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OUSL Autumn Newsletter 2026

Dear Oxonians,

Hello again Oxonians and apologies for this second edition – now with confirmed date for November Oxbridge Drinks (20 Nov) and other small updates – after yesterday's send-off.

I am delighted to give you an overview of our fun and varied Autumn/Winter events – whether for OUSL only, joint events, or third party invitations. As to the latter, we just had an invitation from BLS for their annual Sir Winston Churchill Memorial Lecture on 29 October with deadline in a few days so do sign up if interested (see below).

But the *incontournable* of this final quarter of the year is, of course, our very own Christmas Gala Dinner on Thursday 3 December 2026 with H.E. Joanne Olivier, the British Ambassador to Luxembourg as guest of honour – *and* our guest speaker. So time to sign up Ladies and Gentlemen (do scroll to link)!

And there is more in store so please scroll down to see it all and click the links to sign up.

- **Please allow me start the programme for our last Trimester with my thanks to the Committee for yesterday's (20 Oct) hugely interesting and enriching visit to the Luxembourg Parliament:**
  Our group comprised of new and existing members and some cherished +1s. After the tour – with lots of Q&A's as we went along – we had a super cozy meal at the *Bistrot de la Presse*. A jewel of an event!
  For more on this event click here.



AND NOW FOR THE EVENTS TO COME OCTOBER-DECEMBER:

- **Thursday 22 October from 19h**
  October Oxbridge Drinks, at the 'SixSeven' – the rooftop bar on top of Galleries Lafayettes. Many have signed up, but there is always room for more. Please email Camsoc's Laura Rehlis, with cc to chair@oxford.lu if you wish to join.
  - **Venue**: the Rooftop bar/Restaurant 'SixSeven', on 103 Grand Rue (Galleries

Lafayette's) in central Luxembourg.
- For more **info**, click here.



- **Thursday 29 October 2026, at 18h30:**

*JUST IN: **Book now** with BLS as deadline this week!*

Sir Winston Churchill Memorial Lecture: We are pleased to share an invitation from the British-Luxembourg Society (BLS) to its annual **Sir** Winston Churchill Memorial Lecture, at the Hémicycle in Kirchberg.
This year's lecture will be delivered by **Baroness Catherine Ashton**, the European Union's first High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and will address matters of both historical and contemporary significance.
- the lecture will be followed by a **reception** from 20h-21h.
- **Registration:** Please register **directly** with the BLS organisers by 22 Oct., by emailing:
Fiona Urquhart and Michael-James Clifton
For security purposes, please provide the **names and email addresses of all attendees**, and indicate whether you intend to join the **post-lecture reception, from 20:00 to 21:00**.
- For more info please click here.



- **29-30 October 2026 (Thursday-Friday):**
  The Annual Student Fair. This year, the annual Student Fair has returned to Luxembourg City and will take place at the 'Coque National Sports and Culture Centre' in Kirchberg.
  - The Annual Student Fair is an important part of our **Outreach work** and forms part of our continued efforts to support Oxford University, strengthening our links with education in Luxembourg.
  - **Thank you** to **members of the OUSL Committee** as well as to **volunteers from among our members** for kindly taking turns to man the Oxford stand over two full working days.
  - For more **info**, click here.



- 20 November - note that, unusually, it will be held on a Friday
  November Oxbridge Drinks:
  The November Drinks are always the last 'ordinary' Oxbridge Drinks of the year, as the December Drinks are replaced with visit to the Christmas Market (see below). As from January, it will be Oxford's turn to arrange the Oxbridge Drinks.
  - **Venue:** We await the decision from Camsoc.

  Please email Camsoc's Laura Rehlis for any further info and sign-up.



- **Thursday 3 December 2026:**
  The Annual Christmas Black-Tie Gala Dinner:
  We are absolutely delighted to invite you to our **third OUSL Christmas Gala Dinner** in the cozy and Christmassy setting of Cercle Münster with H.E. Joanne Olivier, the British Ambassador to Luxembourg as our guest speaker and guest of honour.





- We have a **cornucopia** of delights in the offing: Crémant and *feuilletés*, followed by a delicious three-course dinner with Cercle's excellent wines (or soft drinks if preferred) & coffee, music, Christmas carols and, yes, a little

surprise!
- *And to cap it all,* we are honoured and delighted that H.E. **Ambassador Joanne Olivier,** the British Ambassador to Luxembourg, will make a short speech during dinner.
- Tickets:
€120 per person incl. wine; €110 no alcohol; €65 students.
- Sign-up: please write to chair@oxford.lu with cc to David Eatough.
- For ***much more info***, please click **here.**

Saturday 12 December 2026:
The Annual Oxbridge Visit to the Christmas Market
It is tradition, that Oxbridge members meet for this fun and informal afternoon (friends/partners welcome) in December to share a drink or a cup of tea at some nice place in mid-town. Then, we all head off to the Christmas Market by the Gëlle Fra to soak up the Christmas spirit.

This year, Camsoc is arranging the visit to the Christmas Market. Details will be finalised closer to the event. Sign-up will be with Camsoc with cc **chair@oxford.lu.**

More info to come, but do consult our Website by clicking **here.**



With best wishes on behalf of the OUSL Committee,

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President of OUSL

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