

November 2011

Dear Members and Friends,

The British-Russian Society is pleased to announce the following dates for your diary.

Saturday 10 December 2011 12 noon onwards

Informal lunch in Edwardian Tearooms, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. Meet from 12 noon onwards to chat with members in congenial surroundings. Reasonable prices for anything from a cake to a main meal. Non-members are requested to contact the membership secretary in advance (secretary@britishrussian.org.uk)

Wednesday 11 January 2012 6 for 630 at BMI “Twelve aspects of Russia”.

BRS members and friends are invited to the **Philatelic Society display and talk** about Russian stamps and history of the Russian postal system **by David Venables**, who is a member of both societies. The Philatelic Society (www.birminghamphilatelic.co.uk) welcomes everyone interested in collecting stamps, postcards and postal history. David's display will include a varied selection of topics & philatelic items from most eras of 'Russia'. The intention is to provide a brief overview of most aspects of 'Russian' philately and postal history. Non-members are welcome.

Friday 3 February 2012 630 for 7 pm at BMI “My Encounters with Russian Technology”

Graham Reynolds M.I. Mech. E. C.Eng. will give us an opportunity to hear about Russian technology from an engineer's point of view, including co-operation with his Russian counterparts and work against them. Because of his work, Graham was unable to visit Russia until 2001, when he took part in a trade delegation to Moscow and Novosibirsk and visited a secret aircraft manufacturing company. Non-members are welcome.

Fri 2 March 2012 AGM followed by a “Symposium” on a specific topic. One suggestion is “Health, Wellbeing and Longevity”, but please feel free to suggest others to Heather or another committee member. Members will be invited to participate by sharing their knowledge in any way they like, for example, recounting an experience, telling an anecdote or giving a reading related to the subject. Non-members are welcome to the “Symposium” and may listen to the AGM without participating.

We hope to see you at some of these meetings.

Best wishes

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