

Exeter/Yaroslavl
Twinning Association

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EYTA NEWSLETTER



December 2011



Honorary President
the Right Worshipful
The Lord Mayor of Exeter

A Merry Christmas



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1. Your Newsletter

I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating Bill Stanbury on his 90th birthday. Bill is a long standing member and has always supported EYTA to the full. At '90 Years Young' he is still there when needed and his sense of humour is second to none! We all look forward to sharing many more years in his company and wish him the best in the future.

Christmas will soon be with us and, at this time, we think of not just our own families and friends but also those of our extended families and friends in Yaroslavl. Also, it is a time for reflection upon what has been achieved, and hopefully learnt from our mistakes, over the last year in readiness for the coming New Year's activities.

Before going any further I am certain that you will join with me in wishing all the members of EYTA and YEFS a Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

The provisional dates for the 2012 exchange visits are:

EYTA visit to Yaroslavl - Monday 18th of June, 2012, returning on Wednesday 27th of June, 2012.

YEFS visit to Exeter - Monday 16th July, 2012, returning on Wednesday 25th July 2012.

I will be contacting all EYTA members who have expressed an interest in going to Yaroslavl in 2012.

Bill is still awaiting payment of subs from some members. These subs and donations are our lifeline, without them we could not exist and we ask all members to make certain that their subs are paid on time. This year's annual subscriptions were due on September 1, 2011 for the current year, 2011/2012.

The member's details form 2011/12 is included with this newsletter. Will you please complete and return it to enable us to keep our records up to date. Those that have already sent a completed form this year do not need to resubmit their information. Full details are given on the form.

It was agreed at the AGM that next year subscriptions will be increased.

And Finally

Will you please let me have any articles, comments or experiences that you wish to share with other

Items for inclusion into the next newsletter to David Parsons, preferably by email on newsletter@eyta.org.uk or alternatively tel: 01392 278764

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members so that they can be included in future issues of the newsletter.

Any suggestions for further improvement to the newsletter will be gratefully received by me.

If you have an email account, and still receive the black and white version of the newsletter by 'snail mail', please send your email address and details to: deparsons_uk@yahoo.co.uk. The full colour and fully interactive e-copy Newsletter can then be delivered directly to your email letterbox. Sending it this way helps us to keep costs down and to enhance the articles. With this Christmas issue it has become difficult to obtain 'pictures, etc' that print clearly in black and white.



2. Chairman's Report - EYTA AGM October 26th 2011

Firstly, I would like to thank all members who have given us support and particularly those who have helped and participated in our activities over the past twelve months. As you will hear from Bill Stanbury, our Treasurer, we have managed to keep moving forward in the current hard times. All of our activities managed to make a profit thanks to much hard work and support by our members. Once again I would point out that in order to keep the association in the black, we need to increase the monies raised in the forthcoming year.

I would like to personally thank Julia Upton, our Secretary, for her dedication to EYTA over the past year. As you know, where possible she always gives her all and it is a pleasure to work with someone who has a total commitment to our future. Without her we would not be in our current position. We still have much to achieve and I am sure that with her continued support, and hopefully others like her, EYTA will be here well into the future. Times have been very difficult for her in the last year and I am sure that you will all join with me in wishing her a calm and enjoyable time in her new home.

In March we had a very successful 'Russian Evening' and I would like to thank all those who participated and supported this event. I hope that this type of social evening can be repeated on a regular basis in the future.

This year's YEFS visit was a success and we have again learnt more to enable us to improve arrangements for future visits. This year's group was more mixed than usual and this made for an interesting time. We again used day and short period hosting and will keep this aspect for future visits. From our point of view it works well and our guests seem to enjoy it. We continue to develop a better

understanding of our guests' true needs and wants. As you all know, our perception of their needs are often very different to theirs. My own involvement with Russia and Russians has taught me never to take anything for granted! I realise that I still have a lot to learn! Fortunately Julie, my wife, is always there to help and support me with my shortcomings and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for always being there when needed.



