



Forthcoming events:

Afternoon tea at the Ukrainian Club, 14 Royal Terrace on 4th April from 4:00pm. Tickets £8 for adults and £4 for children (all funds towards humanitarian aid for Ukraine).

Easter Sunday Lunch at the Ukrainian Club, on 12th April at 2:00pm. Tickets £10 (£8 concessions)

Edinburgh Branch AGM at the Ukrainian Club on 19th April at 3:00pm.

Friends of Lockerbie POW Chapel AGM on 3rd May. (time and venue will be notified shortly).

Matthew Zajac "The Tailor of Inverness" at Greenside Church Hall on 23rd May at 7:30pm, tickets £15 (includes one free drink at the Ukrainian club).

AUGB NATIONAL AGM at Leith Town Hall on 6th June. (Details nearer the date).

Scotpipe event at the Ukrainian Club on 19th August. (details nearer the date).

Independence barbecue at the Ukrainian Club on 24th August. (details nearer the date).

Holodomor Commemoration in November at the Ukrainian Club and possible exhibition at the Scottish Parliament. (details as soon as possible).

"Our Ukrainian Heritage weekend", at the Ukrainian club in November or December. This is being organised by Peter Kormylo and will be a 2 day exhibition of photographs and other heritage artefacts from different Ukrainian communities from 1946 to the present and may include a couple of short power point presentations on the Displaced Persons and POW Camps in Scotland (1946 to 1954) and also the Rimini POW Camp.

A number of very successful social and charitable events have taken place over the last few months and we would like to thank everyone for their support.

Donation of rugby kit



Stewart Melville College (SMC) in Edinburgh generously donated some 200kg of rugby kit to the

National Rugby Federation of Ukraine, (NRFU), to support the development of the sport at grass roots level throughout the country. Iwan Rewko accepted the donation on behalf of NRFU at a formal ceremony at the College on Friday 27th November. Taking part in the Kit Presentation, from left to right: Iwan Rewko, (commercial sponsorship & SOS manager for National Rugby Federation of Ukraine in UK & Western Europe), Hamish Innes, Sixth Form Deputy for Charities - SMC, Ali Greg, First Fifteen Rugby Captain - SMC, Dmytro Mysyk, Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain. The kit will be distributed to local schools and community groups throughout Ukraine by the NRFU with the only exception being the Donetsk/Lugansk Regions due to the ongoing Anti-Terrorist Operations there.

Charity Fundraiser

A joint charity fundraiser, with the Glasgow Branch, for help towards the Ukrainian Armed Forces/volunteer battalions at the Ukrainian Club in Royal Terrace on 6th December raised over £400.

Ladies Night

A ladies night at the club on 13th December proved very popular, not just with the ladies, a number of gentlemen were also in attendance. All present enjoyed fish suppers and a small Christmas themed raffle.

Christmas



new faces as well as all the familiar ones.

On 7th January, after mass in the Ukrainian Church in Dalmeny Street, over 70 guests gathered at the Club in Royal Terrace for a traditional Christmas lunch. The hall was packed and it was lovely to see so many

Malanka



On 17th January an informal event was held at the club to celebrate Malanka. This proved to be a very pleasant evening with around 40 guests attending for a light supper and general socialising.

Farewell to the Consul General



On 16th February we said farewell to Mykhailo Osnach who was returning to Kiev after four years as Consul General in Edinburgh. Unfortunately we didn't have sufficient notice of his leaving date to arrange a formal farewell and presentation but a small representation from the Committee met with him at the club to present him with a quaiche and a bottle of vodka with the label which had been commissioned for the 200th anniversary of Taras Shevchenko's birth last year. Mykhailo's support for all our events and efforts was greatly appreciated.

New Consul

A new Consul, Andrii Kuslii is now in post. Telephone 01315560023, email edinburgh@consulateukr.co.uk

Burns/Shevchenko



The 8th annual Burns/Shevchenko supper was held on 21st February and again was a sell out. We were delighted to welcome among our guests, Karen Watt from the Scottish Government, thus continuing the contact established after our meeting with the First Minister last year. Guests assembled in the bar for a complimentary drink before being piped upstairs for dinner in the main hall. This year the haggis was addressed by Matthew Zajac and Peter Kormylo delivered a very amusing address to the varenky. After dinner entertainment was provided by Matthew Zajac who drew an interesting parallel between the two poets and recited some verses from Shevchenko's "My Testament". The Ukrainian Church choir sang three songs, both folk and Shevchenko, Iona Zajac played the clarsach and sang a medley of Burns songs, Paul Solovska played the bandura and sang a couple of traditional songs. Alex Kuryluk said a few words about both poets and sang some verses from Burns and Shevchenko. A toast to the Ukrainian lassies by Mike Callahan, a toast to the Ukrainian laddies by Ann Ostapko and a spirited rendition of Tam O'Shanter by Gordon Jamieson added a light hearted note to a truly enjoyable evening.

