

REFUGEE SUPPORT AND UKRAINE: WHATS ON IN BRENT AND LOCALLY

More than two million people have fled their homes to escape the conflict in Ukraine. Heavy fighting, shelling and air strikes across the country have had devastating consequences for ordinary people. Homes have been destroyed. Families have been separated. Lives have been lost. At Ukraine's borders with Poland, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia and Moldova, huge numbers of people are arriving with only what they can carry. The [Disasters Emergency Committee \(DEC\)](#), (which brings together 15 leading UK aid charities to raise funds quickly and efficiently), has launched a **Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal**. DEC charities and their local partners are in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries providing food, water, shelter and medical assistance; see: www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal. A more local Charity [Shelterbox](#) based in Cornwall, is also responding to the crisis and has a team in Poland working to understand the type of emergency shelter and essential aid items people need - see: www.shelterbox.org/ukraine-crisis-urgent-appeal-ad/. A number of the events below are being organised in response to this humanitarian disaster and to support emerging refugees.

VILLAGE EVENTS:

Every Saturday from 5 March 2022: Silent Candlelit Vigil for Ukraine at 5.30pm outside the Anchor Building/Village Shop. Please bring a candle and join us.

Saturday 5 March 2022: Bring and Buy Stall for Ukraine from 9 – 12 at the Art House Gazebo

Saturday 12 and Saturday 19 March 2022: Cake Stall from 9am -12noon in aid of Ukrainian Refugees outside the Anchor Building/Village Shop. If you are able to cook, bake or donate home produce, please bring donations to the stall, or if this is not possible, call Ginny on 07934424212 to arrange for them to be collected on the Friday.

Thursday 24 March 2022: Lent lunch: there will be a simple Lent lunch of bread and cheese in the Church Room from 12 - 2pm with donations in aid of Ukraine.

Saturday 26 March 2022: Cream teas, cake stall, crafts & raffle; 2-4pm in the Village Hall - fund raiser for Ukraine - all proceeds to [DEC](#) - please come along and support this event.

[POSTPONED to a later date: Sunday 27 March 2022: Breakfast Café (with raffle): 9.30am-12 noon, in the [Old School Community Centre](#) organised to raise funds for Ukrainian Refugee projects. Everyone is welcome to come and eat together - a touching way to spend Mothers' day. If you are able to offer help with setting up, cooking, serving, making drinks, packing away - please email Jude jude.bishop@icloud.com. If you can provide a raffle prize, please bring it to the cafe or if not possible, call Ginny on 07934 424212.]

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS:

Sunday 6 March 2022: Global Day of Action against the war in Ukraine. Demonstrations organised by the [Peace in Ukraine Coalition](#), including [Stop the War Coalition](#) and [CND](#). See: <https://www.peaceinukraine.org/> and www.stopwar.org.uk/article/global-day-of-action-sun-6-march-stop-the-war-in-ukraine-russian-troops-out-no-to-nato-expansion/. Uniting people across the world people in calling for peace and an end to the war in Ukraine, with an immediate ceasefire and the withdrawal of all Russian troops and also opposing any NATO escalation. See: <https://cnduk.org/events/global-day-of-action-stop-the-war-in-ukraine-2/>

Tuesday 15 March 2022: 'FLEE': Film night at Totnes Cinema with introduction and discussion facilitated by [Beyond Borders Totnes & District](#). Bar opens 7pm; Intro 7.40pm; screening 8pm; bar reopens after the film. A remarkable, loving, harrowing animated, Oscar nominated, documentary made by Jonas Poher Rasmussen, which brings alive the chaos, uncertainty and fear of the quest for refuge and safety. 'Flee' tells the extraordinary true story of Amin, an Afghan refugee now based in Denmark as, on the verge of marriage, he shares for the first time the painful story of his youth, in which he fled war-torn Kabul, desperately sought a safe country in which to live, and gradually came to terms with his sexuality; a story tenderly depicted in artfully blended animation, with archive footage deftly illustrating the historical contexts of the times.

Friday 11 – Sunday 13 March 2022: The Film is also being shown at [Dartington Hall Cinema](#).

Sunday 6 March 2022: 'Putin's War On Ukraine' at 3.30pm (doors open 3pm, tea, coffee, bar) - talk by [Professor James Mark](#), historian of Eastern Europe at the University of Exeter, who lives in Ashburton. James has been researching and writing about the decolonisation of Eastern Europe for years and will talk about the origins of the war of aggression currently being waged against Ukraine. This is a great chance to find out more about the background to the horrors that we're seeing reported in the news. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion – and of course to raise some money to help the Ukrainian refugees. Admission is **FREE**; - donations will be taken for humanitarian organisations in Ukraine

Saturday 12 March 2022: Open Mic Night at 7.30pm in [Ashburton Community Arts Centre](#) – come and sing, play, tell jokes or a story - email boxoffice@ashburtonarts.org.uk if you've got something you want to do. **All proceeds will now go to Ukrainian Refugees**. Admission: £5; £3 or £0 – tickets via: www.wegotickets.com/event/540188.