

Firstly, just some updates on opening times during May at the Ludlow hub.

We will be closed on:

Saturday 6th May – due to the many activities taking place in Ludlow and surrounding areas for the Kings Coronation.

Saturday 13th – due to our early evening BBQ/Food sharing event at Ashford Carbonell village Hall. (full details below)

Week beginning 29th May. This is half term week, and there will be no lessons during that week.

Next Saturday hub opening will be 20th May and will open every Saturday 3-5 unless specified in advance.

- 1) **BBQ/ Shared supper, including music, children's games and a streaming of the Eurovision song contest.**

BBQ/ or bring food to share - for all Ukrainian families, hosts, volunteers and supporters.

We warmly invite you attend a BBQ/ food share on Saturday 13th May 5.30 – 10.30

At Ashford Carbonell Village Hall, Near Ludlow SY8 4BZ. (a few miles from Ludlow)
If the weather forecast is rainy, please still attend and bring food to share, there is a lovely village hall, and there will be a bar. It is also the final of the Eurovision Song Contest and we aim to be able to set up a large screen for people who would like to watch.

We aim to provide Children's games early in the evening and eat altogether from 6.30/7.00pm

This will be a fun evening for all Ukrainian families and friends.

We will provide a gas BBQ to cook on, but if you prefer to have a charcoal BBQ, you can also bring your own. Please bring your own food to cook, and any salads and puddings with you. There will be a bar manned by volunteers from Ashford Carbonell, and for Ukrainians we will provide one free drink on arrival.

We will also provide:

- * A patio area to cook in.
 - * A Marquee in the grounds
 - * Lots of outdoor space for children (and adults) to play. Games for children will be organised
 - * The village hall will be open if the weather is cool or rainy (or both) and the bar is inside the hall. It's a lovely space and we will have music and dance
 - * Transport, if you find it difficult to get to the village hall and need a lift, please contact (within four days of the event) Peter Higgins who is our volunteer transport coordinator – email refugeesludlow@gmail.com or mobile 0775789708
- Please invite your friends, and spread the word.**

Any queries or questions please ring Erica on 07974001310 Or email ericagarner@hotmail.co.uk

- 2) **Planning for the Summer School Holidays** – we aim to provide children's activities 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 aim to

have three morning sessions per week. Iryna Ivanic, who will lead these sessions is consulting with parents on what would be the best days for your children to attend. Also if parents would like their children to attend but would struggle with transport please contact Peter Higgins who may be able to provide a volunteer to help (Peters contact details are above in section 1)

Please contact me if you are interested in finding out more.

3) Moving to Independent Living? Help is available

We have lots of help available to support Ukrainians who are in the process of moving from a host family to their own home. This includes:

- Liaison with host families and guests on next steps, and liaising with support from Shropshire Council teams
- Providing a written reference that can be forwarded to the letting agent/home owner
- Liaising with letting agents on behalf on the Ukrainian family
- Having a large stock of household items including furniture and kitchen/bathroom/bedding etc . Some of this can be seen in storage just outside of Ludlow.
- Help on the moving date, with transport etc
- Sourcing items of furniture/white goods

Please let me know if you would like your email address removing from the mailing list.

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