3. Your Committee for 2011 / 2012

The following members were elected to the committee for the next year:

Nicholas Boggis-Rolfe
Bob Bradshaw
John Burgess
Joyce Burgess
Ron Crabb
John Holman
David Parsons - **Chairman**
Bill Stanbury - **Treasurer**
Julia Upton - **Secretary**



4. The EYTA Russian Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning - Saturday the 17th December, 2011

As is usual at this time of year we will be having our EYTA Russian Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning. This year it will be on Saturday the 17th of December at Exeter Guildhall between 9.30 am and 12.30pm. We are looking forward to seeing all of our members there, both new and old.

This year we will have the pleasure of the company of The Lord Mayor of Exeter, Councillor Stella Brock. As well as the usual coffee / tea and mince pies / cakes you will also have an opportunity to catch up on the latest news. Bill Stanbury will be there with his famous Bottle & Tin Tombola, there will be a Russian goods stall, bric-a-brac stall etc, a 'Christmas Cake' draw, cakes & produce, and our highly successful Russian bear stall.

Offers of help with stalls, coffee, tea, milk, sugar and the provision of mince pies and cakes plus items for the 'Tombola' stall and any other items to our Secretary Julia Upton, 5 Oakley Walk, Cat & Fiddle Park, Clyst St Mary, Exeter EX5 1QJ
- Tel: 01392 879283.

Items can be brought to Exeter Guildhall after 9 am on the morning of the "Fayre".

This is our big annual fundraiser and one of the main meeting points for our members. So, it is important that you come along and show your support for EYTA, and, please bring your friends!



5. The EYTA Christmas Dinner **- Friday the 13th January 2012**

This year we are holding our Annual Christmas Dinner at The Queens Court Hotel, Bystock Terrace, Exeter on Friday the 13th January 2012 commencing 7.00pm. We will be in The Redvers Suite. The evening will include Christmas Dinner, a Christmas Draw and Entertainment from our members. The tickets are £17.00 per person. Full details of the menu are included in the attachment with this Newsletter. All members and friends are welcome to attend.

Please bring any items on the evening to be included as prizes. Items can also be given to any of the committee members or other members attending before January 11, 2012.

Will you please return the 'reply slip', showing your choice of meal and number attending, together with your payment, by Friday, January 6, 2012, to Julie Parsons (01392 278764). Details are on the form.

There are two large car parks, one in front and one to the rear of The Queens Court Hotel. So please come along and enjoy an evening with family and friends!



6. England 2011 - Olga Dymnikova

On my second trip I like England even more.

This time I was amazed by the cordiality and warmth of English people which I did not notice on my first trip. On parting I felt that I was saying goodbye to close people.

Both on my first and second trips I was astounded by the care for people in England. It is so noticeable. People are filled with a feeling of self-esteem. It is not an embellishment it is very natural. In the streets and in cafes there are a lot of people with disabilities. People with disabilities are on scooters in the streets and in cafes. Everything is available for them. It is nice to see it.

In England I like the affability of people towards each other most of all. On a path, in a wood, you meet a stranger who smiles and greets you.

It is pleasant to see how drivers are very polite and tolerant towards each other on the roads. When a car is coming a driver stops and waits patiently till another driver manoeuvres, they welcome each other, smile and pass one another.

We visited a lot of beautiful historic houses with parks; their hosts live in one part of the house while the rest of it and a park are used as a museum where visitors can go. Sometimes concerts or performances are organised in such houses. It is very beautiful.

I remembered two parties, which English people organised in our honour, a welcome party and a farewell party. Both parties struck me by their beautiful decorations and richness of content.

The first party was at Bonnie and Colin's in honour of our arrival – dainty table and music programme: at first village children gave a marvellous concert for us and then Nicholas sang beautifully by the grand piano. Together with the English we sang "Moscow Nights" wonderfully.

