

# **Introduction to Csatalja/Csátalja**

## **Website of the village**

### **1. Overview from past to present days**

Csatalja is a small village with great history. It's located to south 25 km from Baja and the population is 1541 people. Multi-ethnic village. Live here together Germans with szekler and upland population. The streets are spacious and the stand alone beautiful park amazes all visitors.

We can first meet with name of Csatalja in the tithe register of Back-Bodrog County at 1543. The village, as the nearby settlements, was deserted during the Turkish occupation.

At the 18th century an organised settling has begun. Catholic German settlers arrived in three waves. The population worked on the fields, and raised animals, and the countrysiede was infested by huge grapes plantations. Csatalja becomes one of the reachest village to the early 20th century. In 1946-47 about 2200 persons need to left the village. They went to West Germany. In 1946 180 szekler families from Bukovina had arrived but came persons from Upland and South Backa to our village.

Detailed history of the village can be found in „The Csátalja our village” in the monograph, which was written by Dr. Ferenc Vágvolgyi . Lively cultural life is going in the village. Plays a key role the preservatin of traditons and care. Our civilsociety organizations have an active social life.

### **2. The most important tourist attractions:**

The Roman Catholic Church and primary school which on his frontwall found fresco, painted Alexander Éber.

In our beautiful park are set wooden headboards, the szekler gate at the entrance and the Memorial of Trianon, which have become tourist attraction.

In our cemetery is the Grove of Heroes, which the local government renovated in 2009. This is also recommended for the attention of visitors.

In one of the oldest buildings of the settlement were placed the Library and the traditionalist (szekler and german room, school museum).

The cultur house was renovated in the past years. The interior and the exterior of the building has been changed. Covered terrace was built.

### **3. Recurring events:**

We commemorate every year the anniversary of the Treaty of Trianon on June 4 th.

May Day: on May 1th

Carp-cup: fish cooking competition (around the 20<sup>th</sup> of August on the ocaasion foundation of the state).

We organize the village day at first week of September each year.

Successful businesses operate in the village: the Bridge Console Ltd. Granite Ltd. and Pannon Ltd. and three wineries.