### Send a Child to Hucklow Fund

Charity No. 271585 www.sendachildtohucklow.org.uk

### Annual Report 2013 & Appeal 2014

A Trust to arrange and administer holidays at the Nightingale Centre, Great Hucklow, for disadvantaged children, having no regard to religion, race or creed.

Broadening horizons, changing lives.

### In Memoriam Gifts and Legacies

During 2012-13 gifts were received in memory of

Roy Smith
Edith Barber
Keith Gilley
Dineke Humphreys
Gordon Stewart Deaville
May Bolton

These gifts total £1,820, and this amount has been added to the *in memoriam* Capital Account.

We have received a legacy this year from **Eileen Collier** 

Her gift of £5,000 has been added to the Capital Account. The income from this account is used entirely for the holidays.

The Trustees of the Fund are very grateful to generous donors, and to people who remember the Fund in their wills.

A legacy leaflet is available.

## Looking to the next 50 years... £74,000 raised last year!

A donation of £320 pays for a much-needed holiday for one child in a group.

Needs are diverse...single parent family, parent in prison: refugee status: "special needs"

### The continued support for yet another post-50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal year has encouraged us all! Many thanks!

In addition to many personal regular and ad hoc donations, we would like to make particular mention of the following:

**Trusts and other charitable organisations**: We are very grateful to the many Trusts and organisations, both Unitarian and other, who support our activity. These include:

The Order of the Secret Monitor, The Elliott Lodge of Freemasons, Dagney Raymond Charitable Trust, Mr and Mrs AER Goulty Charity, Friends Hall Farm Street Trust (a Birmingham Quaker Trust), Fellowship Theatre Co, Zochonis Charitable Trust, J&A Slater Memorial Fund.

(If we have inadvertently missed someone out, please accept our apologies and heartfelt thanks).

Major one-off donations were received from the YUU, following the sale of Pudsey Church; from the Women's League Project Appeal; and we have received the first tranche of our funding doubling.

Sponsorships: none this year, we always live in hope!

**Events**: The usual imaginative variety has been in evidence: gifts at a child's naming ceremony; 60<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup> and unnamed(!) birthday gifts; 50th wedding anniversary; carol-singing and sale of cards; pub-singing; morris-dancing; wine-tasting; ...plus an honorarium, and reimbursement for work done for *Faith&Freedom*!

**Special mention**: Oak Tree Lane School (Mansfield) children raised money for fellow pupils to enjoy Hucklow with a School Fair & Car-Cleaning. Well done! Generous individuals, and many congregations, Unitarian Districts and Societies, and Branch and District Women's Leagues.

# Our 2013-2014 Target \*\*\* £50,000 again! \*\*\*

### The Holidays!

In 2013, thanks to your continued support, the Fund was able to provide holidays in the Derbyshire countryside for groups of children from Mansfield, Nottingham, Southend-on-Sea, Manchester, the Wigan area, Birmingham and Liverpool.

#### Comments from the children

I liked: "the cave...the cave!" ... "what I like was eating and sleeping through the night" ... "did you know owls can turn their heads 270°?" ... "I loved sleeping in the room (i.e. dorm) with the girls"... "nice cooks that spoke to us like we was adults"

#### From the leaders

"Frictions that had been present before the holiday evaporated and were replaced by mutual respect and understanding" ... (re a group of older children) "being able to have a say in what would happen when empowers the youngsters and builds on their sense of self..."

For 2014	<b>Projected Weeks</b>
17-21 March	Liverpool
24-28 March	Mansfield
7-11 April	Liverpool
14-17 April	"Chances"
22-25 April	Liverpool
6-9 May	Liverpool
12-16 May	Nottingham
27-30 May	Hull
16-20 June	Towcester
21-25 July	Chester
28 July-1 August	Southend
26-29 August	Manchester
27-31 October	Birmingham



A visit to see the animals at The Chestnut Centre
Otter, Owl and Wildlife Park
– always a popular activity

### Donations made easy.....

There are so many ways to donate....the choice is yours.

Donate via our website: www.sendachildtohucklow.org.uk

Post your donation to the Donations Treasurer using the form on page 11. Don't forget to Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK Taxpayer. If you have raised funds by having an event or adventure, please do send some details. Sue would love to hear from you and to send you a certificate of thanks.

Raise funds with the click of a mouse at www.easyfundraising.org.uk. If you go to your favourite online stores via easyfundraising, after selecting Send a Child to Hucklow as your preferred charity, your shopping will generate funds for SACH at no extra cost to yourself. Why not give it a try for your Christmas shopping? This method raised £588 last year, but that is surely the merest tip of a money-filled iceberg!



easyfundraising .org.uk

Text your donation with ease using your mobile phone. Just choose an appropriate amount and press send!

