

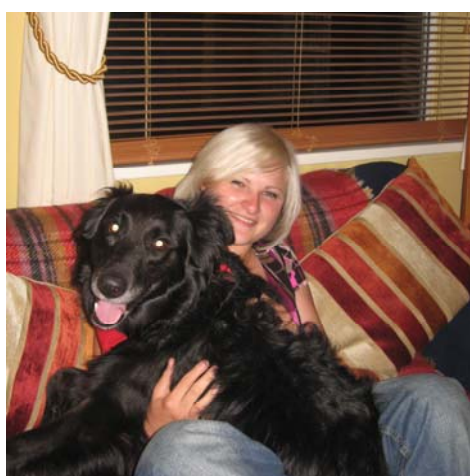
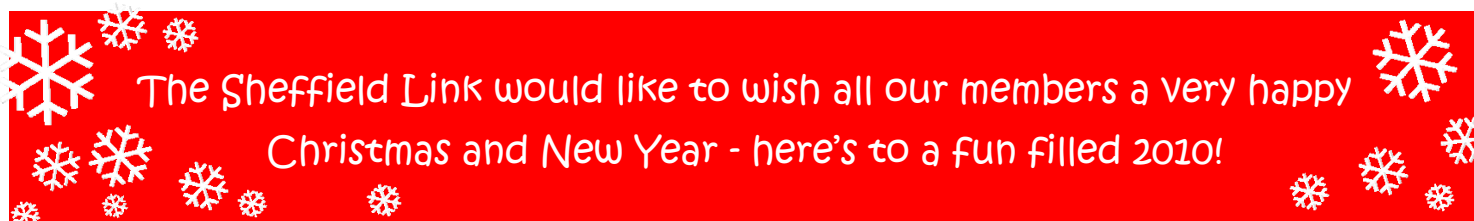


Chernobyl Children Life Line

SHEFFIELD LINK

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Words from Nadja

Over the past three Summers, my husband, Neil, and I have participated in the activities of the Link – at the outset, providing support to a host family, then hosting a child with our friends, Steve and Julia Kenny, until this Summer, when we were called upon to host the junior leader, Nadedzda Buzanovskaya.

Whilst the fundamental aim with all of our guests has been to provide a welcoming and caring home for them during their stay, all of the roles have proved to be very different. We have been extremely lucky to have met three lovely young people and the reflections of our experiences are very positive. However, for the purposes of this article, we have handed over to Nadja, the junior leader who stayed with us, this Summer. We asked her to write about how she felt about her visit to Sheffield and what the children thought of us.

"As far as the trip is concerned, I can say that I travel a lot but it is the best trip I have ever had. Our visit was really fantastic. We have been to many places and learnt a lot about England. I really enjoy everything we have done in Sheffield. The programme was really rich. Every day, we went somewhere, did something good. There was no time to think about parents and to miss them. The children had a real rest and relaxation. We didn't have problems with them, they behaved themselves. I think that the children have changed, in a good way. I feel that they will never forget this wonderful trip. But what I like most of all is English people. I never expected that they are so kind, hospitable, benevolent, nice. I can write a lot of good words about English people. Some of them played tricks on me but I like their jokes! They will always be in my thoughts and my heart."

We are still in touch with Nadja - as are Steve and Julia – and we also keep in regular contact with Nastia and Alesia, the two young girls from previous years. It has been a pleasure to know them – and, indeed, all the children - and I am sure our sentiments are echoed by the other Link members, who remember the young people who have visited our homes!



MAILING LIST

Know of anyone else who is interested in the work of Chernobyl Children Life Line? We can keep them updated on all our activities, through our mailing list, and its regular newsletters. Interested parties can forward their names and addresses or email details, to Diane Cutts at secretary.sheffield@ccll.org.uk. If you would like your details removing from the existing list, just let Diane know.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can support Chernobyl Children Life Line on a regular basis through direct debit giving. Interested in finding out more? Contact Elaine Ferguson on **07929 720977** or by email at treasurer.sheffield@ccll.org.uk



Your help is needed!

As the weeks fly by and yet another year draws to a close, the Sheffield Link of CCLL is already looking ahead to the July 2010 visit, when it will be bringing over another 16 children and 2 leaders, to stay with host and support families, in the Sheffield area. We still need 6 host families for this visit - please contact us if you'd like to find out more about hosting a child or being a support family.

In order to raise the valuable funds needed for these visits, we also need your help. We need to raise our profile by letting more people know who we are and what we do. So tell your family and friends about us and spread the word! By increasing the membership of the Sheffield Link, and providing a greater network of host and support families, more children will benefit from a health-enhancing visit to our area in the future.

JULY 2010 HOST FAMILIES

We'd love to hear your ideas! If you've got any thoughts about future fundraising or events for the visit please share them with us. The more you can get involved, the better your experience will be.

Finally, we are always looking for new ways of raising funds for the Link to enable us to continue bringing children over. Have you got some new ideas for ways we could fundraise? Could you join us on one of our bucket collections, display a poster or put a collection tin in your place of work or would you like to hold a fundraising event of your own. Every little really does make a difference, so if you think that you would be able to help, please contact Mick Ring, by e-mail, at chair.sheffield@ccll.org.uk or on 07973 850488 or the Publicity Co-ordinator, Neil Cutts at neil.cutts@blueyonder.co.uk.

Thankyou x

Our fund raising has continued this year with thanks to everyone involved. The auction raised over £900; a race night brought in a further £300 and a car treasure hunt organised by Lynn Greenwood and Kathryn Ward made a profit of almost £200 and was great fun, as are the quizzes organised by Rob Moore. Supermarket collections over the last few months have raised approximately £2100. We've had craft stalls at Whirlow Farm, Dore and Totley URC, Swallownest Baptist Church, Church of the Nazarene and Kelham Island, raising money and awareness of the charity. Many thanks to AnneMarie Johnston and Geoff Cousins for their fantastic efforts in running for CCLL and to HSBC for doubling what Geoff has raised. Many other donations have been received.

Business studies students at King Edward's school are also helping to make a big difference to our fund raising with cake and Ebay sales, supermarket bag packing and many other events. Thankyou!!

Many people and organisations helped with last summer's visit. Thanks go to Beauchief Baptist Church, Diamond Coaches, Abbeydale Steam Trains, Chesterfield Road dental practice, Specsavers, Fire training station, Lord Mayor, Margaret and Andrew Cauldwell, Whiteley Woods Outdoor Activities Centre, Totley Rise Methodist Church and Steelroots, Macdonalds, Transpennine rail, Ponds Forge, Active8, Beauchief Tennis Club, Woodseats Fisheries, Aston Baths, Ponsfords and Swanwick Methodist Church.



SHEFFIELD COMMITTEE NEWS

In September our secretary of the past 3 years, Helen Moore, stepped down. We would like to thank her for all her hard work in helping to set up the Sheffield group in its early stages and putting it on firm foundations. Diane Cutts has taken over as secretary. Helen and Rob will continue to be very much involved as a host family. We also welcome Neil Cutts in a new role of publicity officer and Ann Ripley and Caitlin Reader as host and support family coordinators, thanking Stephanie Dixon for her work on this last year. Mick Ring continues as chair of the Sheffield link, Rob Moore as vice chair and Elaine Ferguson as treasurer.

