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Winter Newsletter, Jan-Feb 2025

Dear Oxonians,

I trust that January started on an upbeat note despite the cold and I take this opportunity of wishing everyone:

A Prosperous and Happy New Year!

Let me go straight to forthcoming events as we have many of them and the first is just around the corner. Kindly note, that this is a shortened list of events. **You will find choice of menus and more details at the OUSL [Website](#) and on [linkedin](#)**

All the best, and on behalf of the organising committee,

Mette

Dr. Mette Maria Ahlefeldt-Laurvig (Oxon)
Chair, Oxford University Society of Luxembourg asbl

Forthcoming Events:

- **End-of-the-Month Social Drinks:** These will continue in 2025 together with the Cambridge Society on the last Thursday of the month. The first ones will be on Thursdays 30th January and 27 February at Beim Lentz.
- **14 January, 19h-21h: Literary Event** at the Café des Capucins, 1 Rue Beaumont, 1219 Ville-Haute: Our member, James Leader (Wadham, 1983), will be discussing his new novel 'Into Babel', which is **#1** on the Ernster bestseller list. No fee, but places are restricted, so please sign up with James Leader: jmsleader@yahoo.co.uk.
- **15 January, 19h: Charity Concert** at the Niederaanven Cultural Centre, 145 route de Treves, L-6940: The concert which features professional musicians is organised by our member Peter Carter and his wife, Berverly. Suggested donation pr/person: €45 (including drinks and nibbles). To register please mail Berverly: beverlycarterhaworth@gmail.com.
- **1 February: Recital at 16h30, followed by dinner at 18h30:** Concert-dinner at Cercle Münster with Alexander Gebhard. Alexander (tenor) and Grégoire Baumberger (piano) will perform Schubert's 'Winterreise'. The recital is followed by cocktail and dinner at €100/person. Alexander is an alumnus of both Oxford *and* Cambridge and this is a joint event. Sign-up is directly with Cercle Münster: reservation@munster.lu. Kindly cc events@oxford.lu and secretary@cambridgesociety.lu

And from our sister organisation in Düsseldorf:

- **21 February:** We are invited to join the New Year's dinner-talk at the Oxbridge Society of Rhineland in Düsseldorf. Speaker is Dr. Dennis Lehmkuhl (Oriel, Oxford, 2005), Department of Philosophy, University at Bonn, whose topic will be **'Einstein's first visit to Oxford and how it convinced him that the universe is expanding.'** Tickets for talk, aperitif and three-course dinner with wine are €75/pp. Sign-up is with the organiser: Markus Brandstetter: Markus.Brandstetter@oxbridge.de For further info, see invitation sent to OUSL members by email (events@events.lu) 25 November 2024.

And finally, a few tasters of lovely events in Spring/Summer:

- **March 2025 (date tbc, possibly Tuesday 18/3 or Tuesday 25/3): Dinner-talk with Oxford alumni, Jens Tholstrup (MSc, Economic History 2012-2013, and a MA, PPE, 1973-1976, both Oxford).** the topic will be: **'The Hanseatic League and its Legacy':** On the powerful medieval trading association in the Baltic and North Sea, that operated for close to 500 years, and its lasting influence on Europe.
Jens Tholstrup is Executive Chairman of OION (Oxford Investment Opportunity Network); Senior Adviser of PMB Capital and Oxford Economics; Trustee of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), Governor of St Clare's Oxford, NED Advanced Oxford and Venturefest Oxford.
- **April (date tbc, possibly Saturday, 12 April): visit to Villeroy & Boch in Mettlach,** followed by lunch at Schloß Saareck, less than an hours drive from Luxembourg city centre. This will be a family event and children are welcome. Organised by Jan Könighaus.

*And do **SAVE THE DATE** for:*

- **19 JUNE: Annual Tripartite Black-Tie Gala Dinner**
This year, Oxford is arranging the glorious event which will take place at the newly revamped restaurant of the Golf-Club Grand-Ducal. Let us hope for a warm summer's evening, in which case we shall be able to enjoy both cocktail and dinner on the terrace.

