



BRITISH-UZBEK SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the July newsletter of the British Uzbek Society. The BUS website is unfortunately still offline, so please follow us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for updates whilst we prepare the new site. You can also find out below what the society has been doing and has planned, as well as other relevant news about Uzbekistan.

UPCOMING EVENTS



On 28 July BUS is excited to be hosting award-winning food writer **Lilian Cordell** for a celebration of **Bukharan cuisine**. During the evening Lilian will demonstrate how to prepare her delicious vegan plov, talk about her Bukharan heritage and what inspired her to write **[Miriam's Table: The Bukharian Cookbook](#)**, and also give you the chance to taste her wonderful food. BUS members will be able to buy signed copies of ***Miriam's Table***, the perfect way to remember the evening and help you recreate Bukharian dishes at home.

This event will take place at the Embassy of Uzbekistan (41 Holland Park) and will start at 6.30 pm. Please RSVP to **BUS_events@outlook.com** by 22 July so Lilian knows how much food to prepare.

RECENT EVENTS

BUS' June event focused on the **Uzbek dance tradition of Lazgi**. We hosted four expert speakers at the Embassy of Uzbekistan, **Professor Ann R. David**, **Rosa Vercoe**, **Eva Skalla**, and **Dr Fariborz Kiannejad**. They were joined by a lovely, inquisitive audience with an interest in dance and performing arts.

His Excellency Said Rustamov, Ambassador of Uzbekistan in the United Kingdom, began the evening by extending a warm welcome to all our attendees. We then heard about the versatile styles of Uzbek dance, the origins and history of Lazgi, the body movements which are typical of this dance style, and the **Ustoz-Shogird** teaching method. The speakers also shared their impressions, images and photos of **Khiva and the Lazgi Festival**. In addition, **Fariborz** and **Eva** shared some fascinating images and videos taken at the **Boysun Festival in Surkhandarya**.





MEMBERS' NEWS

A number of BUS members, including **Andrew Staniland**, **Kamola Makhmudova**, **Megan Eaves**, and **Sophie Ibbotson**, will be speaking at the [Silk Road Literary Festival](#), which will take place from 17-21 September 2022 in Tashkent and Bukhara. The festival website is now live, and many of the events have already been uploaded to the calendar. The workshop programme and event registration will be available shortly. You will be able to watch the festival's talks online if you cannot attend in person.

We told you in our June newsletter about Scala Publishers' launch of [The Story of Babur: Prince, Emperor, Sage](#), an illustrated children's edition of the *Baburnama*. **Scala** has kindly given BUS members a 25% discount code for the book: the code is BABUR25. To take advantage of this offer you need to order the book directly from the distributor, not from Amazon or other outlets. You can email your order to uksales@accartbooks.com or call +44 (0)1394 389950.

RECENT ARTICLES ABOUT UZBEKISTAN

Photojournalist **Anzor Bukharsky** produced a beautiful story about [Namangan Flower Festival](#) for RFE/RL, which the website described as "one of Uzbekistan's most charming yet least-known cultural events."

Eureporter published an article about [Uzbekistan's chairmanship of the SCO](#), and in particular its relevance for tourism and culture.

EVENTS IN UZBEKISTAN

On 22 July the long-awaited opening of the **Silk Road Samarkand** will take place. Built around the rowing canal, the development includes eight four- and five-star hotels, restaurants and shops, conference and event facilities, and the Eternal City historical complex, all powered by solar energy. The SCO Summit will be hosted here in September 2022, followed by the UNWTO General Assembly in November 2023.




ABOUT THE BRITISH UZBEK SOCIETY

The British Uzbek Society (BUS) is an independent, non-political organisation. It was formally established in July 2002 with the aim of supporting and helping to facilitate cultural, educational and people-to-people links between the United Kingdom and Uzbekistan. The Society organises a monthly programme of events including lectures, forums, and cultural activities. BUS membership is open to all and the cost for an individual member is £50 per year. Students benefit from a specific discount and pay just £25. Please send all membership queries to BUSmembership@gmail.com. More information about events is available from BUS_events@outlook.com.

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