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SRF NEWS

Advance planning

We are planning a Christmas party for members and others in mid-December and will hold our AGM in mid-January (when you've sobered up). More details on both events will follow - but if you would like to help with the party (food? music? washing up? ideas?) please contact us without delay - email Jenny on info@scotlandrussiaforum.org. Thank you!

Please help us

- Is there an **HTML coder** among the readership of this bulletin? If so I'd be very grateful for help with a cool new idea for our [children's website](#). I don't think it would be too complicated (though I haven't really got a clue of course) and would love to talk it over with someone knowledgeable.
- I could also do with some guidance on setting up **Google Analytics** properly
- Any volunteers to help **edit our next magazine**? Please don't hesitate to contact us if you'd like to explore this. I'd also be

delighted to receive ideas for content, incl books for review (even if you don't want to get involved in editing).

- And, as always, we'd be happy to receive **ideas for events** (preferably attached to an offer to organise), and for regular, reliable and computer-literate **office support**.

Membership of the SRF

Most of our members have now paid their subscription for 2016-17 (year started 1 Sept) and we are delighted to welcome several new members, including this year's students of our Russian classes.

A small number of last year's members will be receiving a reminder soon!

And if you have not been a member, but enjoy these bulletins and would like to support the SRF, please think about joining. Contact info@scotlandrussiaforum.org (or look at www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/about.html and other parts of our website) for more information about what we try to do.

New website

What do you think of it? How can we improve it? Did you spot any broken links? www.scotlandrussiaforum.org.



A listing of events from or about Russia and her neighbours.

Please check www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/whatson.html in between these bulletins for changes - the listings are updated all the time.

Scotland

Church services: [details](#) of Orthodox and Ukrainian services in Scotland

26 March - 31 October: [On the North Russian Front](#). Exhibition, Skail House, Orkney

19-29 October: [PILproject 2.0:Russia. Be blinded by an inner light](#). Exhibition, Dundee

21-23 October: [Moffat Russian Conference 2016](#). Poet i vlast' (Poets and Power). Moffat

24 October: [International workshop: Poetic strategies in times of](#)

[political repression](#). Edinburgh

25 October: [Stronger than Arms: Artistic expressions of the Maidan Revolution](#). St Andrews

26 October: [Ihor Poshyvailo - the Maidan Museum](#). AUGB, Edinburgh

6 Nov: [King Lear \(Korol Lir\) \(1971\)](#), dir Kozintsev. Dumfries

8 Nov: [Men and Steamships: Russian Literary Classics after the Revolution of 1917](#). St Andrews

10 November: [Boris Akunin videoconference](#). Glasgow

10 November: [New Art for a New World](#). Film. Scottish venue(s) tbc

11 November: [Heaven and Earth](#). Skotebi Georgian choir. Edinburgh

26 November: [Scotland vs Georgia rugby Autumn Tests](#). Kilmarnock

27 November: [Alexander Nevsky \(1938\)](#), dir Eisenstein. Dumfries

2017

22 January: [St Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra](#). Edinburgh

25 January: [Tatiana Tolstaya at the UofG](#). Glasgow

7 March: [Revolutionary rumblings in the letters of Welsh migrants to the Donbass: The Hughesovka story](#). St Andrews

4 April: [The Long Hangover: memory and revolution in Ukraine and Russia](#). St Andrews

18 April: [Andrei Kurkov in conversation](#). St Andrews

25 April: [Mediating "Civil Society" in the Belarusian Press: The Colour Revolutions](#). St Andrews

23 May: [Revolution on Display: 1917 at the British Library](#). St Andrews

outside Scotland

Various dates: [Pushkin House](#) events. London

Various dates: [Ukrainian events in London](#)

Various dates: [GB-Russia Society lectures](#). London

Various dates: [RBCC business networking events](#). London and Russia

Various dates: London organisations running lectures in Russian (mostly): [Arbuzz](#), [Open Russia Club](#) and [Pryamaya Rech](#). London

Various dates: [Dash Arts](#). London

16 Sept-18 Dec: [Yalta 1945](#) by Vitaly Komar and Alexander Melamid. Installation of 31 panels. Ben Uri Gallery, London

23 October: live musical performances of the children's television series '[Masha and the Bear](#)' in English and Russian. London

30 Nov-4 Dec: [Russian Film Week](#). London

6-10 Dec: [Eifman Ballet "Up and Down"](#). ENO, London

2017:

3-16 Feb: [Paintings from Soviet Russia 1950-1980](#). Highgate Gallery, London

11 Feb-17 April 2017: [Revolution: Russian Art 1917-32](#). Royal

Academy, London

8-9 April: [SCRSS Russian Language Seminar 2017](#) - for advanced students, teachers and professional linguists. London

10 Oct-4 Feb 2018: [Ilya and Emilia Kabakov](#). Tate Modern, London

8 Nov-18 Feb 2018: [Red Star Over Russia](#). Tate Modern, London



NOTICES

Don't miss ...

