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# 1. SRF NEWS

#### Maslenitsa

Our first celebration of Maslenitsa promises to be a very lively and enjoyable event – pancakes (of course) and other Russian food, music, a book sale. Full details <u>here</u>

### Чай н Чат

Our monthly Thursday morning "tea and chat" club continues – next one is 28 March, 11am. A very convivial social group meeting over tea and cakes (please contribute) welcomes new members, Russian or English speaking. Contact <a href="mailto:jenny@scotlandrussiaforum.org">jenny@scotlandrussiaforum.org</a> for more information. Or just turn up! Details on <a href="https://www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/social.html">www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/social.html</a>

### Russian language teaching in Scottish schools

- We have continued our programme of Russian "taster" classes in schools with classes in Midlothian schools, Moffat and the Trossachs recently. A group of Edinburgh University students and others are keen to continue this. If you know of a school (primary or secondary, in Edinburgh or elsewhere in Scotland) that would be interested in a taster please let me know – iennv@scotlandrussiaforum.org.
- The weekly Russian clubs we set up in two Glasgow schools (Shawlands and

Dalmarnock PS) last year, with a grant from Glasgow City Council and teachers from RCS Haven, have been very successful. RCS Haven have now applied for a follow up grant and have received finance for a third school from Sept 2013.

I have made a submission to the Scottish Parliament External Relations
Committee enquiry into language teaching in schools, arguing (of course) for
the inclusion of Russian, which you can read <a href="here">here</a>

#### Discount for the Traverse "White Rose" for readers of this bulletin

The Traverse have generously offered ?6 tickets for the performance on Thursday 14 March at 7.30pm. To claim this exclusive offer, call Box Office on 0131 228 1404 and quote "Russian Offer". This offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or discount and is not available on previously purchased tickets.

"White Rose": see Events Listing below,13-16 March, and <a href="https://www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/arts.html">www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/arts.html</a>

### 2. EVENTS LISTINGS March-May 2013

See <a href="http://www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/whatson.html">http://www.scotlandrussiaforum.org/whatson.html</a> if the links below don't work **Scotland** 

**10 February - 10 March**: Photographs by Philip Solovjov. Moffat. Exhibition

January - May: Services for the Edinburgh Orthodox church of St Andrew. Details

Mondays from 4 February: New RUSSIAN CHOIR starts rehearsing.

Edinburgh. Music

March-4 May: Orthodox Community of St Nicholas, Dunblane. Services for March-April and Holy Week 2013. Details.

6 March: Opera Masterclass by Oksana Lesnichkaya. Inverness. Music

7 March: Concert by Oksana Lesnichkaya. Inverness. Music

7 March: Politics of Ethnicity and Religion in Post-Soviet Central Asia. Glasgow. Talks

8 March: Moscow Caledonian Club - programme of talks and music. Inverness. Talks

8 March: Dnipro Appeal Annual Dinner. Edinburgh. Social.

13-15 March: SLOVO: The Russian Word in Scotland. Edinburgh. Talks

**13-16 March:** "White Rose" at Traverse. Edinburgh. Theatre.

**16 March**: Maslenitsa in Edinburgh. Edinburgh. Social. SRF event

**18 March:** Volunteers, Entrepreneurs and Patriots: youth as new subjects of state policy in Putin's Russia. Glasgow. <u>Talks</u>

19-23 March: Russian State Ballet and Orchestra of Siberia. Edinburgh. Dance.

28 March: Чай н Чат. Edinburgh. Social. SRF event

**31 March:** The Rite of Spring. Live from Bolshoi at Picturehouse cinemas. **SRF discount**. Cinema

4/5 May: Russkaya Cappella, Easter liturgy. Glasgow. Music

**9 May:** Between Byzantium and Brussels: The Politics of Orthodox Christianity in the European Union. Glasgow. <u>Talks</u>

12 May: Romeo and Juliet. Live from Bolshoi at Picturehouse cinemas. SRF

discount. Edinburgh, Aberdeen and other UK. Cinema

23 May: Mumiy Troll in Glasgow. Glasgow. Music

#### **Events outside Scotland**

**6 February and 6 March**: Dash Cafes - an artistic exploration of the countries of the former Soviet Union with art, music, films, talks and discussions. London. <u>Details</u>.

5-26 March: The 4th SLOVO Russian Literature Festival in London.

With 25 events in 21 days, Academia Rossica brings you leading Russian writers including Dmitry Bykov, Mikhail Shishkin, Vera Polozkova, Vladimir Sharov and Evgeny Vodolazkin for a unique and captivating celebration of the literature and culture of Russia today.

For details of the fully-packed programme and to book your tickets go

to <a href="http://academia-rossica.org/en/literature/slovo-festival">http://academia-rossica.org/en/literature/slovo-festival</a>. For Edinburgh events 13-15 March see Talks

6 March, 7.30pm: Singer-songwriter Grigory Leps at the Albert Hall. London. Details.

**9 March - 14 July:** "Treasures of the Royal Courts: Tudors, Stuarts and the Russian Tsars". A major V&A exhibition, in collaboration with the Kremlin Museum, celebrating 500 years of exchange between Britain and Russia. V&A, London. <a href="https://www.vam.ac.uk">www.vam.ac.uk</a>

11-17 March: Maslenitsa in London. www.maslenitsa.co.uk

**15-16 March:** Russian Business Week. LSE, London. Programme

**22 March:** BEARR Trust forum "The Arts and Attitudes to Disability in Russia and Eastern Europe". Pushkin House, London. See <a href="http://www.bearr.org/arts-disability-forum">http://www.bearr.org/arts-disability-forum</a>

27-28 April: SCRSS Russian Language Seminar. Details.

### 3. MISC. NOTICES

#### Russian speakers in Scotland

Lively new forum - http://www.facebook.com/groups/shotlandiya

### March 16 – Russian teachers meeting in London

The Russian Teachers Group is holding its annual meeting at the Rossotrudnichestvo office this year – programme and other details: <a href="http://www.thertg.co.uk/events.html">http://www.thertg.co.uk/events.html</a>. All teachers very welcome.

### **Teaching Fellow in Russian**

St Andrews have advertised for a Teaching Fellow in Russian - <a href="http://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/AFZ739/teaching-fellow-in-russian/">http://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/AFZ739/teaching-fellow-in-russian/</a>

#### Russian business

Latest issue of the Focus newsletter is now out.

### Opportunity to teach in Russia

The St Petersburg organisation "English City" is looking for teachers at summer camps for school children (7-17) as well as afterschool activities in St Petersburg. Full information MailScanner has detected a possible fraud attempt from ".." claiming to be here (contact srfnews@scotlandrussiaforum.org if you are unable to download).

#### Are you teaching Russian to foreigners in Russia?

You might be interested to know that the popular Ruslan textbooks (English, French and German versions) are now available in Biblio Globus near Kuznetsky Most.

#### Residential Russian course in UK

There will be a residential beginners course at Alston Hall in Lancashire 22-26 July – details <a href="http://www.alstonhall.com/courses/category.php?id=5211">http://www.alstonhall.com/courses/category.php?id=5211</a>. This course used to be run at Chorley and was very well spoken of.

#### **Request from Cyrenians**

We have been asked to find someone to befriend a Russian man (aged 50ish I think) living in West Lothian, with limited English. If you'd like to help please contact me and I can give you more information in the first instance — jenny@scotlandrussiaforum.org

### **Visiting Moscow?**

Interesting list of museums you might not know of: www.themoscowtimes.com/mobile/article/475496.html