



Stas lives at Rodni Kut, our small family home in Rogachev for children with special needs. Yana is the daughter of one of the carers and is very much part of the family.

JANUARY

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ЯНВАРЬ

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	Vika lives at Rechitsa Boarding School for children with cerebral palsy. She also has severe epilepsy and we have a trial taking place in Belarus this year which should help to improve the care for children who have frequent seizures.				1 <small>New Years Day Bank Holiday - EW IRL NI S</small>	2
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'This is my new Mummy and Daddy!' Igor proudly shows a picture of his adoptive parents. He was due to move the following week from the Baby Home in Gomel to live with his new family.

FEBRUARY www.chernobyl-children.org.uk февраль

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We have run training programmes at the Baby Home and brought staff on educational visits to Britain, helping to make the Home a happier environment for the children who live there, but also to find foster or adoptive families for them.

Nikita and his mum Tatiana enjoy a dance at The Proms in Bretforton during their stay in Evesham. Six year old Nikita is in remission from cancer.



MARCH

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ST PATRICK'S DAY
Bank Holiday - IRL NI

Party Time in Glossop for Simeon and his mum Alena. They were part of a group of children in remission from cancer who enjoyed a two destination holiday in Evesham and Glossop.



Ten year old Yuliya loved looking after Georgia, the youngest child in her host family in Leeds. She was part of a group who spent half their holiday around the village of Monk Fryston and then moved on to stay with families in Leeds.

APRIL

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апрель

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Six year old Denis was on his second visit to Britain with his mum, after having a relapse of his cancer in 2008. Feeding the lambs at Hall Hill Farm, near Lanchester was one of the many activities the children enjoyed during their Teesdale holiday.</p>				1	2 <small>GOOD FRIDAY Bank Holiday - E W IRL NI S</small>	3
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25	26 <small>Chernobyl nuclear disaster 24th Anniversary</small>	27	28	29	30	



Children from the village of Terekhovka take a rest from the bouncy castle at the final party for the group visiting Mid Essex. They come from the southeast corner of Belarus near to the borders with Russia and Ukraine.

MAY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31 SPRING Bank Holiday - E W IRL NI S	Diabetic children from Gomel get together on a day out in the countryside. Our Buxton group have been hosting children with diabetes for ten years and also raise funds to support the Diabetic Association in Gomel.				1
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Children visiting our Gloucester group always spend two days on the water at the Costwold Water Park courtesy of Whitefriars Sailing Club, where they have a wonderful time, come rain or shine. This year the group hosted Diabetic children from Gomel Region.

JUNE www.chernobyl-children.org.uk ИЮНЬ

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Twenty children came to Solihull, some from Svetlagorsk Orphanage staying at Springfield House School, and others from villages in Gomel Region staying in local families. They all blended together into a very happy group!



Two year old Meriel was delighted to have Emilia and Katya as big sisters for a couple of weeks when the girls stayed with our new group in Cornwall. They were part of a group of twelve children who had a very varied holiday including a stay near the seaside in Wales with the Liverpool group, and a few days in the Staffordshire countryside.

JULY www.chernobyl-children.org.uk **ИЮЛЬ**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Celebrating their achievements on the Aerial Extreme at Knowsley Safari Park, this group of kids was selected by the children's cancer charity in Minsk, 'Children in Trouble'. A great holiday with our Liverpool group finished with a day at the park organised and funded by Knowsley Council staff.				1	2	3
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Sergei, from Rechitsa Boarding School, loves the opportunity to get on his feet. He is helped by Beth Saffer and Helena Walker, two of the many volunteers who go every summer to Belarus to make sure that over 100 children with disabilities have a memorable holiday.

AUGUST

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29	30 <small>Bank Holiday - E W NI</small>	31				

Olya Aficerava led a group of Belarusian students volunteers at the camp. They are all students studying to become special needs teachers so the holiday is a great experience for them. Adam was born without arms but he is a very active and happy little boy.



Lera and Valeria came for a holiday in South Manchester with their mums. There are many young children in the cancer hospital in Minsk, and we try to offer them a holiday as soon as possible after their treatment has finished. Becky (centre) enjoyed every minute of their stay.

SEPTEMBER

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сентябрь

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Ilya and Oleg are both eighteen years old and they were part of a group who enjoyed a holiday in Endon and Stoke, staying both with families and together at Cicely Haughton school. All the young people had been diagnosed with cancer in their teens. At a party at Longnor they met up with Angelika and Martin, also in remission after cancer treatment.</p>			1	2	3	4
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Last summer, some of the volunteers from the Holiday camp spent a few days at Zhuravichi Children's Home and Vikov Home for adults with disabilities. Ruth Atkinson is entertaining Sasha, who is 23 years old. Many children in the institutions do not grow and still look like young children as adults.

OCTOBER

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Октябрь

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	Gennady is the Director of Ulookayve Orphanage for children with mild to moderate learning disabilities. We employ a social worker at the orphanage who is helping to get children back into their biological families, or to find foster homes for them, and Gennady is very supportive of this programme.				1	2
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We have a great team working for us in Gomel. Ira has been working in our office for the last five years and she is equally at home interpreting for a training programme or a medical visit, or playing with the children when we visit orphanages.

