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Dear Holt Members

The indefatigable Stalham Secretary has asked me to issue this final reminder for a trip back through the centuries and under the sea in the guise of :-

Secrets of the Deep - H. M. S. Gloucester at the Castle Museum, Norwich.

A total of 30 places have been booked for the club's visit on **Sunday, 26th March.**

Members and guests are asked to **assemble by 2pm** says the secretary, **Michael Pollitt**. To speed access to the museum, one payment will be made for the group's block booking on behalf of the Stalham Farmers' Club. **Please bring £5** per head to cover the admission price. The usual price is £6.30 with £6.05 for concessions. There are a handful of vacancies to join the tour because several members, who have booked are now unable to attend. If you'd like to join the party, please let the secretary know as soon as possible - michaelbpollitt@btinternet.com or telephone **01603 486997** All requests will be acknowledged.

Martin Jensen is attending and we were able to top up our £3000 donation with £150 from a raffle for **Richard Brooks's** corn dolly at our meeting last week. We had a good turnout and learnt the difference between G.M. (out) and gene editing (in) along with much more. Attached is Martin's summary on the family of Bogdan Olijnyk whom we are helping. Thanks for supporting them and our club while here's hoping for an easier harvest than last year; as ever **Bill Poortvliet** and **John Cragg** will be on the case..
Regards

Tim

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P.S. Our thoughts are with **Rob Hughes**, our Student Day maestro, Holt Rugby Club Chair and Brown & Co stalwart at this difficult time for his wife and family.

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Ukraine

Ukrainian children orphaned by war 'need a tremendous amount of help'

In the summer I met with a family in particularly sad and tragic circumstances. The father was killed in Donetsk. He left two orphaned children Dmytro 16 and Jana aged 12. Since then this autumn his widow has given birth to a baby girl Elizabeth who will never see her father.

Bogdan Olijnyk was unwavering in his decision to volunteer and go and defend his country on the 25th of February. He was amongst the bravest soldiers fighting as part of a reconnaissance team working behind enemy lines when his company was ambushed. The widow and the children are now living with her elderly in-laws and with the breadwinner gone she is struggling to make ends meet.

I feel this family are particularly deserving and we would like to direct the full amount donated to this one family. In Ukraine with a much lower cost of living this donation will be a tremendous help in supporting this family at a time of their greatest need. Whilst nothing will bring their father back, members will know that the club's generosity will be crucial in allowing the teenage children to continue to learn and study. Dmytro, like his father, wants to be an engineer and this donation will help him to achieve his goal.

Martin Jensen

At least 6,000 Ukrainian children have been forced into camps and facilities across Russia - without parental consent - by the invaders, according to a report from the Conflict Observatory, which is supported by the US state department. And Ukraine's prosecutor general, Andriy Kostin, has said his teams have documented more than 14,000 instances of Ukrainian children being forced into adoption in Russia since the invasion, which shows no signs of ending anytime soon.

"There's no question that the fighting is going to continue," Thompson said. "The suffering is going to continue."

According to Thompson, Ukraine has made it a clear priority to keep in the country any of its children who are in need of adoption as opposed to sending them abroad.