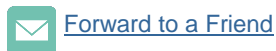
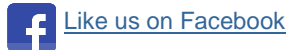




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## SRF News

**New format for Bulletins.** I am experimenting with a new mailing system. Please let me know of any problems.

**SRF Library opening hours.** The library is now open 2-4pm every Tuesday or by arrangement (tel. 0131 560 1486 and leave a message). We have a good selection of our most popular stock on open shelves in our new office and can fetch anything else from our catalogue from store – if you give us enough notice.

**SRF Library.** Borrowers not registered / books missing: The following people still have books from our South College St library but we can't contact them because they did not register properly. If anyone on the list is reading this bulletin (or if readers know one of them) please contact [info@scotlandrussiaforum.org](mailto:info@scotlandrussiaforum.org): M Drummer, E Gaytullina, M Keian, Sarah Rae, Vadim Tarasov, Julia Thomson.

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## Events Listings August-October 2013

Russia-related events in Scotland. For more information on all these events please follow the links below.

**29 May 2013-13 March 2014:** Arctic Convoys. Edinburgh Castle. [Exhibitions](#)

**11 July - 25 August:** Kirill Sokolov (1930-2004). Edinburgh. [Exhibitions](#)

**31 July - 26 August:** dance, music and theatre at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. [Festivals](#).

### *Independence Day*

- *18-22 August: Russian Tall Ship in Edinburgh*
- *Professional development courses for teachers of Russian*
- *Russian student wins visit to Scotland*
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**9-29 August:** Russian music at the Edinburgh International Festival. [Festivals](#)

**10-26 August:** Edinburgh International Book Festival. [Festivals](#).

**From 10 August:** Street level photoworks. Lithuanian photographic season. Glasgow. [Exhibitions](#).

**18-22 August:** Russian Tall Ship in Leith Harbour. Edinburgh. [Other Events](#).

**29 August:** Dr Iain Lauchlan "Death in the Kremlin! Did Stalin kill Felix Dzerzhinsky?". Edinburgh. [Talks](#)

**6-11 September:** Intensive Icon Painting Workshop. Edinburgh. [Talks](#).

**13 September:** Vitali Vitaliev – Granny Yaga and other new work. Edinburgh. [Talks](#). SRF event

**19 September:** Making Russia Easy Workshop (Albion Overseas). Glasgow. [Business](#)

**20 September:** Student party. Edinburgh. [Details to follow](#).

**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](#).

**22 October:** 9 November: Crime and Punishment. Edinburgh. [Theatre](#).

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## Notices

### **Scottish protests about LGBT issues in Russia**

This weekend saw a demonstration outside the Edinburgh Russian Consulate and another as part of the Glasgow Gay Pride march. Glasgow Council has also come under pressure to drop its link with Rostov ([www.heraldsotland.com](http://www.heraldsotland.com)). The SRF believes that keeping open channels for dialogue on this and other controversial issues is better than shutting off contact. What do readers of this bulletin think?

### **Dundee, 5 October - One day conference on the problems of teaching Russian in Scotland.**

Organised by Russian schools in Aberdeen (Slovo) and Dundee, supported by the Russkiy Mir Foundation.

Open to practising teachers of Russian, specialists on bilingualism and anyone interested in this matter. Free.

The following topics will be given priority during the conference:

- The development and education of bilingual children;
- Methodology of teaching Russian in supplementary schools;
- Methodology of teaching Russian as a foreign language at universities, schools and language centres.

It is planned to create a discussion forum with the working title "Pedsovet" that will continue to elaborate on the questions discussed during the conference and will plan new events to take place in Scotland.

To register, for more information or if you would like to make a short presentation at the conference (please send a title and abstract as well as your name, title and occupation)

contact [conference@dunderussian.org.uk](mailto:conference@dunderussian.org.uk).

The deadline for applications is Monday 2 September.

#### **“Pushkin Institutes” planned**

Plan for worldwide network of Russian teaching Pushkin Institutes was set out recently on the [Russkiy Mir website](#) and in an article in [Izvestia](#). Does anyone have more information on this? Sounds an excellent idea.

#### **Festival recommendations please**

Edinburgh is in the throes of the annual chaos and excitement we call “the Festival” – in fact several festivals all happening at once every August. With thousands of shows to choose from it would be great to get some advice. Please send in your hot tips for the relatively small list of Russia-related events (see [Festivals](#)).

*Recommndations received so far:* “**OMEGA** by blackSKYwhite: It may not be to everyone’s taste but seems worth a look. Of the forthcoming events, I’d highlight **Trash Cuisine by Belarus Free Theatre** at Pleasance, 3.30pm, 19-26 Aug, which I saw earlier this year at the Young Vic”; Top 5 shows according to Russian Art & Culture (chosen by the SRF’s own Varvara Bashkurova) are (1) **Russian Nat. Orchestra**, (2) Karavan Ensemble’s **Somnambules**, (3) **Trash Cuisine**, (4) **His Majesty the Devil**, and (5) **Mikhail Shishkin** at the Book Festival. And finally - I’ve just seen Badac Theatre’s **Anna**. Very powerful, thought provoking portrait of the Russian journalist’s search for truth, but relevant not just to Russia. Highly recommended.

#### **RCS Haven is official SQA exam centre in Glasgow**

If anyone is preparing to take SQA Russian qualifications – national exams until 2015 and “Languages at Work” after that – the Glasgow-based RCS Haven may be a convenient centre. Contact [office@rcshaven.org.uk](mailto:office@rcshaven.org.uk) for more information.

### **18-22 August: Russian Tall Ship in Edinburgh**

The Adventure, a 16M sloop from St Petersburg which is taking part in the Tall Ships Races this year, will be visiting Leith Harbour in August. Picture.

### **25 August – Ukrainian Independence Day**

Barbecue at the Ukrainian Club in Edinburgh. More information: Maria Renz, AUGB [ukrainiangirl.renz@gmail.com](mailto:ukrainiangirl.renz@gmail.com)

### **Professional development courses for teachers of Russian**

Does anyone know of any? Please send details if so.

### **Russian student wins visit to Scotland**

Dubna student Yuri Soloviev has won a prize in the British Council “Great” competition with an essay entitled “I want to go to Scotland”. His prize is an English course at a Glasgow language school. Prizewinners will be announced every month so it’s not too late for Russian students to enter.

### **Migration project**

Brent Geese (черные качарки) migrate from North East Siberia to the south of England. An artist in Exeter has sent geese-shaped postcards all over the world (China, Europe, Americas) and is planning a September exhibition of those that have been returned. See [www.allaboutmigration.com](http://www.allaboutmigration.com). Unfortunately, despite the fact that the geese spend a lot of their year in Russia no cards have been received from there. If you think you have time to send geese-cards to friends in Russia and get them back by early September please let me know.

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