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Our **Glossop and New Mills Group** hosted five young children in remission from cancer with their mums. They stayed for the first week in the Torrs Apartments in New Mills and then moved to stay with host families in Glossopdale, Hayfield and Mellor. They are seen here at Lyme Park, Pony Patch, being entertained by the 'Bubble Man', Ian Russell, and enjoying the Hokey Cokey at a Garden Party.

The group also went to the seaside at Lytham St. Anne's, Gulliver's World, climbing at Rope Race, out for meals and picnics, pot painting and craft sessions and lunch with Glossop W.I. Kristina celebrated her fifth birthday with us, but most of the other children were six years old. For the first time we had a baby in the group, and six month old Valera came along on all the activities. We hope the children have returned home happy and healthy and that their mums will have lots of good memories.



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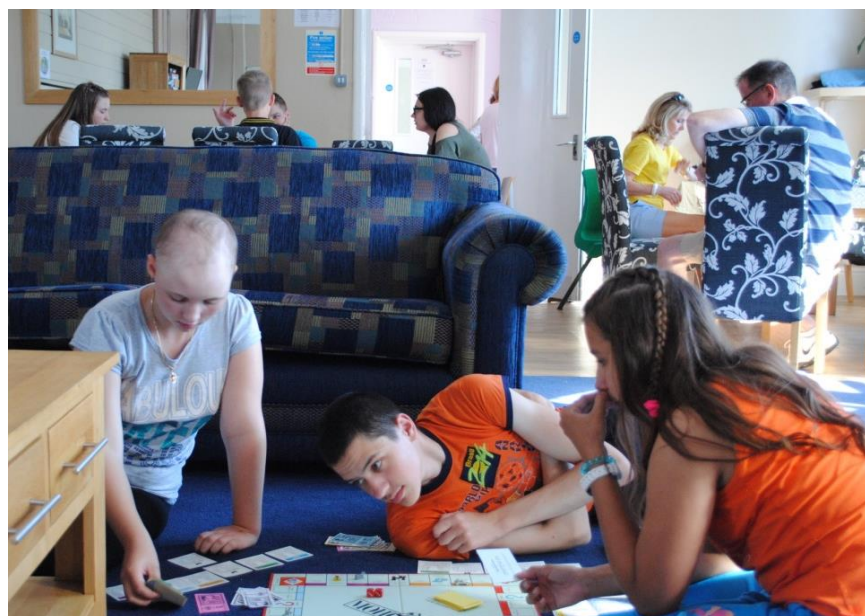


Our **Endon and Stoke-on-Trent** group hosted teenagers, as always, although they were a little younger than usual this time, with most being around 16. All the group came together for Group Leader Ludmilla Nazina's 70th Birthday. Our Liverpool group remember celebrating her 50th! She is seen here with group Co-ordinators John and Julie Gater.

The young people have taken part in a whirlwind of activity, including a weekend at Alfrey Camp where they enjoyed jet skiing and canoeing. Alton Towers, a day in London, 4 x 4 driving and a trip to JCB were other highlights of their visit.

After a fortnight staying with families, they moved to Cicely Houghton School at Wetley Rocks, where they spent the second half of their holiday.





Our **Solihull** teenagers have also had a fabulous time, divided between staying with host families and at Lindsworth School in Birmingham. They had days out at Warwick Castle, Stratford and West Midlands Safari Park; they went climbing, sailing, cycling, swimming and horse riding; went to Drayton Manor; were visited by Birmingham Harley Davidson Club; learned some circus skills and had a day out in London.



Thank you to everyone who provided free activities for Solihull and all our groups, and to all the wonderful host families without whom these visits, which do so much to boost the children's health, would not be possible.



Like all our other children this summer the **Staffordshire** group were in remission from cancer and the holiday should provide a great boost to their health.

They lived for three weeks with host families and had an exciting and action packed week at RAF Shawbury.

The children spent lots of time in the countryside – climbing the Wrekin, building dens and visiting Fordhall Organic Farm; they went to Waterworld, on the Churnett Valley railway and pony trekking; were able to try

their hand at gymnastics at the Lilleshall National Sports Centre and at acting at the Regent Cinema in Hanley.

A day at the seaside was another highlight of the visit, as was a day of activities at the impressive YMCA Centre in Hanley

Most of our visiting children also visited dentists and opticians, not so much fun as the adventures, but an important part of their visit, especially for those who needed fillings or new glasses





We had a fantastic group of volunteers going to **Zhuravichi and Vikov** institutions this year, led by Lynne Murphy who was on her 12th visit to Belarus!



The small number of children still living at Zhuravichi are currently being relocated by the authorities meaning that Zhuravichi will soon be an entirely adult institution, but the lovely director who thinks of the residents as family, is hoping that the children will be able to return to their former home once they turn 18 years old. All of the volunteers, including several going for the first time this year, worked very hard to ensure the residents of the two institutions had a fortnight to remember for a long time.

A change of director at Vikov meant that, finally, the old ladies could enjoy some pampering and have their nails painted which they loved, as can be seen above. And at Zhuravichi, for the first time, some of the wheelchair-bound residents were treated to a cooking session in the kitchen funded through a CCP / US Embassy project. This photo of Liena shows just how much they enjoyed it.



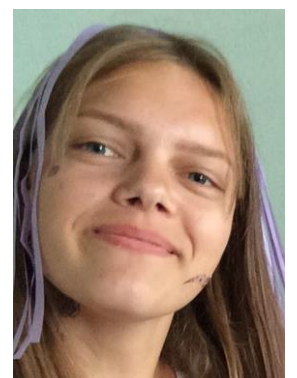


Marcin Witek, on his fourth visit to the Camp, led our first group of volunteers at Ptich Sanatorium. They gave all the children and young people an amazing holiday. The young people pictured above live at the nearby institution at Kapatkevichi and this is the first time we have involved them in the holiday.



There were games of volleyball and football; a karaoke and regular discos; a 'lost in the forest' game; outings to local towns and museums; parties and picnics; and lots of art and craft sessions.

Other children staying at the Sanatorium joined in many of the activities, and for some it will have been their first time meeting children with disabilities. And 17 year old Lilia Kamysh did a brilliant job as interpreter for the group.



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