AGM report

16 December 2011

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Highlights of 2010–11

- Sponsorship for exhibitions and staff
- Cosmonaut visit and Gagarin exhibition

Highlights contd.

- Exhibitions programme
- Associated events programme
- Language classes
- Other events: talks, socials, Chai N Chat, Film club, language assts
- Willing helpers

Did anyone notice?
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‘Очень рады возможности увидеть русскую культуру на шотландской земле.’

‘Fantastic exhibition on Gagarin. Made my day!’

‘This exhibition is a manifestation of [the photographer’s] love and respect for Russian culture.’

‘Прекрасно, что в Эдинбурге есть такой центр!’

Did anyone notice?

- Membership UP
- web hits UP
- e-bulletins UP
- social media, TV and press UP
- Visitors (slightly) DOWN
- Events attendance DOWN (or maybe UP?)
- Russian classes UP
Problems

- Schools Russian under threat
- No SRF business events programme
- Not enough funding for staff – and no time for fundraising

Where do we go from here?

- Respondents: 39 SRF members, 13 non-members
- What do you think is the main role of the SRF?
  Promotion of Russian culture and of good relations

- Most important events/activities (in order of popularity): talks, bulletins, exhibitions, lobbying for Russian in schools, socials
- Opening hours: many visit, if only occasionally, and almost all said the hours were convenient
- Help offered: 18 responses.
Where do we go from here?

Comments and suggestions: which do you think are most valuable?

- new events
- new activities
- volunteers
- fundraising
- publicity
- other suggestions
- activities to cut

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