The second party was in a club to honour our departure – we played skittles (hit pins with balls). Russian guests and the English made two teams. A competitive spirit absorbed all participants of the party. Friendship won.

It was interesting to take part in the barbeque party organised together with the Italian group. I remembered that after tasting delicious food everybody started playing a game on the grass: throwing metal balls. Everyone without exception was carried away by this game. Enlivening reigned on the playground. Rosy cheeks, merry laughter. Everybody was happy like children.

Once more I want to say thank you to the members of the English friendship society in Exeter for their warm welcome, cordiality and touching care for their guests.

(Interpreted from Russian)



7. England 2011 - Vladimir Smirnov

The fact that England is a wonderful country is known to everybody. During my second visit I saw England in a new light. I visited a lot of new and amazing places and met interesting people. In fact, it is fascinating when every time one can see something new. Once again our English friends did everything to make our stay memorable and extraordinary.

I stayed at Ron Crabb's. I am very grateful for his hospitality and care. Ron has a very cosy house in a quiet and calm area of Exeter, in Kingsway. The name speaks for itself. Immediately my attention was caught by a real pear tree heavy with fruit at the back of the house, unfortunately, in July pears were not ripe yet. I must admit we were lucky with the weather again. For several days from "Misty Albion" England turned into a resort, bathing us in the warm sunlight. There is our city coat of arms by the entrance of Ron's house, which reminds me about the strong friendship of twin cities. In the evenings, upon returning home, it was so nice to see this small piece of Russia and remember my native town.

As a motto of my trip I have chosen an aphorism by a Greek philosopher, Plutarch: "Motion is life itself". Not a minute was spared without motion. Every day there was a trip, every day there was an enthralling excursion, every day there were new impressions and emotions. Beauty surrounded us everywhere: immense expanses, gardens, parks, ancient castles and churches. All these emphasize the grandeur of England and its people's respect of culture and ancient traditions.

On one of the days we had a coastal trip. Our aim was to find fossils, to touch a distant history. We succeeded. In one of the rocks we found a shell of an ancient mollusc. Also we did not lose an opportunity to have a swim in the English Channel and conquer huge waves. So 12 km of unforgettable trip produced best impressions on our souls.

A trip to a crystal factory 'Dartington Crystal' was memorable; there we saw a long and complicated process of making glassware which surrounds us all our lives and we even cannot suppose that a glassblower made a wine glass with such diligence and endeavour.

All left us with a lasting impression. Stone remnants of huts of ancient tribes dated BC excite our imagination and unconsciously take us to the deep past. Buckfast Abbey is a monumental building with captivating history and modernity of an unusual beauty. Cricklepit Mill reveals secrets of flour production and its origin as an important industry for man. A summer school at Dartington - International Summer School of Arts is situated in the ancient building. Arlington Court and the National Trust Carriage Museum - parks and lakes of unspeakable beauty, enormous collections of museum exhibits. Lyme Regis, the Pearl of Dorset, is a favourite resort of the English - a beach, the sea, yachts, and cosy cafes.

Ten days flew by unnoticeably - my second trip came to an end - my "overseas voyage". Ten days were like on another planet, one more piece of happiness.

A book won't be enough to describe the impressions from this trip. I want to thank all our friends who

presented us with this unforgettable cultural rest: David and Julia Parsons for wonderful organisation of our stay in England, for their remarkable hospitality; Ron Crabb for cosy home and care about me; Bonnie and Colin for optimism and smile, for wonderful dinner and lots of impressions (PS: I will never forget a real peach tree in the yard); Julia Upton for kindness and desire to help with any question, for fun and cheerfulness; Richard for interest in guests from Russia, for an excellent communication with a very interesting person. A very big thank you to all our friends. We love you all, respect you and are grateful for everything you do for us, as it is so important for our friendship.

I wish everyone good health and a bit of patience. Soon friends from England and Russia will meet again and will have an unforgettable time communicating, having fun and travelling.

See you soon.

