

Newsletter

Spring edition



Dear Oxonians,

I hardly know where to start this time as so many lovely events are in the pipeline — so let us get straight to it.

Our next Oxbridge Drinks at La Réserve are on **12 March** and do save the date for the April meet-up on **30 April**. These are relaxed evenings of chatting and mingling: if you're short on time, pop in for a quick drink; if not, stay for an hour or two.

Next, we have this year's OUSL New Members Welcome Drink at Atmos Bar on **24 March**. This was such a success last year that it has become a staple in the OUSL calendar. 'Old' members are welcome too!

Come **4 April**, it's that time of year again, yes – it's the Boat Races! And may 2026 be the year where the Dark Blue (finally) have it!

Later, for Saturday **18 April**, we are still in the planning stage of a visit to the Menster Brill Nature Reserve for a 'Birds and Buffalo' morning followed by coffee and croissants at Louise Benjamin's nearby home.

On **20 April** we have a guided tour of the European Court of Justice, followed by a short Talk and Q&A, then rounded off with delicious lunch at the executive restaurant with Judge Tichy Fisslberger.

If we take a sneak peak into May, make a tick in your calendar for **the 6 May** when we are honoured to be visited by Oxonian and Professor of Ancient History Alan Bowman who will speak on his deciphering of Roman tablets found in Britain, which illuminate the life of soldiers and their families far way from Rome.

Finally, let us remind you that **on 19 May** we will have our AGM and that is the chance to join the OUSL Committee. We have a few vacancies, so if you would like to join the 'machine room' and help shape the future of our society – either with a special skill, or as an 'allrounder' – now is the time. Just drop us a line to hear more (events@oxford.lu).

With best wishes,

Mette Ahlefeldt-Laurvig (Chair)

Upcoming events



12 March 2026: Oxbridge Drinks at La Reserve!

We will meet again for our monthly drink with 'the other place'. These evenings are totally informal and a great way to enjoy a chat over a drink – or even with a small meal on the side.

More information [here](#)

RSVP: norry.welch@cambridgesociety.lu
and chair@oxford.lu



24 March: New Members Welcome Drink

We follow up on last year's success of introducing a New Members' Drink. We meet at the 1st. floor of Atmos Bar, to enjoy a glass of wine and some amuses bouches. This convivial setting will be ideal for old and new members to mingle and to get to know each other.

More info and RSVP details: [here](#)



4 April: Boat races

Once again we are in the fortunate position to be invited to watch the Boat Races together with Camsoc in front of the multiplex home cinema at the home of Laurent and Cathy Frideres. Cathy and Laurent will welcome people from 14:30.

The television coverage, this year on Channel 4, will start at 14:30 CET with the first Race, the 80th Women's Race scheduled to start at 15:21. for those who do not wish to miss the pre-race action!

More information and RSVP details: [here](#)

18 April: Birds and Buffalos



Louise Benjamin (Cambridge) and Philip Birget (Oxford) have teamed up to make us a great outdoor day in the Menser Brill Nature Reserve. We will meet in the morning beginning with **bird ringing**, where we will have the chance to observe at close quarters the careful work of monitoring and recording local birdlife. Afterwards we will make our way to the nearby **buffalo hide** to see whether the herd is in residence which is always a memorable sight.

More to follow, the event is being [finalised](#)



Photo: Cédric Puisney, Brussels

20 April 2026, 10am: Guided Tour & Talk of the European Court of Justice

You are cordially invited to a visit to the European Court of Justice (ECJ) in Luxembourg on Monday, 20 April, at 10:00 a.m. – a regular working day, we know, but this is because the ECJ only offers a visitor service at such times.

More information and RSVP details: [here](#)



30 April 2026, 19h: Oxbridge Drinks at La Reserve!

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6 May 2026: Prof Alan Bowman: Voices of Roman Britain

We will be treated to the magic of the story of how Prof Bowman enlisted medical imaging facilities of the Oxford University medical faculty to help in the task of deciphering the tablets – and they succeeded!

More info and RSVP details: [here](#)



19 May 2026: our AGM

Our AGM will be held at the home of our member Francis Carpenter and his wife Sylvie. All members are welcome. More information to follow



28 May 2026: Concert with Duo Avdieieva (violin & piano) at Pianos Kelly, in aid of Ukraine

The Ukrainian violinist Evgenia Avdieieva and pianist Katerina Avdieieva will offer us an hour's [programme](#) of violin virtuoso pieces. And if we are fortunate enough, the music will probably be followed by a glass of crémant kindly offered by Pianos Kelly.

SAVE THE DATES

- **4 June:** Tripartite Gala Dinner at Belenhaff Golf de Luxembourg Junglingster, Theme: The Great Gatsby. This year, Cambridge will host.
- **September** (19 Sep was changed, new date to follow): Dinner-concert with Duo Natalia at Cercle Münster, followed by dinner.
- **3 December:** 2026 OUSL Annual Christmas Gala Dinner – block that date in your calendar.