



# Annual Report

2003-2004

## SOCIALS AND OUTINGS

- 2003  
 March “Bring a dish”.  
 April Fabergé exhibition, followed by pub lunch.  
 May “Russian Spectacular”. Concert at Queen’s Hall, Edinburgh, by musicians from the Belorus Army Band, Minsk Bolshoi Theatre, Belarus National Folk Dance Academy. Meet the performers at SRF reception after the show.  
 December Christmas Party, held at Dom Gallery.

## TALKS

- 2003  
 May Geoffrey Harper: Explosive stuff - Kamchatka and its prehistoric links with Scotland.  
 September Paul Dukes: 1553-2003 450 years of Russo-British Relations.  
 October Tim Binyon: Pushkin.  
 November Peter Semple: In Wylie’s footsteps working with Russian doctors in St. Petersburg.  
 November Alexandra Tolstoy and Shamil: The Last Secrets of the Silk Road .  
 2004  
 January Mike Pringle MSP: The recent Russian elections  
 February Tanya Hine: The story of Kachanovka. AGM

## FILMS

Coordinator: Natasha Black.

- 2004  
 January Президент Всея Руси (President of All Rus’), 1999-2000, directed by Evgenii Kiselev for NTV.  
 February Same film continued.

## **KRUZHOK**

Informal discussion group, alternately in Russian or English.

2003

September Svetlana Zvereva: Kastalsky and Russian church music.

October John Bowles: Impressions of Russians and Russia.

November Neville Long: Chekhov's stories.

December Jenny Carr: Contemporary Russian writers.

2004

January Dairmid Gunn: Ballet Russe.

February David Prynne: Fishskin Tatars and Tigers Past and Present in the Russian Far East.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Newsletter**

Quarterly, sent free to all members. £1 to non-members.

### **Website**

Launched February 2004: [www.scotlandrussiaforum.org](http://www.scotlandrussiaforum.org)

### **Emails**

Any and all events and notices of conceivable Scottish/Russian interest...

## **VENUES**

These have included: German church, Marchmont; Edinburgh University; English Speaking Union; Edinburgh Students Union; Dom Gallery; Scottish Poetry Library; Edinburgh Management School.

## **JOINT EVENTS**

Partners have included: Edinburgh University Russian Department; Blackwells Bookshop.

# Aims

To promote a clear understanding in Scotland and in Russia, together with the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States, of the respective ways of life and the cultural and commercial activities, and voluntary services, of the other countries and to create contacts of all kinds between the peoples of these countries.