(Interpreted from Russian)



8. Dates for Your Diary

Every First Tuesday of Each Month - 'Coffee Meet' at Ferns Café - 14:00 to 16:00

December 17, 2011 - Russian Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning - 09:30 to 12:30

January 13, 2012 - EYTA Annual Christmas Dinner - 19:00

March 30 to April 7, 2012 (Easter) - Exeter Children's Orchestra: Visit of dancers and musicians from Yaroslavl.

Provisional Dates:

EYTA visit to Yaroslavl - Monday 18th of June 2012, returning on Wednesday 27th of June, 2012.

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9. Yaroslavl Students Open “Weeping Gardens” in Honour of Hockey Team “Lokomotiv”

17 October, 2011

The representatives of Yaroslavl Teachers’ Training University, named after K D Ushinsky, opened the “Memory Gardens” or “Weeping Gardens” in honour of students and graduates of the University who died in Yak-42 air crash near Tutaev, Yaroslavl district.

The plane, Yak-42, carrying the hockey team “Lokomotiv” crashed on the 7th of September in Yaroslavl district. Out of 45 people on board only Alexander Sizov, a maintenance engineer, survived but all the hockey team and the club staff died. The last to pass away was Alexander Galimov, a “Lokomotiv” forward.

Seven students and ten graduates of Yaroslavl Teachers’ Training University were hockey players and members of the staff of the club “Lokomotiv” who died on the 7th of September, 2011. Among them there was Alexander Galimov, Vitaly Anikeyenko, Yury Urychev, Daniil Sobchenko, Andrei Kirukhin, Vladimir Piskunov, Evgeny Sidorov, Alexander Vasyunov, Alexander Belyaev and others. In their honour 17 different types of weeping trees were planted in “Weeping Gardens”.

Yury Yakovlev, the President of the hockey club, Vladimir Afanasyev, the Rector of the University, students and lecturers of the University, where the members of “Lokomotiv” studied, took part in the opening ceremony.

Representatives of the District and City Administration, relatives and friends of the deceased were invited for the ceremony. Daniil Sobchenko’s parents and Alexander Vasyunov’s mother and brother were there too. Also a former Dutch full-back, Daniel Tjärnqvist, and ex-trainer of “Lokomotiv” goal-keepers, Jari Kaarela, were present at the ceremony.

Seventeen types of weeping trees –elm, maple, apple, hawthorn, plum and some others, were planted in the “Weeping Gardens” in the memory of “Lokomotiv” hockey team.

Relatives and friends planted these trees into pre-prepared holes. Soldiers with the portraits of hockey players were standing near each tree.

Vladimir Afanasyev, the Rector of YTTU, recollected how once university students planted trees in memory of university lecturers, and one of these trees, a cherry, was planted by the hockey player, Alexander Galimov.

“We tried to arrange it so that Sasha’s weeping tree was beside the cheery tree which he planted himself”, said the Rector.

The Deputy-Director of the Botanical Gardens, Vladimir Konstantinov, explained to RIA News that hybrids of the pendent weeping type were specially ordered from abroad. These species are now unique to Yaroslavl district but scientists are sure that the trees will not only root but will be blossoming in May.

“It will be very beautiful, one can’t pass them. The trees are different and their blossom will be different, besides, they have different foliage, green, red and golden, so they will set each other off”, he said.

In the autumn of 2012 the University plans to open a memorial to commemorate a year since the air crash. “In a year’s time we will get together here to open the memorial. Its design, which has already been put forward, has been created by Russian artist, Elena Vasilyevna Pakhina. I think that the design is unusually successful and symbolic”, said Natalia Didkovskaya, the Head of the Department of PR and MM.

The base of the memorial is a stone from which a flock of swifts fly away. Pakhina also wrote the memorial motto: “Like a flock of swifts our soles, having reached the skies, will come back with the sparkle of spring rains”.

(Translation of an article in RIA News)



A Happy New Year!