There's a lot going on at this time of year - please study the What's On listings above carefully. Scottish highlights in the near future include the annual 3 day [Moffat Conference](#) which starts TODAY (and associated event later at the [Dashkova Centre](#)), a [Georgian concert](#), news of the [Maidan Museum](#), videoconferences with [Boris Akunin](#) and [Vladimir Zhirinovsky](#) in Glasgow, the St Andrews "[Revolution](#)" lecture programme, [films](#) in Dumfries, [art](#) in Dundee, and your last chance to see an [exhibition](#) in Orkney.

Glasgow Uni Slavonic Studies is on Facebook

Eastern & Central European Languages (Glasgow Uni) have a new Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ECEC.SMLC.UoG/>.

Other Scottish/Russian/Ukrainian organisations on Facebook:

[Shotlandia](#), the [Russian Consulate General](#), the [Dashkova Centre](#), [Ukrainian Events in Edinburgh](#), [What Where When Edinburgh](#) - and (surely you know about this?) the [Scotland-Russia Forum](#).

Let me know what I've missed.

No truth in the Pravda stories?

After a number of recent press reports that Pravda.ru plans to set up shop in Edinburgh a BBC investigation (19 Oct www.bbc.co.uk) concludes that they are a hoax. Weird. Why did the hoaxers go to all that trouble?

Sharmanka at 20

No let up in the activities of Sharmanka as it celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. Following on from their very successful visit to China earlier this year they are now busy with exhibitions in Stornoway

(a de-constructed Hattersley Loom is dancing at An Lanntair Art Centre as part of the Harris Tweed Festival) and Alloway at Robert Burns Birthplace Museum (a new work based on Tam o' Shanter). Both events are free and they would love to see you there - or at their Glasgow home in Trongate. More information on www.sharmanka.com.

Sharmanka were featured on STV's "Live at Five" programme this week - listen again on <http://player.stv.tv> starting at 14.00mins.

News from Dnipro Kids

Parts 1 and 2 of their October update - eepurl.com/cjRu0n and eepurl.com/cjRu0n. Part 3 (they are inexhaustible) will be on <http://dniprokids.com/> soon.

Glasgow student would like to interview Russians

A student writes:

"I am currently in my last year of honours at the University of Glasgow and preparing to begin work on my research study dissertation.

I am looking to explore the question of how messages about the Soviet Union impact the way in which Russians view the Russian Federation today.

To do this, I aim to explore the role of Soviet nostalgia, as well as the role the state and media play in Russia in their portrayals of the Soviet Union.

I'd really value the opportunity to be able to interview Russians in Scotland, to discuss the role of the Soviet Union, and its relevance today.

Interviews would take approximately 45 minutes."

If you are willing to be interviewed please contact us info@scotlandrussiaforum.org and I will put you in touch with the student.

Competition for school students aged 10+

The Pushkin Institute in Moscow have announced an English language competition for UK schools involving questions on Pushkin and Shakespeare. [More information](#). Let us know if you try it - and good luck!

Russian food in Scotland

Glasgow-based Russian Foods UK (with a shop at 89 High Street, Glasgow) have a new website for online sales:

["scotlandrussiaforum.us7.list-manage2.com"](http://scotlandrussiaforum.us7.list-manage2.com) **claiming to be**

www.russianfoods.co.uk.

And if you don't want to do your own cooking there are Russian restaurants in Glasgow ([Café Cossachok](#)) and the Isle of Bute ([Russian Tavern](#)).

More details of all these in the [Food section](#) of our Professional Services directory. Please let me know of any Russian (or Ukrainian, Georgian, Armenian, Uzbek...?) food sources I've missed.

and Scottish food in Russia

Mackie's crisps are to start selling through Azbuka Vkusa stores in Russia - www.mackiescrisps.co.uk

How can you support the Scotland-Russia Forum?

The SRF works to improve understanding of Russia and her neighbours in Scotland. We are a voluntary organisation and an educational charity (reg.no. SC038728).

If you would like to support us please consider becoming a full member and playing a part in decisions on how best to implement our aims.

We also welcome donations and offers of help with our various activities.

Please find details on our [website](#).

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