

Autumn News

In the UK



Victory for Alex and Liam!

Alex Walker and Liam Kirkwood reached the end of a long, difficult road on 10 September as they crossed the finish line at John O'Groats. They covered 1000 miles in 65 days, raising £3000 for Chernobyl Children's Project (UK).

Kind strangers, B&B owners and farmers housed them along the route, keeping them dry and well fed! In Alex's own words;

"As difficult as walking all that way was, knowing how important CCP's work is instilled a sense of motivation and pride in us that meant we were always going to finish."

We want to say a massive WELL DONE and thank you to the boys for raising awareness of our charity and much needed funds for our projects in Belarus.

Walk for Buxton Group

One hundred and sixty five people set off from High Ash Farm in Longnor on the morning of September on the 8th Hills and Dales Fund sponsored walk. Some walked 8 miles, some sixteen and 120 people did the whole 24 mile route over the beautiful Staffordshire countryside. Every year this event, organised by Keith Bailkey, raises several thousand pounds for our charity and funds a Christmas holiday for young children in remission from cancer and their mums. This year they have raised around £5000 so we say well done and a big thank you!



Ball in Altrincham (Manchester)

Save Saturday 16th October in your diaries! Our sanatorium volunteers are planning an event you won't want to miss – Bop Around The Clock! They have organised a 1950s themed ball to raise money for all our projects for young people with disabilities.

Tickets include a 3 course meal, a live rock n roll band 'Black Cat Trio' will play and there will be a raffle with fantastic prizes including a 26 inch TV, kindly donated by the Persula Foundation. Not to be missed!

You can **buy tickets online** at

<http://www.chernobyl-children.org.uk/archives/category/shopping> or contact Beth at bethr.ccp@gmail.com for more details.

Vote for us to win the Charity Challenge and £500!

Follow the link here and click 'vote' - it's that simple!

<http://smallbusinessbritain.intuit.co.uk/charity-challenge/projects-detail.aspx?id=237>

You have until 14th October to vote, please send round all your contacts so we're in with a chance!

Summer and Recent News



Disability Awareness Training

A special needs teacher from Manchester spent a week in Belarus in September. She went to Zhuravichi children's home and Vikov home for adults and carried out specialist training for staff. The training included putting them in the position of a person with a disability. They were blindfolded and led around by someone else, fed and tried on glasses which simulate a visual impairment.

The training went very well and all the staff experienced new sensations which we hope will lead to changes in their approach to people with disabilities.



Volunteers make a difference for children with disabilities

This summer, 30 British volunteers flew out to Belarus to have fun with kids from Zhuravichi and Rechitsa orphanages. Everyone pulled together to make sure the children had a wonderful summer, despite the heatwave which sent temperatures soaring beyond 40° on some days!



A few of the volunteers went to Zhuravichi and Vikov home for adults to make sure those who couldn't be at the sanatorium enjoyed their summer too. Along with them were two physiotherapists who were able to advise carers on good positions for feeding and some basic mobilising exercises.



Happy Healthy Holidays

Groups across the country hosted children for a happy and successful holiday. Some of the children we invite are as young as five, coming for a holiday with their mums. These children are in remission from cancer, as are the 19 year olds who had a fabulous holiday with our Endon and Stoke group. Other groups hosted children with health problems, including diabetes, or kids who live in contaminated parts of the country. For all these children four weeks of fresh air and clean food will have provided a great boost to their immune systems

The picture on the right is our Monk Fyston group, who had a wonderful summer too. They have a new group coordinator for 2011, Margaret Miles will take over and we wish her all the best in her new role!





Independence For Adam!

On the left is a young boy called Adam who lives at Re-chitsa boarding home in Belarus, who was born without arms and with quite deformed legs.

He is an incredibly bright and happy little boy who has become extremely dextrous with his toes.

With funding from our dedicated supporters, **Olympus KeyMed**, CCP has invested in a machine, the 'Neater Eater'. Built specially for him, it enables him to use his feet to operate a mechanism which brings the spoon up to his mouth.

A big thanks to KeyMed and we hope it gives Adam a lot more independence for the future.

Grant for Palliative Care Programme

CCP has recently received a fantastic grant from the [Raisa Gorbachev Foundation](#) to train two Belarusian doctors who will become consultants in palliative care in Belarus.

Irina (pictured here second from the left), who heads our home palliative care team in Gomel, will be trained as a consultant. The training will involve her taking a Distance Learning Diploma in Palliative Medicine at Cardiff University.

We're really looking forward to getting this new project off the ground and hope to see some positive changes for people and children in Belarus who need better care towards the end of their lives.



CHERNOBYL 25

25th anniversary news

Look out for the following upcoming events for next April. Do you know a school, church or social group that would be interested in taking part?

- ◆ 25 Candle Action is being adopted as an International action (candles being lit in major cities across Europe)
- ◆ Chernobyl Essay and Poetry competition for schools
- ◆ Chernobyl Play for schools and colleges to perform
- ◆ Special Church services
- ◆ 5k run/walk for local groups to organise

Any comments please contact the office cprojectuk@gmail.com

An email to make a difference for Chernobyl victims?

YOU have the power to influence a major study by the Council of Europe into the real effects of the nuclear disaster.

Click this link to see you can write to your representative in the Council of Europe to ask them to sign this important motion.

<http://www.chernobyl-children.org.uk/archives/2898>

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