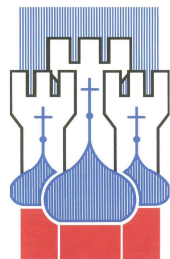


Christmas Wishes from DEFS

*Dear twinnners,
May Christmas bring for you gifts of joy, happiness,
health and many more!
May the sparkle of the holiday season shine for you all year long!
We want you to know that our friendship is a gift we treasure a lot.
Lots of love,
Yaroslavl – Exeter Friendship Society*



Christmas



Dinner



**Exeter/Yaroslavl
Twinning Association**



**on
Friday 13th January 2012 at 7.00pm
in**

**The Queens Court Hotel,
(The Redvers Suite), Bystock Terrace, Exeter EX4 4HY**

**This year our Christmas Dinner will be at The Queens Court Hotel, in ‘The Redvers Suite’
on Friday the 13th January 2012, commencing 7.00pm
The tickets are £17.00 per person. There will be the two course Christmas Dinner, plus a Christmas Draw
and Entertainment from our members. Full menu details are listed below
All members and friends are welcome to attend**

Main Courses

- Turkey Breast Roasted with Orange and Thyme** No.
accompanied by Traditional Trimmings and Rich Pan Gravy
- Pan-Roasted Salmon Fillet** No.
served with Lemon, Caper and Herb Butter and Sun-blush Tomato Mash
- Roasted Garlic Nut Roast (vegetarian)** No.
served with Wild Mushrooms and Baby Onion Sauce

Desserts

- Christmas Pudding** No.
served with Brandy Ice-cream
- Iced Raspberry Parfait** No.
served with Poached Blackberries and Chantilly Cream

There are two large car parks, one in front and one to the rear of The Queens Court Hotel.

Please mark the menu above giving the choices for all members of your party.

Your Name Tel No

Please reserve places at the Christmas Dinner at £17.00 per person.

I enclose a cheque for £..... (made payable to EYTA)

Do you require a lift? YES / NO

Can you offer a lift? YES / NO

Please return, with your cheque, by Friday 6th January 2012 to:

**Julie Parsons
Myrdal, 5 Spinney Close,
Exeter, EX2 5PE
- Tel: 01392-278764**



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TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

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**RUSSIAN
CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

AT

EXETER GUILDHALL

ON

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2011

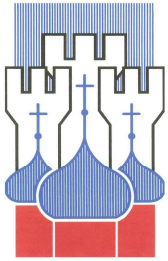
FROM 9:30am TO 12:30pm

STALLS: RUSSIAN GOODS, TOMBOLA,
LUCKY BEAR TOMBOLA,
BRIC A BRAC, ETC

HOT DRINKS WITH A MINCE PIE

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

YAROSLAVL



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Twinning Association

EYTA MEMBERSHIP DETAILS / RENEWAL FORM 2011 / 2012

(PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

NAME(S):

ADDRESS:

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POSTCODE: TEL NO:

E-MAIL:

CAN YOU HOST RUSSIAN GUESTS? YES / NO IF YES, HOW MANY?

IF NOT, CAN YOU HOST FOR PART OF THE STAY? YES / NO
IF YES, HOW MANY DAYS / GUESTS? /

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN 'DAY HOSTING'? YES / NO

CAN YOU ASSIST WITH THE RUSSIAN GROUP VISIT? YES / NO

DO YOU HAVE TRANSPORT AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH THE RUSSIAN GROUP VISIT?
YES / NO

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VISITING YAROSLAVL WITH THE GROUP IN 2012? YES / NO

WHAT TYPE OF FUND RAISING EVENTS WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING?
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ARE YOU ABLE TO ASSIST WITH FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES? YES / NO

I enclose £ being my/our EYTA Annual Subscription for 2011/12.

(£5 Individual, £6 Couple, £10 Organisations, £2.50 Unwaged Individual, £3.50 Unwaged Couple;
plus £1 for each additional member of the family at the same address.
Additional donations are always gratefully received)

Please make cheques payable to 'EYTA' and send with this slip to:

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