

Report for the Annual Parishioners Meeting.

Initially, a few of us got together to celebrate Ukrainian's Independence Day with some of the refugees and during that celebration we were asked if craft could be offered on a regular basis to sell and raise funds for medical supplies for Ukraine via Outreach Paramedics.

Funds were raised through the sale of our crafts at many events including Saltash May Day, Saltash Regatta, plant sales and seasonal events.

Crafts that have been made by the group include tie dyeing, paper marbling, jewellery making, air dry clay items and other crafting activities.

Since the beginning of the fundraising we have raised over £4000 for Outreach Paramedics.

Thanks have to be made to Stephanie Hurrell for being instrumental in starting the group alongside Jenny Waycott, Jo Baskott and Kathy Fox. Particular thanks to Jo and Jenny for all their efforts in securing funds for the group to assist the Ukrainian refugees to be intergrated within the community. Eighteen families benefitted from the group. Pysanka Crafts has been very successful in it's objectives as many refugees no longer attend as they have gone on to settle well into the community and many have jobs and their own accommodation.

The Core was instrumental in getting the group up and running, allowing the group to meet on their premises in the beginning.

Our current meeting place, Saltash Wesley Church, can no longer afford us storage space so a solution is being looked into.

As we currently have no Ukrainian refugees attending the group we have decided to close the group down. We are ensuring all relevant points, as per our constitution, are being met re closing the group.

After Easter we will set up a new group with a new name and new objectives. The main objective will be to raise funds for local charities (chosen by the management committee).

Kathy Fox

Chairman, Pysanka Crafts

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