

Friends of Hungary

First of all the shipment of clothing and food, toys and presents donated to Caritas Ujpest in Budapest arrived safely, and was very much appreciated by all. At the present time we are planning a larger shipment on the 15th July coming, so all donations of clothing, especially for children and gents are very welcome.

To give you some more detailed information, the flooding has badly affected Hungary and the neighbouring countries. The rain has not stopped and the damage and loss of property, infrastructure and farm production is a real threat to millions of people in these countries, already dealing with economic and financial problems.

Caritas Ujpest is also supporting many small villages with clothing and food and medication across the border in Transylvania (Romania). This support is ongoing, and the RC KAPOSTZTASMEGYERI CHURCH AND CARITAS in Ujpest are appealing for more volunteers to help with the clean up in various small villages and communities in Hungary and Romania.



Across the Hungarian border there are more than one million Hungarians living in today's Romania, which was before Hungary and was annexed by Romania after the War. The same has occurred with the other neighbours, so today, there are many parts of the former Hungary in Slovakia, Czech, Bosnia, Montenegro, and in all 8 countries at present have Hungarians living in their countries, which was once part of Hungary.

There is also good news about the School summer camp, which has not been affected by the bad weather, so in a week from today, the holidays on Lake Balaton will commence, which is a good time for parents to also have a break from the children. At the same time, Caritas with the volunteers will be helping the villages with the cleaning up and part refurbishing of homes, with used furniture donated by various Churches and other sources in Hungary and Austria.

The Scottish links with Hungary began in 1849.



The Szechenyi Chain suspension bridge in Budapest was designed by English engineer William Tierney Clark in 1839 and constructed in 1849 by Scottish engineer Adam Clark (no relation). It is a larger scale of William Tierney Clark's Marlow Bridge across the river Thames in Marlow England.

Length 375 meters (1230 feet) longest span in the world of 202m (663 feet) and has two lanes.

In 2001 Hungarian stunt pilot Peter Besenyei flew upside down under the bridge that became a standard in RED BULL AIR RACES today.

The bridge is featured in the 2002 movie " I SPY".

I am planning a new trip out to Caritas in Ujpest in two or three months time to get an update of the situation in Romania. Plans are also to visit the Transylvania region of Romania and visit the flooded area and the people living there. If any of the readers would like to travel along with me, please do not hesitate to contact me and i will be more than willing to help with your travel and accommodation in Hungary .

I am still desperate in need of storage so if any one has a shed or a garage please contact me.
