



Dear Members

The seminar at the Embassy in Helsinki turned out to be an interesting one. The speakers made it quite clear that England would not mind if Scotland declared its independence but Scotland prefers to stay in the union. The bottom line is of course money. You will be able to find out for yourselves what the speakers really said in the magazine that will come out at the end of the month.

In the magazine you will also find an article on the tour the Federation organized to Ireland in June. There were three of us from Kuopio and we thoroughly enjoyed our stay in Kinsale. Next summer we will have another opportunity to visit Britain on a tour to the Lake District organized by the Federation. Mr and Mrs Tuckett, who have seen to the programme, know the area like the back of their hands. The Lake District is a very popular resort also among the Brits and thus half of the rooms at the hotel we will be staying are already reserved. Thus if you would like to join the tour, please get in touch with Mrs Tuckett by sending an email to the address tarja.teittotuckett@saunalahti.fi and paying 30 euros on the Federation's account 313130-111470 as soon as possible. Those who have not given us their email address will find more information about the tour attached to this letter.

What is on in Kuopio

Drama event, a visit by the Covenant Players drama group, on Tuesday, 21 October, starting at 6.30pm at the Cathedral Parish Hall at Suokatu 22. Guy Fawkes Night on Saturday, 8 November, starting at 4 pm. at Peter and Pirkko Hill's at Paasisalo in Vuorela, where Guy Fawkes' effigy can be burnt. To know how many people to cater for, and what kind of transportation provide, please call the chair or send an email by Wednesday, the 5th. However, if you want to go there on your own, just follow the instructions: drive to Vuorela ramp and turn left, follow the road to your right to Simpantie, turn left. Drive on until you see the sign to Paasisalo. At about 3,5 km turn left to Paasirotkontie, after about 400 meters on the right there is a sign "47,49, Sirkka". The first house on your right is that of the Hill's. 60th Anniversary of Mikkeli Finnish British Society ry will be celebrated in Mikkeli on Saturday, 21 November,



starting at 5 pm. If you would like to join in the celebration, please let the chair know by Monday, 17th.

Debating Competition Semifinals for the sixth form students will take place at Kallaveden Lukio, Maaherrankatu 2, on Saturday, 15 November, at 10am. Do come and listen to the young people defending their views on various topics.

Traditional Christmas Lunch at Isä Camillo Restaurant on Saturday, 13 December, starting at 12.

Mrs Kristiina Bailey has seen to it that the restaurant will again provide us with the traditional Christmas three-course meal. The price is 29 euros, children half price, drinks excluded. To reserve give Kristiina a call, 040-7020523, or send her an email to the address krisba64@yahoo.co.uk by November 28th.

Carol Service, will be held at the Old Männistö Church on Thursday, 18 December, at 7pm. At the moment we are not sure if Revd. Ruper Moreton will be able to attend but we will keep our fingers crossed. The other Church Services in English will be held on Sundays, 26 October and 23 November, at 2pm at the Cathedral Chapel. The entrance either through the Cathedral or the vestry door on the Vuorikatu side.

For further information you can contact Mr John Mills on his home number 262 0603 or mobile 040-5131086 or by email: john.mills@dnainternet.net

Language studies

To improve or just to brush up your language skills, you can turn to our freelance teacher Bill Ansell by giving him a call, 045-1307282, or by email: william.amsell@dnainternet.net

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As you may have noticed, the music man from Manchester, could not make it to Finland this autumn. We look forward to seeing him in Kuopio in winter. We can also look forward to another visit by Nick Hennessey, whose Kalevala performance was greatly enjoyed last



spring. Mrs Heli Preston's talk about her home island, Jersey, is also on the agenda.

It has been a very beautiful autumn after such a wet summer. Now that nearly all the leaves are gone, it is time to turn the mind to other delightful matters. So do come along and join the events we have organized for you this autumn.

Best wishes

Tuula Laine