Texts are charged at your mobile phone operator's standard rate. The charity will receive 100% of your donation. You must be 16 or over and please ask the bill payer's permission. For full terms and conditions and more information, please visit www.justgiving.com/info/terms-of-service.

If you have a Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) account, you can donate directly online by quoting the keyword 'Hucklow'.

Help us find more companies or Trusts who may be willing to support SACH. If you are aware of any local organisations whom you could approach on our behalf, please contact Sue Cooper for assistance.

We have some items for sale, with proceeds going directly to SACH.

- CD: "Trevor & Sheila (Jones) at the Wythenshawe Folk Club" (in the '60s)
   £5 (+ postage)
- CD: "The Unitarian Music Society sings 'Trial by Jury'" £5 (+ postage)
- "Post Script" Poems by Keith Gilly, Illustrated by Judy Gilley £5 (+ postage)
- "Christianity, community and social concern: a history of the Liverpool Domestic Mission Society from 1836": R J Ash - £10 (+ postage)

Please contact the Hon Secretary for more details.

### Secretary's Report 2012-13

The Holidays In the financial year 2012-13 we provided 14 weeks of holidays at the Nightingale Centre, Great Hucklow for children from the area around Wigan (2 groups), Mansfield, Nottingham, Birmingham, Southendon-Sea, and six groups from Liverpool, including 2 for the first time. A similar number of weeks is anticipated for 2014, and once again we have found it necessary to choose. Two further new groups are possibles. We welcome hearing of a contact made with possible candidate groups of children by Unitarian congregations, from primary schools, community youth groups, or others to increase our geographical spread.

**Responses** from the groups, leaders and children (quite a plethora this year from the kids!) are always most gratifying. Leaders are positive in their remarks, often citing the helpfulness of the Nightingale Centre staff members and the service received from Andrew's Coaches. For some years now, aiding the economic viability of the Centre, SACH groups have shared occupation with other visitors, usually a positive and enlightening experience for the latter. There are always challenges, underlining the pressures, not least of uncertain future funding, under which our client groups operate.

We are "back to normal" with our **Fundraising**! Our fear of a "dip" has not been realised, though we must recognise the significant contribution of three one-off amounts; from the sale of the Pudsey Church, from one tranche of our funding-doubling, and of course the splendid efforts of the National Unitarian Women's League! All of our Jubilee publicity items are still available on request to me; Derek Smith's Service can still be used. I am still available with my "SACH History Slideshow" Service, after a dozen or so visits; invitations are still welcome!

**Information about the fund**, and description of its history and Hucklow antecedents, and how to donate, including on-line from the UK, can be found on our **Website**: www.sendachildtohucklow.org.uk. We thank John Wilkinson for the maintenance. The Fund is also listed on the Charity Commission-sponsored website, www.guidestar.org.uk.

At the **Unitarian General Assembly meetings**, we again had our Stall and were featured in *GA Zette*. Our thanks are again due to our Donations Treasurer-cum-"fund-chaser", **Sue Cooper** for approaching various Fundgiving bodies both Unitarian and non-Unitarian. We are reckoning to build on Sue's hard work as "Appeals Treasurer" and write to trusts and companies

which might be sympathetic to us. I have again been gratified to hear of a variety of ways in which folk have fund-raised for us, and the generosity. Groups of **Visitors to the Centre** itself, **Unitarian and** non-Unitarian, again feature in our list of donors: thank you all.

Our warmest **thanks**, as always, go to the many people who have given help to the Fund during the past year: to Centre Manager, Stella Burney; to Mr Paul Andrew and the Andrew's firm coach drivers; the leaders and helpers of all the holidays; the Officers and Trustees of the Fund. Our grateful thanks are due also to the many folk who continue to support us financially, to make possible the continuation of the holidays, so well received. My personal thanks once again go to fellow officers of the Fund, Chairman, Peter Godfrey, and the Fund's Treasurer, David Ogden.

**Rev Peter Godfrey** Though he willingly remains a Trustee, we have accepted with reluctance Peter's decision to step down as Chairman of the Fund. His contribution for over half a century, as founder member, SACH group leader, Secretary and Chairman (not least writing who knows how many felicitous letters of encouragement and thanks), is of course inestimable.

We are delighted that SACH veteran Rev Peter Hewis has agreed to be nominated to succeed for a period of 3 years.

**New Trustees** We also welcome new Trustees Mrs Ruth Taylor, Mrs Sarah Benfield, Mrs Colleen Burns, and Mr Tom Grimshaw.

