












**Dear Ukrainian neighbours, guests, hosts, volunteers and supporters,**

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break, and are refreshed and ready for settling into Autumn. The children are back in school, with a number of Ukrainian children moving schools and leaving primary education, and settling into senior schools. It is a really big step in their lives.







Our group has been busy through the holidays, we have continued with some English lessons and the weekly homework club, and have organised a number of social events and children's activities.

**1) On Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> we held a BBQ at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall** The group wished to celebrate Ukrainian Independence day  . The weather was fine (amazingly) as we had been having a very cool and wet period. Photos are attached, but as an after thought on my part I took photographs as the light was starting to fade and it was getting a little cool! A big thanks goes to the Village hall committee, and the volunteers who very kindly offered the venue for free and also helped on the night with setting up the amazing large gas BBQ. We are learning that BBQ season is very important in Ukraine, and some people preferred to bring their own charcoal BBQs, really wonderful food was cooked on the night 

**2) During the whole period of the school summer holidays, four mornings each week, Iryna Ivanik organised a Summer camp for Children.**         . The children had a fantastic time with lots of play, yoga classes, salt dough modelling, cooking, drawing bracelet weaving, paper appliques, quilling, sports quests outside, and lots of visits to museums within Shropshire and Herefordshire. We had up to nine children at each session. A huge thank you to Iryna for putting on this camp and supporting families with much needed child care, so they could continue to go to work, without too much disruption. A small sample of photos are attached.

**3) Lap tops –**   we have a small number of new laptops available for a six month loan. Priority will be given to families with children moving from junior to secondary school, or to new college students. Please contact Erica by email [ericagarner@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ericagarner@hotmail.co.uk) if you are interested.

**4) News/Forthcoming events and possible activities**   -

- **October half term**       After the success of the summer camp, we would like to be able to offer ongoing support with providing children's activities, during all of the school holidays. This will be subject to availability of Iryna, and we will need to work out dates clearly, so parents have a forward plan for the **October holidays and over Christmas time**. Depending on the level of interest from parents, and the number of children, this could be for **three/four mornings per week**. **If you are interested please either contact Iryna by email [ivanik\\_irina@ukr.net](mailto:ivanik_irina@ukr.net) or**

[ericagarner@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ericagarner@hotmail.co.uk) Children from Shropshire and North Herefordshire would be very welcome.

- **Yoga** 🧘🧘🧘🧘🧘🧘 - would you be interested in weekly yoga classes? This would be aimed at adults, and open to all Ukrainians, volunteers, supporters, hosts. One evening per week, probably in Ludlow, and would be suitable for beginners, men and women. if you are interested, please contact Iryna (email above) or [ericagarner@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ericagarner@hotmail.co.uk)
- **Film night** ? - An idea for teens? Probably on a Friday night, with snacks/food, venue, maybe QMH or a room in the centre of Ludlow. Please let me know if you think we need activities for teens and if so what? where? frequency? place ?

5) **Christmas Pantomime – Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs** ❄️🎄👤🎄❄️👤🎄  
**Ludlow Assembly Rooms Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 12.00noon .** We have booked tickets for the pantomime at the Ludlow Assembly rooms, ideal for all the family, smaller children will really enjoy the live event and they will have lots of fun. We will provide soft drinks and popcorn! We have reserved the tickets but need to know who may wish to attend ideally **by the end of September. To enable us to confirm the booking for you, we need the following information about those attending.**

- Full name of those people who want a ticket
- E mail address of the main person in the party
- Age of people attending – those who are 18 + and those who are below the age of 18
- Mobile number of main contact
- Does anybody need a lift to get to the venue and a lift home?

6) **English Lessons** - Our new term has started for lessons, and for the Wednesday evening homework club. **English Assessments and English Language lessons (all levels )**

Students are very welcome to attend lessons more than once per week, and in addition to face to face classes in Ludlow, Please contact Jacki Moore if you are interested. Contact details for Jacki below.

**English Lessons** Quakers Meeting House (QMH) St Marys Lane, Ludlow SY8 1DZ

**Tuesday mornings** 10-11.30am –

**Wednesday evening** 6.00-7.30 pm

**Thursday afternoon** 1.30-3.00 pm

**Homework club – Wednesday 6.00 – 7.30pm**

Our homework club for young people at school or college aged 11+ , is popular and this runs alongside the adult English classes on Wednesday's between 6.00 and 7.30 pm. We provide help with understanding school topics and completing assignments, and will also give particular support with English Language GCSE.

**Please contact Jacki Moore** email [jackiamoore@gmail.com](mailto:jackiamoore@gmail.com) or mobile 07929656545 to book onto a lesson, or if you are interested in the homework club.

7) **Continued support with helping find :**

- **Work**, Alison Toulson from the Enable Service is available to help people find work, or to discuss changing jobs or find a different role. Alison will be at the Quaker meeting house

on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month. A **QR code is attached** which gives access to an application form, that you can submit directly to Alison who can start supporting you very quickly with job search in your area.

- **Furniture and household goods**, we have a store of household items - please do say if you need any kitchen or bedding an beds, chairs, sofas.
- **Help to move** – we can help you move to your new house or flat, provide volunteer help with moving your belongings and hire a van for the move, please don't hesitate to contact us for help.

#### **8) For contact anytime throughout the week –**

- **Erica's contact details are** – mobile 07974001310 or email [ericagarner@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:so369369@gmail.com)
- **Iryna Ivanik**, for all queries relating to school holiday camps , children's activities, contact mobile 07438027943 or email [ivanik\\_irina@ukr.net](mailto:ivanik_irina@ukr.net)
- **Contact us via facebook** – Ludlow Refugee Support Group

**Erica, Jacki, and Oksana will be at the Meeting House on the first Saturday of the 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 most days of the week.**

#### **9) The Saturday sessions for 2023 are as follows:**

- **Saturday October 7th 3-5pm (Alison Toulson will be available for support) Erica will not be available but Jacki will be present**
- **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.**

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