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# DAY OF UKRAINE IN WALES

Community, Culture, Communication

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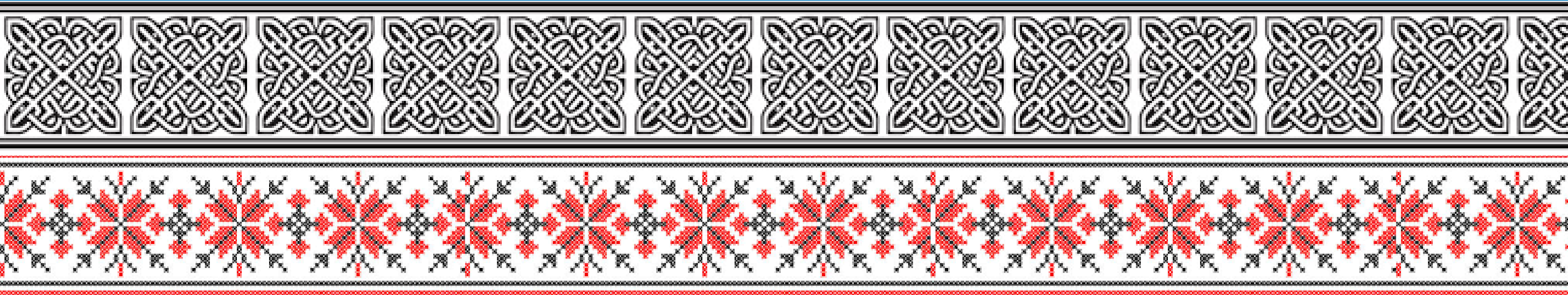


# **Festival Day of Ukraine in Wales: Community, Culture, Communication**

The Day of Ukraine in Wales is an extraordinary celebration of the multilayered Ukrainian culture that is now finding a new home in the heart of Wales. The festival is designed to bring together diverse communities, celebrate the warmth of hospitality and reveal the beauty of Ukrainian identity.

The goal of the Festival: The festival will not only showcase the rich cultural traditions of Ukraine, but also celebrate the unity and understanding between Ukrainians and the local community in Wales. It is a celebration of friendship, warmth, sincerity and openness that will leave an unforgettable experience and bring a share of cultural wealth to the daily lives of the participants.

# Key Events and Activities



# Ukrainian Fair and Culinary Delicacies

- A journey of taste: Taste authentic Ukrainian food and drink.
- Fair stalls with traditional Ukrainian ceramics, embroidery and other crafts.