NOVEMBER www.chernobyl-children.org.uk **ноябрь**

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These two girls are at the Psychiatric Hospital in Gomel. In a unit which holds up to 60 children with a wide variety of problems, teenage girls find the crowded environment difficult. We have created a room where they can relax in peace and comfort and listen to music or watch a film.

Every year a group of young children in remission from cancer spend Christmas with families in Buxton and celebrate the New Year staying all together at High Ash Centre at Longnor. It is a magical time for the children.



DECEMBER

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26 <small>BOXING DAY</small>	27 <small>Christmas Day Bank Holiday - E W IRL NI S</small>	28 <small>Boxing Day Bank Holiday - E W IRL NI S</small>	29	30	31	CHRISTMAS DAY

The Chernobyl Nuclear Accident

On April 26th 1986 an experiment at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine went disastrously wrong, causing one of its reactors to explode with such force that 190 tons of radioactive rubble were thrown into the air.

Evacuation of those living closest to the plant began the next day and in the first few weeks a radius of ten kilometres around the plant was cleared. At first many people were moved just a few miles further out before it was realised that these villages were just as contaminated, so the evacuation zone was extended to 30 kilometres.

People who had always lived in small wooden houses in the countryside, growing their own food and keeping animals, were taken to live in high rise flats in the cities of Minsk and Kiev.

Evacuations began again. A total of 500,000 people were moved from their homes, but there are still two million people in Belarus alone living on poisoned land.



Chernobyl Children's Project (UK)

The first Chernobyl Children's Project group in Britain was launched in Manchester in January 1995. Other groups soon started to spring up and we now have more than 30 groups around the country. We have hosted more than 3,000 children for recuperative holidays in the UK and organised holidays for hundreds of children in Belarus.

Some of the children we invite to Britain come from the very contaminated parts of the country. There are still many children living in tiny rural villages, sometimes just a few miles from the Chernobyl

exclusion zone. These children may not be ill yet, but their future is bleak while they live in such a radioactive environment.

A happy, healthy holiday in the Summer boosts their immune systems and gives them a better chance to resist disease.

Children with Cancer

In the wake of the accident thyroid cancer increased by a staggering 100 times in southern Belarus and there have been rises in the incidence of many other cancers, particularly those associated with the digestion of food. About one third of the children we bring to Britain each year are in remission from cancer or leukaemia and the holiday is an important part of their recovery process.

We also respond to emergency requests from the Children's Cancer Hospital for medicines or special catheters needed for children receiving bone marrow transplants. And we send humanitarian aid to 'Children in Trouble' the Minsk based charity which organises holidays and material support for the families of children with cancer.

For those children whose treatment is not successful Hospice care is vital.

We work with the Belarusian Children's Hospice and fund training and exchange programmes which help to develop palliative care for both children and adults.



Children & Young People with Disabilities

In the Gomel Region there has been an estimated 80% rise in the number of children born with disabilities since the Chernobyl accident. Many children were abandoned by parents who could not cope and ended up in large institutions like Zhuravichi, hidden from public view. Every Summer, we take more than 100 children from such orphanages to a holiday camp in Belarus.

We created 'Family Home 2000' for four young adults, three of whom had grown up at Zhuravichi and had never had the chance of an education.

Two years later we set up a home for five young children in Rogachev, who came either from Zhuravichi or directly from the Home for Abandoned Babies in Gomel. The children at 'Rodni Kut' have a foster papa and a team of 'aunties' who share their care.

We created access into a special school so that children in wheelchairs would have the chance to attend school instead of being taught at home. And in 2004 we opened the Mayflower Centre, the first overnight respite care centre in Belarus, which supports some 60 families with disabled children.

In the last couple of years, with support from Lloyds TSB Business Team, we have been funding extra staff to improve the care at Zhuravichi, and also at homes for young disabled adults.

We would like to thank all the families who have hosted children and the individuals, churches, schools, groups and businesses who have given us their generous support. Special thanks to our greatest supporters Olympus KeyMed.

TRAINING PROGRAMME

For the last ten years we have been delivering a major training programme in Gomel, co-ordinated by Jean Holt from Skipton and involving around 20 social work and child care professionals. This has helped to get many children moved from orphanages into local foster families and has improved the quality of care within the orphanages. Recent training has included the establishment of a 'Leaving Care' programme which is helping to give young people a better chance of success in life when they move on to independent living, and a programme to help place children with learning difficulties into foster families.



HUMANITARIAN AID PROGRAMME

We have a great team, led by Mike Allison, who gather aid, load the trucks and drive out to Belarus, where we deliver about 16 truck loads a year. We are very grateful to all those involved and to the companies and individuals who so generously donate the aid which is still so much needed by social centres, family associations and institutions in Belarus.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

You could join one of our local groups, help to organise their activities and host children from Belarus in your home. We also need volunteers with relevant experience to help at the summer holiday camp.

You could make a donation or organise a fund raising event

- £30 will buy craft materials for children in an orphanage
- £100 will provide a two week holiday for a young adult with disabilities
- £200 will purchase medicines for a child at the Cancer Hospital
- £400 will fund a holiday in Britain which will boost a child's immune system

We are very grateful for all donations, large or small. We need your support for funding nurses and carers, providing training programmes and delivering humanitarian aid.

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