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DONNA HEYES

As many of you may well be aware LGFC lost a valued active member on 10th April this year, taken from us at the tender age of 25 by meningitis.

Donna Michelle Heyes has been coming up to Gillerthwaite since she was a toddler with her father Ian, her mother Diane and her two brothers, Simon and Chris. Making dens in the forest, playing hide and seek around the Centre and usually with a happy dog or two by her side. As she got older she was the one who would entertain the toddlers attending LGFC and the warden's children, with patience, energy, enthusiasm, and such an impressive imagination, even organising Easter Egg hunts and rounders and football matches on the back field. As Donna entered adult life she became very

much involved in LGFC's upkeep and development by throwing herself into logging, even as recently as March this year with her father and much loved partner, Adrian, as well as giving her all at working weeks and contributing enthusiastically at AGMs. Over the years she has enriched our lives with energy and vitality. To us her spirit will always be present because she inspired us with laughter and joy. We can remember the many occasions she organised, bringing people together in an atmosphere of warmth and fun. Sitting round the fire bringing life and energy to the old walls of Gillerthwaite. These personal memories will remain with us forever and will continue to make us smile long into the future.

One thing is for certain.

Donna embraced totally the ethos of Gillerthwaite. To enjoy the outdoors, to bring people together, to share what we had, to meet together, to eat and drink together and, above all, to laugh out loud. We were glad to be part of that.

Donna did everything with a smile and boundless energy and enthusiasm, never complaining and always being positive. When Donna was at LGFC her laughter could

sorely missed, but never forgotten. Donna held Gillerthwaite very close to her heart and LGFC will forever hold Donna Heyes in its heart. Donna, you were taken from us too early but your legacy remains in the love that you generated among us that will always be part of us and bind us together forever and will, no doubt, live on through your son Jack, who you brought up to Gillerthwaite numerous times before he was even 15 months old.

'Always remember that life isn't measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.' by Jennifer Lowe and Andy Lowe on behalf of LGFC

The Association hopes to have a tribute to Donna by way of a planting of Daffodils and Blackthorn with its Spring flowers and Autumn fruiting, but await confirmation from the family.



be heard echoing around the Centre and this will be

Logging weekend

Despite some extraordinary weather conditions we had a very successful logging weekend.

The logs were nearly all at the centre by the Saturday night with only one load to be collected on the Sunday.

Everyone really worked hard and pulled together,



there was a great feeling of camaraderie at the centre.

We had two extra helpers, two C2C walkers who had attempted to camp the night before. Gaz and Richard worked as hard as the members and it was great to see them getting stuck in.

Little Jack was an absolute star and



didn't complain about the numerous trips from Heckbarly back to LGFC.

The sense of achievement at the end of the weekend was great. A massive thank you to everyone who managed to make it for the weekend.

MEMBERS' DATES

MAY 24TH - 2 6TH SPRING BH
JULY 6TH - 8TH

AUGUST 24TH - 31ST
SEPTEMBER 27TH - 29TH
NOVEMBER 8TH - 10TH (AGM 9TH)

AGM 2012 WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED 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 !!

Smooth Newt



This smooth Newt was found in the Centre. We released it back to its home



Picture Competition

We will running a photograph competition. The idea is to update the pictures in the Centre and it would be lovely if members helped to do this. The winning photos will take pride of place in the Centre with a credit to the photographer. The photographs need to be of good quality as they will have to be enlarged and framed . The photos should be relevant to LGFC, they can be scenic , flora and fauna., activities or just having fun at the Centre.

Rosie Watson follow up

I did it! On Saturday 6th April I completed my 12 hour sponsored adventure challenge (passing through Gillerthwaite), fundraising for my 12 months of volunteering in Guyana with Project Trust. It was a stunning day, sun shining and not a breath of wind (the sailing on Derwent Water had to be swapped for a second lot of canoeing!), and it was a pleasure to run, canoe and cycle the length of Ennerdale Valley to begin the day. I finished ahead of schedule completing the challenge in

Any photos you wish to enter should be sent to warden@lgfc.org.uk

The competition will close on June the 30th and the winners will be announced in the mid-summers newsletter.

We could use as many as 12 photographs so it's a good chance to get some of your best photos on display.

We know there are a lot of keen amateur photographers out there and it would be fantastic to see your work, please share. Good luck and we look forward to seeing them. Also If you any other ideas for decoration (wall hangings, posters etc) please do let me know.

11hrs 35minutes, which I think I owes a lot to the beautiful weather and wonderful



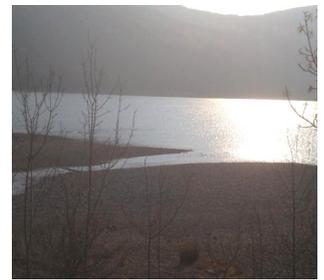
bunch of helpers!

Some may notice the destination I will be going to has

Extreme weather conditions



find alternative sources for water. The Lake has been extremely low and the power from the hydro system considerably reduced.



changed to Guyana – I have been asked to go here instead of Honduras as the organisation feel I will be well suited to this project and able to cope with the challenges it holds. Guyana is in South America, and I will be teaching in one of the remotest secondary schools in the country in a dispersed village called Paramakatoi. There are no roads, and I will have to fly in on a tiny plane as it is many days walk into the rain forest! I can't wait! For more information, go to:

<http://rosiewatsdot.com.wordpress.com/> . I will try to post a new blog soon.

Finally, it's not too late to sponsor me, I am about £1300 off my £5100 total now, so if you think it is a good cause please spare a few pounds or pennies to help me on my way at www.virginmoneygiving.com/rosiewatson . Alternatively cheques made out to Project Trust can be sent to my home address. Thank you!

Rosie Watson

Generator Parts for sale

Unfortunately we are unable to fix the generators we have on site. We have purchased a second hand one which is in full working order.

However, we are now in a position to sell the other two generators. The Lister is for sale as a fully working *engine*; it is just the *generator* component (producing the electricity) which is faulty. The Perkins is for sale for spare parts. Details are:

Perkins Generator

Diesel Engine
240 Volts
1509 rpm

Lister Generator

Air Cooled
2 cylinder
Startomatic
Diesel Engine
240 Volts

If anyone is interested in purchasing parts from the generators or knows anyone who may be interested please get in touch with warden@lgfc.org.uk or give Ellen a call .

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>

Fire on Kelton Fell

On the 3rd of April we also saw a huge fire on Kelton Fell, this seems to have been an organised fire that then went out of control. 3 fire crews attended



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