



2012 CALENDAR



CHERNOBYL
CHILDREN'S PROJECT (UK)
ПОДДЕРЖКА ДЕТЯМ
БЕЛАРУСИ

Wrapped up to enjoy the snow, four year old Palina was one of a group of six young children in remission from cancer who had a great New Year holiday in Longnor with their mums.



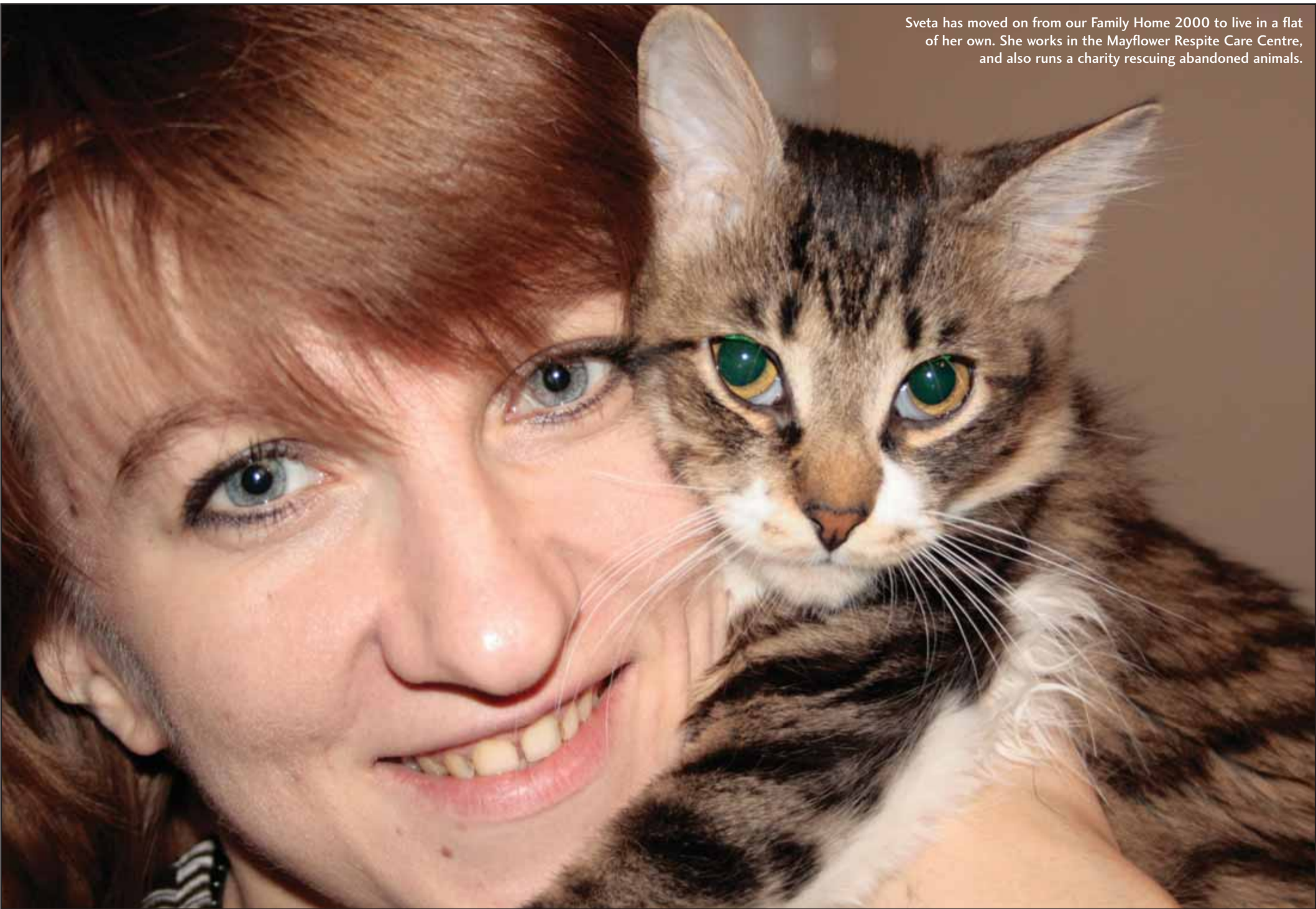
JANUARY

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1 <small>New Years Day</small>	2 <small>Bank Holiday - E W I R L N I S</small>	3 <small>Bank Holiday - S</small>	4	5	6	7
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29	30	31	<p>Dasha has severe health problems caused by meningitis when she was a baby. Her mum Anya greatly appreciates the support she gets from our palliative care team.</p>			

Sveta has moved on from our Family Home 2000 to live in a flat of her own. She works in the Mayflower Respite Care Centre, and also runs a charity rescuing abandoned animals.



FEBRUARY

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Our Family Home 2000 in the village of Klimovka always provides a great welcome to visitors from the UK. It is a permanent happy home for Liena and Greesha and provides short stays and independence support for many other young people.



Three year old Liam Lempriere was delighted to have two big sisters for a fortnight. Anya and Masha were part of a group who came from the village of Terekhovka to stay with families in Mid Essex.

MARCH

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Children with diabetes from Gomel had a great holiday with our Liverpool group. Here they are preparing for the Aerial Extreme experience at Knowsley Safari Park.				1 <small>ST DAVID'S DAY Bank Holiday - W</small>	2	3
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BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS

Children from villages in contaminated parts of Gomel Region came to Monk Fryston in Yorkshire. The four week holiday gives all the children a great boost to their immune systems.



