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1. SRF NEWS

Urgent: rooms needed for SRF Russian classes. Unfortunately Summerhall can't find rooms for our language classes (5 classes a week, up to 10 in each class). If any reader of this bulletin can suggest rooms we can hire for a reasonable rate in central Edinburgh please contact Natasha on russiancourses@scotlandrussiaforum.org.

Scotland Russia Review no.29: members should have received their copy – please let us know if it hasn't arrived. A bumper issue – full colour and longer than usual with some excellent contributions, many on the important theme of Russian language learning. Many thanks to the editor, Varvara Bashkirova, and her assistants Lewis White and Mark David Jacobs as well as to all contributors. It is available online via www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/publications.html.

SRF Library reopens: Our library will be open for borrowers every Tuesday afternoon 2-4pm. If you are unable to come at that time please contact info@scotlandrussiaforum.org / tel. 0131 560 1486 (leave a message) to arrange another time.

Edinburgh Festivals: don't forget to check our listings of Russia-related events on www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/festivals.html

Some highlights: music at the International Festival, incl. Gergiev; the Belarus Free Theatre, Purves Puppets, BlackSkyWhite Theatre and Badac Theatre at the Fringe ; Mikhail Shishkin at the Book Festival.

**** discount for SRF members** at Badac Theatre's "Anna" (about Anna Politkovskaya) at Summerhall. On presentation of a current SRF membership card members can buy tickets at the concessionary rate of GBP8. If you have lost your ticket contact info@scotlandrussiaforum.org for a replacement. Note: the audience has to stand

throughout the performance. Box Office: tel. 08458743001 or festival.summerhall.co.uk/event/anna/**

Nanny in the Urals: the job we advertised in our last bulletin is still available. Sounds like a fantastic opportunity for a child-friendly new graduate wanting to polish their Russian. See MISC below.

2. EVENTS LISTINGS

**** Please click on links for details of all these events or find them via <http://www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/whatson.html>**

Scotland

- **Church services:**
 - Edinburgh Orthodox church of St Andrew, Easter to Christmas 2013
 - Orthodox Community of St Nicholas, Dunblane. May-June, July-Sept 2013
 - Russian Orthodox Church, Sourozh Diocese. July-August 2013.
 - Ukrainian Catholic Church of Our Lady of Pochayiv and St Andrew. 24 Dalmeny Street, Leith, Edinburgh EH6 8RG. More information: Maria Renz ukrainiangirl.renz@gmail.com
- **29 May 2013-13 March 2014:** Arctic Convoys. Edinburgh Castle. Exhibitions
- **12-27 July:** Kirill Sokolov. Edinburgh. Exhibitions
- **31 July - 26 August:** dance, music and theatre at the **Edinburgh Fringe Festival**. Festivals.
- **9-29 August:** Russian music at the **Edinburgh International Festival**. Festivals
- **10-26 August:** Edinburgh International Book Festival. Festivals.
- **6-11 September:** Intensive Icon Painting Workshop. Edinburgh. Talks.
- **19 September:** Making Russia Easy Workshop (Albion Overseas). Glasgow. Business
- **20 September:** Student party. Edinburgh. Details tbc
- **20-22 September:** Translation Transformed. Moffat. [Conferences](#).
- **16-20 October:** Slava's Snowshow at His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen. [Theatre](#)
- **19 October:** Arthur Ransome Society - Russian Literary Day. Pitlochry. [Talks](#).

Events outside Scotland

- **18 July:** Making Russia Easy Workshop (Albion Overseas). Blackburn. [Business](#)
- **23 July:** Making Russia Easy Workshop (Albion Overseas). London. [Business](#)
- **1 October:** Making Russia Easy Workshop (Albion Overseas). Belfast. [Business](#)
- **21 November:** Russia - Practical Solutions (Albion Overseas). London. [Business](#)

3. MISC. NOTICES

Nanny position in the Urals – fantastic opportunity for someone!

Message from Andrei Putilov, a school teacher in Kachkanar who has worked with us before:

A nice Russian family is seeking a native English speaking nanny to look after their 7 year old daughter. The successful applicant will look after the girl while the parents are away, so must be able to act on own initiative. The family is very keen that the nanny speaks to their daughter in English, but have emphasised that no formal teaching duties are anticipated. Non-smokers only please. Salary GBP500.00 per week, plus food, accommodation, return air fares and visa support. Start date September 2013 for a minimum stay of 2-3 months which is likely to be extended to up to a year for the right candidate. References required. Please contact Andrei Putilov e-mail address, a_putilov@mail.ru

Russian books on the FT Summer Reading List

Politics: “Fragile Empire: How Russia Fell In and Out of Love with Vladimir Putin”, by Ben Judah. Ben Judah gave a very interesting talk to the SRF last November. I’ve read this book and it’s excellent.

History: “Swans of the Kremlin: Ballet and Power in Soviet Russia”, by Christina Ezrahi..

Reviewed in the June 2013 issue of [Scotland Russia Review](#)

Comments etc by the Financial Times reviewers on www.ft.com

Can anyone suggest other new books which our readers might enjoy?

New business magazine

BSR Russia Magazine has just been launched online – to read it register at <http://www.bsr-russia-magazine.com/signup.html> . Includes an article by SRF member and *Review* editor Varvara Bashkirova! You can start receiving free issues by mail (hard copy) in September after registering. More information: Gracielle Maribao gracielle@rusmediasolutions.com

Job opportunity for Russian graduates: Marketing assistant/ Cheltenham

European Schoolbooks Ltd is the UK's leading importer and distributor of books and materials related to the languages and literatures of Europe.

We will shortly have a vacancy for a junior assistant to join our small marketing team in Cheltenham. The successful candidate will have at least two major European languages to degree standard or equivalent (Russian or Italian will be an advantage), plus excellent written English.

The core work is assessing and cataloguing the wide range of books and other materials we receive every day from our many European publisher partners. Other important functions of the marketing team include liaising closely with publishers and key customers, attending conferences and exhibitions, and helping with the continuous improvement of our websites and our presence in the social media.

Please apply with CV to: Frank Preiss - fap@esb.co.uk

Closing date for applications: 31 August 2013.

Cyrillic decoder

A member writes: “Someone has just posted this link on RussNet:

<http://2cyr.com/decode/?lang=en>. It's a universal Cyrillic decoder that decodes garbled Russian script (you know the kind of thing I'm talking about: EII?IAEOIIAIA?AIEA). It is absolutely amazing.”

Russian Summer School in Lancs 22-26 July

Alston Hall Adult Education Residential College, Course code: 2MC072SC
GBP525

Alston Hall, Alston Lane, Longridge, Preston, PR3 3BP Tel: 01772 784661 Email:

alstonhall@lancashire.gov.uk Website: www.alstonhall.com

Russia: Economic Report: July 2013

Russia's economy has slowed after three years of robust growth. Inflation has risen, but unemployment remains low and the budget is close to balance.

This full online edition with links is available at:

<http://www.ukti.gov.uk/uktihome/item/537200.html>