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MARCH LOGGING 23RD-24TH MARCH

We are asking members and friends of Low Gillerthwaite for help. We are running short of wood to heat the Centre and we can no longer collect suitable supplies from the forest because the FC have stopped us using our chainsaws on their land. Over the last few years we have been forced into buying logs from the forestry contractor. Unfortunately the nearest we can now source logs is Eskdale. However there is a problem in that the log lorries can no longer get to Gillerthwaite because of a temporary width restriction between Ennerdale

Bridge and Croasdale and they are not allowed over Calva Brow. We have contacted other suppliers but they can only offer small loads at expensive prices. We have had to buy one of these as an emergency supply. We think that we may have come up with 'work around' solution but it requires a lot of manpower. The plan is that we will have a load of over 20 tonnes of logs delivered to Heckbarley outside Ennerdale Bridge before the members' weekend of 22nd March-24th March. Ian and Adrian have offered to bring up their 2 trucks that week-

end and we will have to transport the logs ourselves from Heckbarley to LGFC. The logs will probably be too large to be lifted manually onto the trucks so they will have to be cut at Heckbarley. On their arrival at Gillerthwaite they will be stacked and sheeted. To work this plan depends on sufficient person-power. If you could offer a hand on the Saturday and possibly the Sunday of that weekend we would be most grateful. We realise that this can be hard work but you may also find it very rewarding. I will supply plenty of tea and coffee

and maybe a bacon sandwich or two !

If you can find the time to help for the weekend please get in touch. Your help would be greatly appreciated and as always we would love to see you at the centre.

Are you one of our **Facebook Friends**? You can see many more photos of things that have been going on there. **You could upload your own photos of the Centre. You never know I may ask to use them in the newsletter**
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Low-Gillerthwaite-Field-Centre/112682102170665>

You can also follow us on **Twitter @gillerthwaite**

NO VOTE FOR NUCLEAR REPOSITORY

After a protest walk from Bowness Knott car-park to the Irish bridge on the 26th January (in the snow!) the vote for moving onto stage 4 for the nuclear repository took place on the 30th January 2013. Although both Copeland Council and Allerdale Council voted to proceed to the



next stage, Cumbria County Council voted NO to moving to stage 4 . This meant that effectively any further investigations for the nuclear repository in Cumbria would be halted. The Energy Secretary released a statement to say that due to the result of the voting the process would be brought to a close. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?>



MEMBERS' DATES

- MARCH 22ND-24TH**
 - MAY 24TH-26TH SPRING BH**
 - JULY 6TH-8TH**
 - AUGUST 24TH-31ST (WORKING WEEK)**
 - SEPTEMBER 27TH-29TH**
 - NOVEMBER 8TH-10TH (AGM 9TH)**
 - DECEMBER 27TH- 3RD JANUARY 2014**
- THE AGM WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED THIS YEAR AND MADE THE CENTRE A VERY VIBRANT PLACE. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE MEMBERS WEEKENDS. PLEASE BOOK EARLY SO WE CAN GUARANTEE A BED FOR YOU !!

Visit from the RLC

While we were away on holiday we had a visit from some of the RLC who had a overnight stay to show the place to the various Regiments and introduce the Centre to them. The visit was very successful and we have started to receive their bookings. We are very much looking forward to working with the Trust over the coming years.

This little Robin followed Walter everywhere during the cold snap!





Rosie Watson 's Adventure

Low Gillerthwaite (and Ennerdale in general), the place I grew up, is probably my favourite place in the world.

Unfortunately I don't get back there as much as I would like, however Saturday 6th April will be one of the treasured occasions when I will be passing through.

On this day I will be setting off from Ennerdale School at 8am on a sponsored multidiscipline 12 hour adventure challenge, raising money to fund my 12 months of volunteering at a Primary School in Honduras, the second poorest country in Central America. This is one of the placements that the educational charity Project Trust (SCO25668) sends volunteers to every year. To find out

DARK SKIES 2013

We have had some fantastic events this year. Once again we would like to thank Alan Brown from the STFC for his hard work and time during these events. We also like to thank Chris Darwin who attended the events and gave a presentations.

The weekends have been well

more, have a Google and go to <http://www.projecttrust.org.uk/> ! Living and working in such a vibrant and contrasting community for a year will give me experience and maturity that will benefit both me and my future communities for years to come. I am privileged to have this opportunity, and will try my hardest to use my skills to bring a lasting positive impact to the children I will teach and community I will live in. I will also learn a new language.

This sponsored adventure is my main fundraising event, and I hope to raise £3000 out of my total of £5100 from this event. The route passes by all three schools I have attended and all three homes I have lived in (hence passing by Gillerthwaite) and I hope to complete the 55km route in



attended by a wide variety of people. The events are proving to be a popular attraction to visitors. For further informa-

Spring has Sprung

Well we feel like spring has well truly arrived in the valley. After



getting snowed in at the end January and having to re-locate the committee meeting to John and Jenny Irwins house (thank you very much for your hospitality), we have seen some fantastic weather over the last couple of weeks. The daffodils are about to flower and the trees in the orchard have buds on them. The geese are laying plenty of eggs and the valley is starting to come to life.

less than 12 hours. In short – running, canoeing, cycling, climbing and sailing through Ennerdale, over to Honister, down through Borrowdale to Keswick, over Skiddaw, down past Bassenthwaite to finish at Cockermouth.

I can't wait, and so far I have been recruiting volunteers to help on the day, making posters, sending out sponsor forms, writing letters, reccyng the route and training hard! I have also organised a few other minor fundraising events, bringing my current fundraising total up to £1600. Photo Courtesy of the Times and Star Newspaper



With just five weeks to go, support is building, time is running out fast and excitement is mounting! With a bit (maybe a lot) of luck, we will have good weather all day, everything will be organised and run smoothly, and a lot of money will be raised in the process!

Any support, be it sponsorship (go to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RosieWatson> or ask the warden to write on the sponsorship form), cheering on the day, help in kind or advice, it would be very welcome, and it would be lovely to see any of you on the day.

Article by Rosie Watson
Rosie has been sponsored by Liz Hunter Physiotherapy, who lent her the bike for training .

A Change to working week dates

The dates for this years working week have had to be changed, so please make a note of the new dates.

24th August—31st August 2013

We would love to see as many of you as possible for these dates. It's a great week with a fantastic atmosphere and there is plenty of fun to be had as well.



MEMBERSHIP

If you know of somebody who wishes to join us and become a member please tell them to speak to me on their next visit to the centre where I will be happy to take their details and welcome them as a member of the Centre .