

## The War goes on—and so does the suffering.

### 'The Distant Barking of Dogs'

is a Storyville documentary that follows a year in the life of a 10-year-old Ukrainian boy during the war in the Donbas.



[BBC4—watch on iplayer]. There is no commentary; just a powerful insight into what living in a war is really like for people like you and me.

### Contacts to help you help them

Email us on: [taplowforukraine@gmail.com](mailto:taplowforukraine@gmail.com) or if it's urgent, ring 07801504681

Follow us and participate on our Facebook page: find us by just putting in Taplow for Ukraine.



Also, Sasha Savitsky is Ukrainian and lives in our community. She is a reliable source of information about current needs including supporting troops with helmets and first aid supplies. Her email is: [alexandra.savitsky@gmail.com](mailto:alexandra.savitsky@gmail.com)

## A Ukrainian Reflection on War

*A poem written by a Ukrainian soldier, who is fighting the Russian invasion, has been translated into about 10 languages. The poem was written by the soldier as an answer to his daughters' letters. It reads:*



Don't write about the war to me,  
Just answer: is there a garden near?  
Do snails crawl on grass and do you hear  
Cicadas singing, grasshoppers flee?

In faraway lands what do they call  
their cats, which names did you hear?  
The thing I wanted the most is to clear  
your letters from sorrow, remove it all.

Do cherry trees already have flowers?  
If someone brings a bouquet you like  
don't tell them about scary missile strike  
Instead, talk more of this life of ours.

Please invite all the people you found  
to visit Ukraine when this war is over.  
We'll show them our gratitude for  
knowing our children were safe and sound.



# Taplow for Ukraine

*Working together to support the people of Ukraine*

- We are a community group collaborating with two key goals:
- ◆ A network of support for refugees from Ukraine and host families in the local area
  - ◆ Providing a coordinated and focused humanitarian response to those most in need in Ukraine

## Action so far...

A Big  
**THANK YOU!**

**4 lorryloads of aid**

**Supporting refugees arriving here**

**£1800 raised in Raffle**

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# Aid destinations and needs

## Providing Aid: Where it goes

The lorry loads of aid have gone to a village on the Polish border with Ukraine. It is used in three ways:

1. Provision of meals in the local Community Centre for those leaving Ukraine.
2. Support for local hosts of refugees passing through
3. Aid for Ukrainian soldiers



## Providing Aid: What is now needed

### High Priority: *Instant Food:*

Pot Noodles, Pasta/Rice, Tins of food, Soups, Biscuits, Chocolate/Sweets

### Over the counter medication:

Throat anti-septic, Anti-inflammatory Gel, Tablets, Nasal sprays, Adult nappies (size 2), Medical Dressings, Plasters, Other General First aid

### Other items:

Children's Nappies (size 4-6), Milk Babies (and other baby food), Instant drinks, Kitchen cleaning supplies, Toiletries (Soap, Shampoo, toothbrush & toothpaste), Children's craft & toys (crayons, notebooks, pens, markers, soft toys), Sleeping bags & blankets, Thermos flasks (for personal use), Candles, torches & batteries



## Providing Aid: How to donate

Take items directly to the United Reformed Church, West Street, Maidenhead SL6 1RL (Behind M&S) You can unload outside.

Drop off times are Thursdays 3:00 -5:00pm and Saturdays 10:00-12:00

You can also donate money for us to buy what is needed. Go to <https://www.justgiving.com/maidenheadurc>



# Support for Hosts & Guests

## Providing Support

People from Ukraine are now arriving in our community hosted by local people. In Burnham, Taplow, Farnham Common and Stoke Poges, we have 48 beneficiaries matched with 19 sponsor families and 40 beneficiaries have actually arrived here—16 groups.



## Providing Support: what is needed

It is emerging that issues around education, health and finance are being addressed through the Council. Other issues which our community may be able to address centre around:

- Transport—helping our guests get about
- Interests and hobbies—supporting things in which they have particular interests
- Language support and adult learning—helping develop communication skills
- Getting to know the area



## Providing Support: next steps

T4U is inviting all local hosts and guests to 'afternoon tea' at 2:00pm on Wednesday, 27th July at St Nicolas Church, Taplow. The purpose of this event is to:

- Enable those involved in the scheme to meet each other
- Help our community to understand how we can support them
- Establish if a regular 'coffee morning' or something similar would be useful



If you would think you can offer any support for hosts and their guests, please contact us (contact details overleaf)