



BRITISH-UZBEK SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the August newsletter of the British Uzbek Society. We will be taking a break over the summer, but want to update you beforehand with the latest news about Uzbekistan. The new BUS website is under construction and will be launched later in the year. In the meantime please follow us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our **Bukharian** food event on 28 July with food writer **Lilian Cordell** has unfortunately been postponed. It will now take place at 6.30pm on 3 November, and will be preceded by the BUS AGM. The venue is Dentons, 1 Fleet Street

The Silk Road literary Festival which was scheduled to take place as a physical event in Tashkent and Bukhara from 17-21 September will now take place online. The revised programme will be published shortly.

The Conservative Friends of Eurasia, which includes a number of BUS members, is hosting a Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea at the House of Lords on 8 September at 3.30pm. Tickets cost £55 and must be booked and paid for in advance. For more information or to book, please email office@cfeurasia.com.

RECENT ARTICLES ABOUT UZBEKISTAN

TIME magazine has published its list of the **World's Greatest Places 2022**. Excitingly, journalist **Michelle Tchea** included the Historic Silk Road Sites of Uzbekistan!

flydubai will start flights from Dubai to Samarkand in September. British aviation website [Simple Flying](#) has a detailed article about the new route, Samarkand's new international airport terminal, and the attractions which Samarkand has to offer tourists.

Islamic art and cultural heritage website [Bayt al Fann](#) interviewed needlework artist **Natalie Fisher** her work, much of which is inspired by the tiles of Samarkand.

[British Muslim](#) magazine highlighted the tourism attractions of Uzbekistan. Pilgrimage tourism and Halal travel are increasingly important tourism segments for Uzbekistan.

[Nikkei Asia](#) wrote about Uzbekistan's race to protect its Silk Road legacy. The article focuses on the vulnerability of archaeological sites.

TIME

World's Greatest Places 2022

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EVENTS IN UZBEKISTAN

Looking ahead to September, the annual summit of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation** (SCO) Heads of State Council will be hosted in Samarkand on 15 and 16 September. The venue is the brand new Silk Road Samarkand complex, which includes eight 4* and 5* hotels. The leaders of all eight SCO member states have confirmed their attendance.




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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