Joe's birthday



On 24th February, our permanent resident in the club, Mr Joseph Sygerich celebrated his 90th birthday. As those who know him are aware, he is a very private person who doesn't like any fuss so having a party to mark the occasion was out of the question. However a few of the ladies who know him well felt they could not let it go unmarked so they surprised him with a birthday cake and some small gifts. He was pleased that we respected his wishes by not making a large fuss and delighted that the ladies had remembered him.

Jumble Sale



A jumble sale at the club on 7th March raised £450, some of which will be used to help soldiers in Ukraine. Many

thanks to all who donated items for sale and helped out on the day.

Eva's birthday



After the jumble sale we had a small informal gathering to celebrate Eva Kerr's birthday. Eva and her mother, Hanka

are well known at the club and work tirelessly at every event.

Ukrainian Language Lessons



Ukrainian language lessons continue to be a great success! Classes have been running since November 2014 and take place on Sundays

from 2pm – 4pm at the Club. Iryna Isaaksen tutors a beginner's class and Yulia Whitten an intermediate class. Lessons are informal and enjoyable. They cost £5 per person for each two hour class. Study materials are uploaded to the following website:

<http://ediukr.wix.com/ukrainianlanguage#!foreign-languages/c1nes>. Please join us. All are welcome.

Club Matters

The refurbishment programme continues with further repair work to the roof recently completed. The lintel above the window in the back bedroom on the top floor has to be replaced and it is hoped that this work will be completed shortly. However there is still work needed on the cupola, windows, basement area to the front near the bar and the walling in the garden.

Club Hire

A reminder that the club is available for hire to members and non members at probably the most favourable hire and bar rates in Edinburgh.

Church matters

As most of you probably know our church in Dalmeny Street is urgently in need of substantial repairs but sadly lacking in funds. Father Krenus has been exploring the possibility of applying for grants from a variety of sources but applications need to be accompanied by reports from a variety of technical experts and needless to say such reports are costly. If anyone would like to make a "one off" donation or a regular weekly/monthly contribution to the church could you please contact Father Krenus **tel:07432418056,** **email:vkrenus@gmail.com.**

In addition to the weekly mass in St Andrew's church in Dalmeny Street, services are also held as follows:

First Sunday of every month in the POW Chapel in Lockerbie at 4:00pm

Second Sunday in St Simon's Catholic Church, 33 Patrick Street, Glasgow, G11 6PQ at 3:00pm.

Third Sunday in Our Lady and St Andrew's Church in Galashiels at 3.00pm

Fourth Sunday in St Andrew's Cathedral in Dundee at 4.00pm

POW Chapel



As reported in our last issue, at a meeting on 5th October it was unanimously agreed that we should regenerate the group called "Friends of the Ukrainian POW Chapel" which had been formed in 2009. We had hoped to hold an AGM on 7th December. However, sadly, Zenon Pufky, who had acted as caretaker of the chapel for several years, passed away on

26th November so that meeting was cancelled. It has now been rescheduled for 3rd May. If anyone would like to become a Friend of the Chapel please contact Ann Ostapko on 01383410205 or email ostapko@btinternet.com. Annual membership fee is £5.

Website

Thanks to the efforts of Matthew Beaton-Hawryluk, the Edinburgh Branch now has an updated website and if anyone has anything they would like to be included please send all information to admin@scottishukrainians.co.uk

Dnipro Kids Appeal



If you are not already a Child Sponsor you might like to consider direct sponsorship of one of the children supported by the charity in Dnipropetrovsk. Your monthly contributions will assist in providing birthday, Christmas and summer trips for these kids as well as helping to support the many other projects funded for the children. For details about Child Sponsorship please email Steven Carr directly steven@dniprokids.com

For anyone wishing to make a direct donation to the charity a secure link has been set up on the main website,

<http://dniprokids.com/donate-today/>

Small donations can be made by text to DNPR14 £2/£5/£10 to 70070

Visit the Facebook page and add Dnipro Kids to your friends list.

<http://www.facebook.com/dnipro.kids>

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