

Thursday 28th February

**Guided Tour for Rhodes Scholars to
House of Lords and House of Commons**
(for Membership information only)

Monday 11th March, 3.00 – 4.30 pm

Afternoon Tea

Guest speaker: Josh Carpenter, Rhodes Scholar

“What being a Rhodes Scholar means for me”

Josh is from Alabama, USA, where he taught English & Drama in impoverished rural areas in that State after his first degree. At Oxford he is reading for an MSc in Comparative Social Policy and is aiming for a D.Phil in Politics. He served as a White House intern in 2011 in the Office of Presidential Correspondence.

Venue:

**Rhodes House, South Parks Road, City Centre,
Oxford OX1 3RG**

Tickets: £15

Saturday 16th March, 1.00 pm onwards

**Schools’ Public Speaking Competition,
Midlands Regional Final**

Sandwich lunch served beforehand

Venue:

**Banqueting Suite,
Birmingham Council Chambers**

Admission free

Saturday 27th April, 11.30 am onwards

**Schools’ Public Speaking Competition,
National Final in London**

Sandwich lunch provided

Venue:

**Details from Dartmouth House
0207 529 1550**

Admission free

Tuesday 7th May, 12.45 for 1.00 pm

Ploughman’s Lunch

Guest speaker: Renata Calverley

**“Childhood escapes from Poland to life
in England”**

Renata will be speaking to us three weeks after her book launch in which she describes her remarkable escapes from the Nazi invasion of wartime Poland through to her life in England.

Venue:

**Priory Room, Christ Church Cathedral
St. Aldates, Oxford OX1 1DP**

Tickets: £15

Saturday 15th June, 4.00 – 5.30 pm

**Cream Tea followed by a guided tour around
Woodleys and its beautiful gardens, led by
Sir Charles & Lady Ponsonby**

Venue:

Woodleys, Woodstock, Oxon, OX20 1HY

Tickets: £15

Thursday 11th July, 6.30 to 7.30 pm

Annual General Meeting

Venue:

The Mill House, Steventon, Oxon, OX13 6SP

Admission free – All members

Friday 4th October, 7.00 for 7.30 pm

**Annual Black-Tie Dinner
A uniquely prestigious occasion**

**Guest speaker: Prof. Sir Drummond Bone,
Master of Balliol College**

Venue:

**Fellows’ Dining Room, Balliol College,
Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3BJ**

Tickets: £49 (includes a pre-dinner glass of wine)

Tuesday 22nd October, 5.30 – 7.00 pm

Reception for the new Rhodes Scholars

Venue:

**Champneys Room, Oriel College, Oriel Square,
Oxford OX1 4EW**

Tickets: £10

Sunday 24th November, 12.00 for 12.30 pm

Thanksgiving Day Lunch

**Guest speaker: Prof. Richard Carwardine,
President Corpus Christi College, Oxford**

**“In God we trust: Religion in the
United States of America”**

Venue:

**Kennington Suite, Oxford Thames Four Pillars
Hotel, Henley Road, Sandford-on-Thames,
Oxon, OX4 4GX**

Tickets: £39

Wednesday 27th November, 5.30 for 6.00 pm

**Schools’ Public Speaking Competition,
Oxfordshire Branch Final**

Venue:

**St. Edward’s School, Woodstock Road,
Oxford OX2 7NN**

Admission free

*If you are interested in attending one of our
Events, please contact our Ticket Secretary.*

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Warden of Rhodes House

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Larry Holt-Kentwell
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Rodney Buckton
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All Oxfordshire event enquiries to:

Ticket Secretary, Cynthia Styles.

Early booking with a cheque for all events would be much appreciated.

Please make cheques payable to:
ESU Oxfordshire Branch

Members are invited to attend any UK or International ESU Branch events (details on www.esu.org).

Guests and new members are welcomed.

Membership forms may be obtained from the Branch Secretary.

All proceeds raised from events organised by the Branch go directly towards the educational and other support activities of the ESU.

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2013 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Aims of the English-Speaking Union

An increasing number of people worldwide are turning to English as the global language. With millions eager to use it to widen the personal opportunities in their lives, the English-Speaking Union exists to help promote international understanding and human achievement. In Oxfordshire we aim to do this through:

- **Educational support** for students, including financial grants.
- **Promoting and running** public speaking competitions as part of the overall ESU activities.
- **Enjoyable programmes of events** such as talks on current affairs, general interest topics, public speaking competitions and social functions.
- **Welcome and hospitality** to overseas visitors.

At the heart of the English-Speaking Union is the role of English in public speaking, discussion and debate. This is reflected in our current programme.

The ESU is an educational charity, relying financially on the fund raising activities of its branches and the generosity of its members and corporate sponsors.

Donations to support our work are always welcome.

Headquarters - Dartmouth House, 37 Charles Street, Mayfair, London W1J 5ED, Tel: 0207 529 1550 - an attractive central location where members may enjoy all the facilities (restaurant, bar, library, reading/rest room and meetings rooms).