

Dear Ukrainian neighbours, hosts, volunteers, and supporters

A Ukrainian translation is attached. Переклад українською мовою додається

Firstly, we had a fantastic BBQ held at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on Saturday 13th May, it was the first really sunny and warm day that we had enjoyed for many weeks, we felt blessed. A very big thank you to all who attended, and to the Village Hall committee and the volunteers who really helped us make the evening such a special event.

- 1) Due to a very generous donation from Knighton Rotary Club, we are organising a trip on the **Severn Valley Railway on Sunday 16th July. The trip will be free for Ukrainian families. Children and adults will love this trip, the Steam Railway is absolutely delightful. Families will need to take a picnic with them for the trip. We will start at Bridgnorth and the train will take us to Highley, where there is a small café, and tables and chairs to picnic. You could also take a picnic blanket, if the weather looks good enough as there are plenty of outside grass areas.**

Please click onto the link to the website, to see more about the railway and what it offers.

<https://svr.co.uk/>

The address is Severn Valley Railway (Bridgnorth, Station) Hollybush Road, Bridgnorth, WV16 4AX

The trip is also open to hosts, volunteers, and supporters (£15 per adult and £10 for a child)

I am doing a block booking for everybody so they **should NOT** book online, or they will have to pay. Those who are paying will need to bring cash on the day, and either myself or Peter Higgins can take the payment.

The information you need is as follows:

- Sunday 16th July a trip on a steam train on the Severn Valley Railway from Bridgnorth. It will be a trip from Bridgnorth to Highley, returning to Bridgnorth.
- The train leaves at 11.55 am, **but people will need to get to the station for 11.15am to sort out tickets with Erica.**
- The trip is free, but you will need to pack a picnic.
- There is a café at the Highley station.
- The return train from Highley to Bridgnorth is at 2.57 which gets back to Bridgnorth at 3.25pm
- There is car parking at the station, which is a pay and display.
- We may be able to help with a contribution towards travel costs, it will depend on the number of people who attend.
- If you would like to go, but need a lift, please contact Peter Higgins, email refugeesludlow@gmail.com or mobile 07757989708.
- Any other queries please contact Erica by email ericagarner@hotmail.co.uk , mobile 07974001310.
- **OKSANA Kholevytska Yaremko** is your local Ukrainian contact who is providing support to the Ludlow hub, Oksana can be contacted by email, so369369@gmail.com mobile 07786041678 or +380953801277.
- **To ensure I get the right number of tickets, and who they are for, I need to know the following information:**
Name (s) for all of the family

Number of adult tickets required (16+ year olds)
Number of children's tickets required (age of children 4-15)
Children under 4 go free, but I need to know how many.
Please contact either Erica or Oksana with this information. Thank you.

2) Just some updates on opening times at the Ludlow Hub on Saturdays.

Due to fewer people attending the Saturday afternoon drop-in sessions, we will no longer be open every Saturday afternoon at the QMH.

However, we will be open on the first Saturday of the month 3-5 pm, and Alison Toulson from Enable will be available, to meet you all, and help with finding a job or making a change from an existing job.

For contact at any time throughout the week-

Erica's contact details are – mobile 07974001310 or email ericagarner@hotmail.co.uk
(Please contact for all queries, **except** English assessments, lessons, homework club, and exams)

Jacki's contact details are – mobile 07929656545 or email jackiamoore@gmail.com. For all queries relating to English lessons, assessments, homework club, and exams.

Peter Higgins – if you require help with transport. mobile 07757989708 or email refugeesludlow@gmail.com

Oksana Kholevytska Yaremko - will help with any general or specific queries, if she is not able to answer them directly Oksana will refer on to other people, or agencies where appropriate, mobile 07786041678 or +380953801277 or email so369369@gmail.com

Erica, Jacki, and Oksana will be at the Meeting House each month, and are always available for contact every day by either phone, text or email, they can meet you in person at the Meeting House or other venues if a face-to-face meeting is preferred.

The Saturday sessions for 2023 are as follows:

Saturday 1st July 3-5pm (Alison Toulson will be available for support)
Saturday 5th August 3-5pm (Alison is not available on this day, but the hub will be open)
Saturday September 2nd 3-5pm (Alison Toulson will be available for support)
Saturday October 7th 3-5pm (Alison Toulson will be available for support)
Saturday November 4th 3-5pm (Alison Toulson will be available for support)
Saturday December 2nd 3-5pm (Alison Toulson will be available for support)

Please do make contact at any time if we can help in any way.
Erica, Jacki, Peter, Oksana.

3) Summer Camp for Children, during the school holidays 24th July to the 26th of August three mornings per week (free of charge)

We will be providing a summer camp for young children during the school holidays. We hope this will help families with their work commitments, and will provide, (as last year) a stimulating and enjoyable programme of arts and crafts, sport and visits to museums, parks etc.

We are delighted that Iryna Ivanic, who will lead these sessions, is able to offer a fantastic, varied programme of activities.

Information that you need as follows:

- The camp will start on Monday 24th July and finish on Friday 25th August
- Days are Monday, Thursday, and Friday, 9 am to 1.00pm
- Venue: The Quakers Meeting House, St Marys Lane, (off Lower Corve Street) Ludlow, SY8 1DZ
- If parents would like their children to attend but may struggle with transport, please contact Peter Higgins who may be able to provide a volunteer to help (Peters contact details are above in section 2)

Please contact me if you are interested in finding out more, or directly with Iryna Ivanyk on 07438027943 or email ivanik_irina@ukr.net.

We may also need volunteers to help during the holidays, please let me know if you have some time and would like to get involved.

4) **Date for your diary in August** – 24th Ukrainian National Independence Day

We are planning a party/BBQ at Ashford Carbonell village Hall on Thursday 24th August.

Please pop the date in your diaries, and further details will be forthcoming in July.

If you would like to get involved in the organising of activities on the evening, please contact Oksana - contact details above in section 2.

5) General updates

- **English lessons** will continue three times a week, and through the school holidays (subject to availability of teachers)
- We have a **village hall full of household items** that may be useful to Ukrainians setting up home, you can visit the hall to view them, if you contact me directly. Also, we can put a call out asking for specific items of furniture etc if required. We can also collect donated items and store at the village hall.

Happy Summer everyone

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