Varenyky



Borsch



Uzvar



Jug



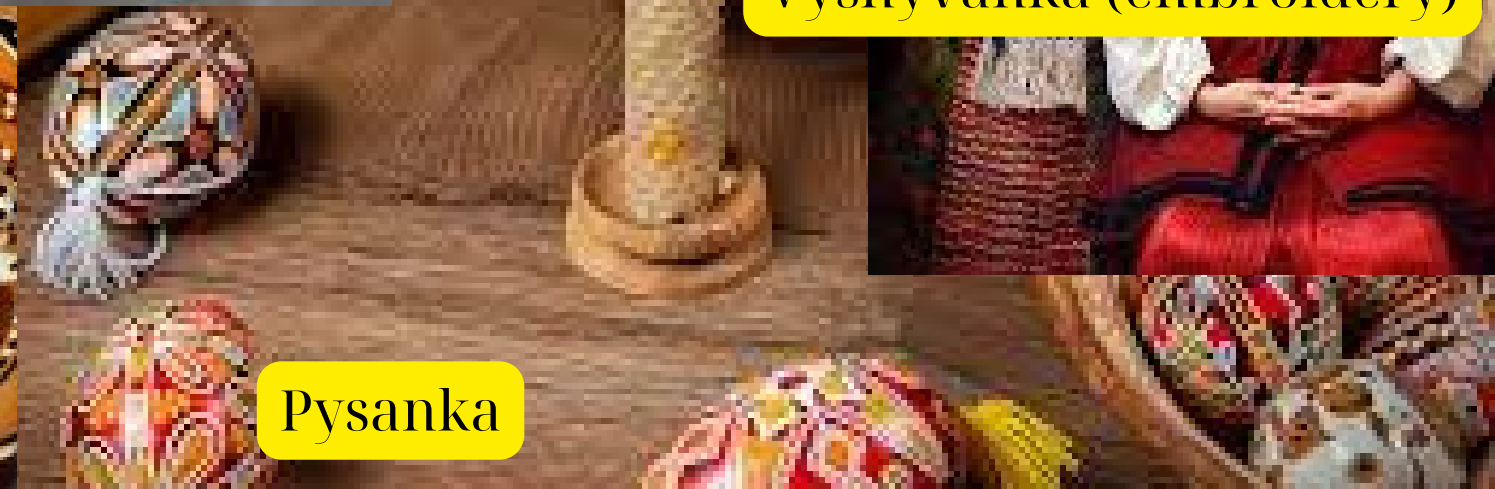
Motanka doll



Vyshyvanka (embroidery)



Pysanka





# Photo exhibition "Before and During the War": Discover different stages of Ukraine's history.



## Masterclasses for kids and adults:

- Cooking: Learn the secrets of cooking Ukrainian dishes.



- Dancing and music: Learn Ukrainian dances and listen to musicians perform.



# Children's Activities:

- **Workshop on making traditional Ukrainian decorations and toys.**



- **Fun games and competitions.**



## Cultural Lectures and Performances:

- Lecture "Ukraine and Wales: Ties through the ages".



Yuzovka



John Hughes

Yuzovka: The Ukrainian City Founded by a Welsh Industrialist

John Hughes (1814-1889) was a Welsh industrialist, inventor and pioneer. More surprisingly, however, he was also the founder of the Ukrainian city of Donetsk, a man who kick-started an industrial revolution in the southern Donbass, which changed the course of history for this corner of Eastern Europe.



Monument to John James Hughes, founder of Yuzovka (now Donetsk), Ukraine.



# Cultural Lectures and Performances:

- **Speeches by guests and Ukrainians who will share their experiences.**

The idea of "Speeches by guests and Ukrainians who will share their experiences" involves organising an event where guests and Ukrainians will speak and share their thoughts and impressions about various aspects of the festival. This could include stories about their experiences at the festival, important events they attended, and interactions with other participants.

A lecture on the historical connection between Ukraine and Wales could highlight common moments in the history of both nations, promoting understanding and strengthening cultural ties. This could include the exchange of cultural influences, trade relations and other aspects of interaction.

A particular focus could be on the story of a Welsh businessman who founded an industrial city in Ukraine. The story could include the history of his business, his contribution to the development of the city, the introduction of new technologies, and the impact on job creation. This could serve as an example of successful cooperation between nations and the development of industrial potential.

However, it is also important not to ignore the tragic events in recent history, in particular the war in Ukraine that began in Donetsk. Discussion of these topics can create an opportunity for deeper understanding and compassion among the participants.

The overall goal of the event is to promote mutual understanding, exchange of views and opinions between Ukrainians and Welsh people, strengthen cultural and historical ties, and support peace and mutual understanding in the context of current challenges.



## Film screening for Adults

Gareth Jones was assassinated in 1935 in China, the day before his 30th birthday; but his story and its impact in giving voice to the Ukrainian people has been told in Agnieszka Holland's 2020 film 'Mr Jones' – inspired by his niece' Margaret Siriol Colley's research, and recently commemorated in Barry in Nov 2021.



A Welsh journalist Gareth Jones who, unafraid of the Soviet Union, first told the world about the Ukrainian genocide



## Film screening for Kids

The Ukrainian animated film "Mavka: The Forest Song", based on the fairy tale drama "The Forest Song" written in 1911 by Ukrainian poetess Lesia Ukrainka, is now one of Ukraine's most successful international releases, and the first Ukrainian animated film to hit cinemas around the world.

