



Newsletter for the Ukrainian Community in Edinburgh & Scotland



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Some of the guests in the garden at the summer barbecue

Over 120 attend Summer Barbeque

This June's Ukrainian 'Vyshyvanka' (Barbeque) at Royal Terrace did not disappoint. With over 120 attending, this was a well-earned shot in the arm for the clubs finances. There were bars on two levels of the club with Tombola prizes and many generous donations from the community. The garden event was blessed with sunshine for the most part with many

volunteers attending to the guests. The Gazebo, generously loaned by the Iluks from Dundee, set the scene and protected the carefully prepared food from our very own chef Paul Muzyka. Hopefully this has set a precedent for more future garden events on this scale. Many thanks to the volunteers at the bar and stalls who helped and contributed to the smooth running of the day. The photos and family memorabilia set up in the main hall certainly engaged everyone and helped our 'new' visitors feel at home. I'm sure we will all want to build on this very successful day with the view to a positive future for our club.

Your Club Needs You !

Those of you who are familiar with our club in Royal Terrace will know that the building is showing its age and is in need of some vital investment. It's been nearly half a century since any works have taken place and to comply with current regulations, plus health and safety laws, urgent upgrading to the building is required.

Some of this work is currently underway dealing with the rising and penetrating damp plus upgrading the electrics to current standards. Other works required include: renewing the central heating, fire alarm system and dealing with damp rot. All of this work needs to be done before we can start on re-decoration. This will obviously take a large financial investment.

Apart from your continued attendance and fantastic support at recent events, which have raised some much-needed funds, much more is required. There are several ways you can assist to maintain our club for many years to come: 1. Your continued support at future events. 2. Joining the AUGB Edinburgh Branch and having your say in the future direction of the club. 3. Signing up to a small monthly standing order (mandate form attached) to the club, which will assist in forward budget planning for the proposed works.

If you can assist in any way possible it will of course be gratefully appreciated. If you require any further details of how you can help please feel free to contact any member of the committee.

Holodomor Commemoration



Father Lyubomir gives his blessing in the presence of the Lord Provost of Edinburgh



Some of the guests at the Holodomor Commemoration Event in the City Chambers

The Lord Provost of Edinburgh hosted the Holodomor Commemoration Torch ceremony on Wednesday 2nd July in the grand and appropriately named European room at Edinburgh City Chambers. Among the Scottish Ukrainian Community was Cardinal Keith O'Brien, Bohdan Yaremenko the Consul General of Ukraine in Edinburgh, several Edinburgh City Councillors plus guests from the world of music, art and business.

The Ceremony begun with Cllr Stefan Tymkewycz, Chairman of AUGB Edinburgh, receiving the Torch, on behalf of the Ukrainian Community in Scotland, from Bohdan Ratycz Chairman of the UK Torch Committee. There followed a blessing by Father Lyubomir and then some moving speeches from the Lord Provost, Cardinal O'Brien, the Consul General, and Askold Lozynski, President of Ukrainian World Congress.

After the formal proceedings and speeches were concluded the audience was then privileged to watch the first public viewing of the film 'Holodomor - Portrait of Evil', which featured the dramatic and moving piano recital composed and performed by Dmytro Morykit.

Forthcoming Events at Royal Terrace

Ukrainian Community Conference – 14th September at 2pm (*everyone with an interest in the future of our club is invited to attend, including 1st, 2nd & 3rd generation Ukrainians, plus 'new' Ukrainians to Scotland and members of the Friends of Ukraine*)

Fish Supper Night with live music – Saturday 27th September at 7pm (tickets £5)

Halloween/Fireworks Night – Saturday 1st November at 6pm (fireworks at approx 8pm)

St Nicolas Day – Sunday 21st December (childrens party starts at 3pm)

Ukrainian Christmas – Wednesday 7th January 2009

Ukrainian Malenka - Saturday 17th January 2009 (Note: this event may be held at an alternative venue due to the expected numbers attending).

For more information of any of the above events please feel free to contact any member of the committee.

Ukrainian Community Conference

On Sunday the 14th September at 2pm we are hosting a conference for all members of the Ukrainian Community in Edinburgh & Scotland. This conference is intended to bring together all the various groups of Ukrainians in Scotland, including the 1st generation and founders of the Association. The sons & daughters (and their families) of the founders, and now the 3rd generation of Ukrainians. 'New' Ukrainians to Scotland and members of the Friends of Ukraine (Scotland Foundation), plus representatives from the Ukrainian Consul in Edinburgh.

The purpose of the conference is to listen to the interests of the whole community and to discover how the club could best cater for each group so that we can all benefit from the fantastic facility we have at Royal Terrace and to ensure its viability for many years to come. This is an open invite and all members of the community are encouraged to attend.

Friends of Ukraine help children in Ukraine



Beginning last summer in a Childrens home in Vorzel in the Kiev region with 100 very young children many of them suffering from Downs syndrome the project has, over the last year, expanded rapidly to embrace in total 6 orphanages in Kiev, Dnipropetrovsk in the east,

Sumy in the north and Volyn in the west. The Project is by Professor Robert Brown a member of the Friends of Ukraine.

Initially the aim was to ensure that the children did not miss out on their childhood by providing entertainments that the state budget does not allow for such as pony rides, visits to MacDonalds, the circus, the cinema and so on.

Increasingly, however, the project is providing more substantial help such as expensive medical equipment, operations for seriously ill children and educational assistance. For example

the project recently purchased a special £2,000 orthopaedic chair for little Taras from Sumy who is ten months old and has no arms or legs.



Little Taras in the hands of a nurse

The project was financed at the outset by Professor Brown himself and by a generous donation from some members of the Ukrainian Community in Scotland. As the project has expanded both in terms of the numbers of orphanages supported and the scale of the help provided the need to find other more substantial and regular sources of funding has also grown.

If you feel you can help or would like to contribute please contact Professor Brown on 01786 462211; mobile 07887568779; e-mail rmgb@btinternet.com

Email Addresses

If you have an email address and have not yet received any emails from our Chairman Stefan Tymkewycz please forward your email address to; stef.tymkewycz@snp.org

This is so we can keep you informed of what's happening in our community in future by email and save a little bit of our finances when sending out your quarterly Ukrainian Community newsletter.

Ukrainian Football Tournament – Players Needed !

For the last 2 years, an International Ukrainian Football Tournament (IUFT) took place between the Ukrainian Diaspora. The first one was held in Sydney and this year in Adelaide, both in Australia. This brought together Ukrainians from all over the world - USA, Canada, Australia, Ukraine and of course UK and Scotland.

It's been a great way of meeting new friends and extending the Ukrainian networking all over the world. Next years tournament will be held in Nottingham, England from the 17th May 2009 - 24th May 2009.

If there are any potential players who can play football and have any Ukrainian connection please get in touch with Alex Demianczuk so we can start by entering a team in the tournament.

Further information is that the cost will be £300 per person and will include tournament entry (including welcome pack) along with a weeks accommodation in a Nottingham city centre hotel. Additional costs will include transport down and a team kit.

The participation in the tournament in the past has all been self-funded, and partly through fund raising events with the exception of gaining a little sponsorship. If you are interested and wish further details please contact Alex Demianczuk at; alexdemianczuk@btinternet.com

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