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

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WHAT'S ON
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, Skaill House, Orkney
19-29 October: PILproject 2.0: Russia. Be blinded by an inner light. Exhibition, Dundee
24 October: International workshop: Poetic strategies in times of
political repression. Edinburgh
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. Skotbe 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 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: Dash Arts. London
30 Nov-4 Dec: Russian Film Week. London
6-10 Dec: Eifman Ballet "Up and Down". ENO, London
2017:
11 Feb-17 April 2017: Revolution: Russian Art 1917-32. Royal
Academy, London
8 Nov-18 Feb 2018: Red Star Over Russia, Tate Modern, London

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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 hoaxes 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](http://www.sharmanka.com).

Sharmanka were featured on STV’s “Live at Five” programme this week - listen again on [http://player.stv.tv](http://player.stv.tv) starting at 14.00mins.

News from Dnipro Kids
Parts 1 and 2 of their October update - [eepurl.com/cjRu0n](http://eepurl.com/cjRu0n) and [eepurl.com/cjRu0n](http://eepurl.com/cjRu0n). Part 3 (they are inexhaustible) will be on [http://dniprokids.com/](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](mailto: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](http://scotlandrussiaforum.us7.list-manage2.com). 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" claiming to be](http://scotlandrussiaforum.us7.list-manage2.com)
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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