This year has been personally a most challenging one. I am particularly grateful for the support of my fellow SACH Officers, and others, and when things seemed quite dark, have been often buoyed up by the thought of the good SACH continuingly does.

Thanks to you all yet again some **200 young people** have been able to savour the, ever-special, "Far-off Magic" of Great Hucklow; lives <u>have</u> been changed, we have made a contribution to the future.

Ernest Baker October 2013

### Please view our display at the next Unitarian GA Meetings!

### Treasurer's Report for the year ended 30th September 2013

I am delighted to be able to report that we have received donations of £74,600 in total. This does include the first £10,000 of donations to match what we raised in our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. We also received almost £15,000 from the Unitarian Women's League appeal and £10,000 from the Yorkshire Unitarian Union from the sale of Pudsey Unitarian Chapel.

We were able to provide holidays for 14 groups of children. This is a record. The total cost was £81,200.

On an income and expenditure basis, our income exceeded our expenditure by £2,200. This is very good after running deficits for several years until last year. Using the basis preferred by the Charity Commissioners, our surplus was £38,800. This figure reflects changes in share prices, which have little impact unless we are selling shares.

In addition to the three large donations mentioned above, we have received numerous donations from congregations, individuals, charitable trusts, district associations and from special events. We appreciate donations of all sizes. It costs about £320 to send one child on holiday.

We have not publicised the newer ways of helping the Fund very much this year, but people have continued to donate via our Virgin Money Giving page (just over £1,000) and our online shoppers raised almost £600 at no personal cost by using Easyfundraising. Just Text Giving has not really taken off yet, but please put down this report and text SACH22 and an amount (such as SACH22£10) to 70070. Details and links are available on our website.

We have been able to reclaim £2,175 in income tax via Gift Aid. The process has changed and I had to reclaim the tax online this year. I need each donor's first name, surname, address and post code, so if you are making a personal donation, please include these details.

I would like to thank Sue Cooper for her efforts as Donations Treasurer. Sue receives and pays in hundreds of donations throughout the year and has updated the way in which we record donations to make my job easier at the end of the year. I would also like to thank Mike Georgiou for checking the accounts once again.

It is customary for me to finish my report by proposing a target for next year. £50,000 was a huge target for this year after the efforts of the anniversary year, but we beat it. There were some large one-off donations that helped and that are unlikely to be repeated. I hope that we have some momentum after two good years, so I think we should aim to raise £50,000 in 2013-14 as well.

David Ogden October 2013

### Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th September 2013

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### Peter Godfrey: An appreciation for SACH Service: 1962 -2013

How can a letter to the Inquirer in December 1961 lead to two vears ago) thousands disadvantaged children from our towns and cities enjoying a holiday at Great Hucklow in Derbyshire? The answer to that is easy because the Reverend Peter Godfrey's belief in faith being linked to action can be very persuasive!

The first group of children had a holiday in 1962 and last year (2012) there were fourteen weeks of holidays. Peter was the secretary of the Send a Child to Hucklow Fund for forty years and has been the Chairman for the last twelve years. If someone



SACH week 1971

rewrote Raymond Holt's "The Unitarian Contribution to Social Progress" then surely, like Abou ben Adhem, Peter's name would lead all the rest.

Once the fund was established several of us gathered one Saturday at the offices of A.E.R. (Tony) Goulty opposite Cross Street Chapel in Manchester. We were there to sign the Trust Deed and legally establish the Send a Child to Hucklow Fund on May 15th 1976. Tony was a member of Peter's previous congregation in Altrincham and gave his services free of charge.

The trustees came from far and wide, Peter had arrived from Sheffield, Derek Smith from Mansfield, John Allerton from Bury, John Keggen from Liverpool and I travelled from Hinckley. The other signatories were David and Susan Bennell (Chesterfield), Barry Clement (Lancaster), Alfred Fletcher (Sheffield) who became our excellent treasurer for many years, Penny Laws (now Johnson but then a student in Oxford), Ian Smith (Stalybridge) and Susan Underwood (Sale). At that time many of us were involved in either leading or helping on the holiday weeks. We had no problems with any banks because our funds were then with the good old mutual Sheffield Trustee Savings Bank!



In Biblical terms we say to Peter, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant", for you have changed the lives of thousands of children and you have changed those lives for the better.

Peter Hewis (on behalf of the Trustees)

### Please send donations to the Donations Treasurer:

The Send a Child to Hucklow Fund Sue Cooper 16 Woodlands Drive Beverley **HU17 8BZ** 

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"Send a Child" holidays - "Far-off magic" brought close!



A group enjoys activities in the Peach Hall, Nightingale Centre

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