceptic party has not been able to enter the Bundestag, it aims high in the upcoming elections for the European Parliament.



Note: The event will be held in German.

### Events by our sponsors

Interested in working for consultancies? Our sponsors provide the financial support that enables us to invite our speakers and put on all our events. Have a look at their career events, organized in conjunction with the Oxford German Society. Further information will be provided by email in our weekly newsletter:

# **Thu, Feb 13th, St. Martin's Lane Hotel, London**Dinner with Bain & Company (more information in our newsletter)

We will confirm more events with our sponsors throughout the term, so look out for more information in our newsletter and Facebook group.

## Originally German - The Stammtisch

The "Stammtisch" is our regular social meeting in one of the many Oxford Pubs. Join us to meet friends, practise your German, or just to have a beer or two in a relaxed atmosphere. Look out for the "Stammtisch" sign!

Week 2: Thu, Jan 30th, 8pm: The Eagle & Child

Week 6: Thu, Feb 27th, 8pm: The Turf

Week 8: Thu, Mar 13th, 8pm: King's Arms





# "Quo Vadis, Germany?" LSE German Symposium

The LSE German Symposium is an annual conference in London that brings together notable German speakers from politics, business and media. This year's guests include Roland Berger Strategy Consultants CEO Prof Burkhard Schwenker, BILD editor-in-chief Kai Diekmann, Green MP Renate Künast, McKinsey Firm Functional Leader Frank Mattern, BCG managing director Carsten KRatz as well as Merck CEO Dr. Karl-Ludwig Kley. More information on <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/203112133212558/">https://www.facebook.com/events/203112133212558/</a> or <a href="https://www.german-society.co.uk">http://www.german-society.co.uk</a>.

#### Language Classes

The German Society offers free weekly language classes.

Beginners 1 (started in MT 13) – Thursday 6-7pm – Balliol (LR 3) Beginners 2 (started in HT 14) – Thursday 7-8pm – Balliol (LR 3) Intermediate – Monday 6-7pm – Balliol (Baipaj Room)

For more information e-mail our Language Officer Nina at language@oxford-germansoc.co.uk and check out the notices in our newsletter and Facebook group! All welcome.

#### **Beer Tasting Event**

Sat, Feb 8th, 7:30pm, Linacre College Bar TBC Members 4£, non-members 7£

Our annual beer tasting events always proves to be the highlight of the term. We have imported the finest German beers, a good break for all German beer-lovers from the usual Ale and Guinness. If you are not that up for beer, you can still look forward to



meeting some people while indulging in alternative drinks and snacks...

#### Week 4



Evening with the Oxford University Malaysian and Singaporean Students' Association (OUMSSA)



#### Thu, Feb 13th, time and venue to be confirmed soon

We will meet our friends from the Malaysian and Singaporean Society for a fun dinner and consecutive pub crawl. A great chance to foster international friendships and talk about all the little things that unite and divide us! Check out our newsletter for further information!

## Join the Society!

Life Membership 20£, Annual Membership 10£

Become a member of Oxford's central hub for German culture and language! We seek to entertain and bring together all those interested in Germany including learners of the German language and students from German-speaking countries. Membership will give you free entry to most of our events, unique discounts at local shops and enterprises as well as access to a unique network of students who share your interest in Germany.

Join our Facebook group "Oxford German Society" and become a member of the Society at one of our events. Alternatively, you can join online at www.oxford-germansoc.co.uk!

#### Week 5

# Elections & Frühstück Sun, Feb 23<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am, venue TBA Members free

Ever since the German federal election of 2002, it has been a "custom" to crown the new committee at a typically German Breakfast. This year, mymuesli.com has generously offered to provide us with some fine organic muesli. While enjoying our breakfast, we will hold



hustings and elect the new German Society committee for the next year. All information on the election process will be announced in due course.

#### Week 6

#### Visit BMW Mini in Oxford

Tue, Feb 25th, 5:00 pm, meeting point TBA Members 5£, non-members 10£



The Mini is a cult car that is manufactured at the Oxford Cowley plant, now owned by the German carmaker BMW. Oxford has been an important centre of motor manufacturing since Morris Motors was established in the city

in 1910. During the tour, you will get to see how masterful design and engineering becomes a real-life MINI. Join us to see the other, industrial side of Oxford! Places are limited, so please sign up quickly (check newsletter).

#### Week 7 & 8

#### Scandinavian-German Dinner

Tue, Mar 4th, 7:00 pm, McKenna Room, Christ Church Price tha

Wine and Dine the European way. The OU Scandinavian Society and the OU German Society will be celebrating together - join us for a sumptuous dinner in the stylish surroundings of Christ Church Dining Hall. The Dinner is a great opportunity to get to know fellow ScanSoc members in an elegant atmosphere.



We will also be organising pre and/or post-drinks. Places are limited and the sign-up process will be announced in our Newsletter and Facebook group in the weeks to come. Note: *Dress code black tie*.

#### Society Exchange in Oxford

Sat, Mar 8th, time and venue TBC Members only, 12£



After our visit to Cambridge in 1st Week, it is now our turn to host the exchange with our friends from the Cambridge and London German Societies. We will show them around,

have a look at some of the original locations from the Harry Potter film series and enjoy formal dinner at St John's College to exchange some thoughts and make new friends. Places are limited & so make you sign up to our newsletter to receive more information.

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