APRIL

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1	2	3	4	5	6 <small>GOOD FRIDAY Bank Holiday - E W IRL NI S</small>	7
8	9 <small>EASTER MONDAY Bank Holiday - E W IRL NI</small>	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23 <small>ST GEORGE'S DAY</small>	24	25	26 <small>Chernobyl nuclear disaster 26th Anniversary</small>	27	28
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Another new group in Wimborne hosted village children who they shared with Solihull. The children benefited from lots of time at the seaside, and Ilya, Greesha and Kyri are seen here in the town's model village.

The boys visiting Solihull loved their football and had a smashing match against local team Racing Blythe, final score England 3 Belarus 3.



MAY

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The teenage girls staying in Rugby enjoyed a day in Solihull with the girls from a village school near Svetlagorsk who were staying at Springfield House School.



Sasha and Anya were part of a group of young children in remission from cancer who stayed with two of our newest groups, Stafford and East Cheshire. 'Wonderful children!' was the verdict of both groups.

JUNE www.chernobyl-children.org.uk **ИЮНЬ**

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The children who stayed in our Leeds and Rotherham groups got together with Monk Fryston for a day of sports and games which they all threw themselves into with great enthusiasm.					1	2
3	4 <small>SPRING Bank Holiday - E W IRL NI S</small>	5 <small>QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE Bank Holiday - E W IRL NI S</small>	6	7	8	9
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Masha Yurchenko did a wonderful job this summer organising the Belarusian volunteers and interpreting for everyone at the Ptich Holiday Camp. Six year old Sirriosha from Rechitsa Boarding School gives her a hug.

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

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15	16	17 <small>Bank Holiday - NI</small>	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31	<p>More than twenty volunteers from Britain went to the holiday camp to make sure the children had a great time. Vanessa, taking part in the holiday for the first time this year, is seen here with Misha from Zhuravichi Children's Home.</p>			

This happy Holiday Camp picture of Igor and friends was captured by seven year old Adam from Rechitsa Boarding School. Adam (inset) has no arms but he finds a way to achieve whatever he wants to do, in this case tucking the camera between his chin and collar bone.



AUGUST

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Our Gloucester group host children from the villages in Gomel Region. Gloucester is one of our busiest groups with outings and activities for the children almost every day. The girls here are enjoying a day out at Sudeley Castle.			1	2	3	4
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Our Buxton group hosted diabetic children as always. The English children always make great friends with their Belarusian visitors. Leon is seen here with visitors Yura and Vlad.

SEPTEMBER

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30	West Pennine families and their visiting children from 'Children in Trouble' the children's cancer charity in Minsk, had a great time developing their skills with the Skylight Circus in Rochdale.					1
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Endon group as always hosted teenagers, 16-18 years old, in remission from cancer. These young people get a tremendous psychological boost from the holiday as well as the more obvious health benefits.

OCTOBER

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The teenagers had a fabulous day in London, always a highlight of the visit. The group spent a fortnight staying with host families and a further two weeks staying together at Cicely Haughton School, Wetley Rocks.

Four year old Varvara and her mum Ira enjoyed a holiday in Glossopdale. Seven children and their mums all forgot their health problems or disabilities as they enjoyed their time in the countryside.



NOVEMBER

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<p>A happy band of youngsters at Ulookayve Orphanage. Over the last three years we have had a very successful project, working with this home for children with mild learning disabilities, to get children back into their birth families or into loving foster families.</p>				1	2	3
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Allessia and her daughter Dasha were able to forget all the stress and anxiety of recent cancer treatment when they spent a very Happy Christmas holiday at Denis Moors' Activity Centre in Longnor, in the Staffordshire Moorlands.

DECEMBER www.chernobyl-children.org.uk декабрь

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30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	The children and their mums spent Christmas and Boxing Day with local families in the Buxton group. Vika and her mum Tanya enjoyed a very happy time with the Saxby family.				1
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23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 BOXING DAY	27 Bank Holiday - E W IRL NI S	28	29

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.

A 30 kilometre evacuation zone was created around the plant and 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. Three years after the accident a map was published showing 'purple zones' of extremely high radioactive contamination, up to 200 miles from Chernobyl.

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.



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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 about 20 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 significant 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 for medicines from the Children's Cancer Hospital and we work closely with 'Children in Trouble' the Minsk based charity which supports the families of children with cancer. For those children whose treatment is not successful Hospice care is vital. We support the Belarusian Children's Hospice with training and exchange programmes and fund a home palliative care team in Gomel.

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. We provide extra staff and training at Zhuravichi, a large

children's home, and every summer we take around 100 disabled orphans 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 from Zhuravichi. 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.



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 twelve years we have been delivering a major training programme in Gomel, co-ordinated by Jean Holt 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. Geoff Wright is now taking over the co-ordination of this programme.

Humanitarian Aid Programme

We have a great team, led by Mike Allison, who gather aid, load the trucks and drive out to Belarus with regular aid convoys. 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. If there is no group in your area, maybe you could help us to start one. We also need energetic volunteers with relevant experience to help at the summer holiday camp.

You could make a donation or organise a fund raising event

- £25 will buy craft materials for children in an orphanage
- £50 will help to buy medicines for a child in the cancer hospital
- £100 will provide a two week holiday for a young adult with disabilities
- £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.

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