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WORKING WEEK



gust. We would love to see you and have many jobs of various skill levels (and unskilled levels!), so anyone is more than welcome to come and join in. Working Week has been an important part of the LGFC calendar for many years.



The work carried out is vital for the maintenance of the Centre.

Don't forget our working week from the 12th August to the 25th Au-

Committee Members required

We are always looking for new committee members and although the AGM seems like a long way off it will come round very quickly. John Irwin will be

stepping down as Treasurer (he will remain available until all bank accounts have been signed over), so the role of Treasurer will be available. There will also be space for non officer

positions. Please feel free to contact any committee members to discuss what it's like standing on the committee. They will be very happy to discuss it.

Halpin Trust

We are pleased to let the membership know we have been awarded a grant from the Halpin Trust (<http://www.halpintrust.org/>). The grant will enable us to revamp and improve the Wolfson room and its facilities. This in turn will help not only with the Educational Hub activities but also help to encourage school groups to use the Centre. The grant has been given on condition that our lease will be renewed.

Thank you to Tom Burditt who invited us to apply for the grant and also Brian Burscough for completing the application.



STFC-LGFC Education Hub update August 2016

Bridgewater High School are booked in for a 2-day activity weekend 21st-23rd October 2106 with their science teacher Ms Woody Dannan. Our programme for the school will include Astronomy observing sessions using new telescopes and binoculars bought with our STFC public engagement award (see picture). I'm also pleased to write that the STFC Starlab will be back for this and our other Education Hub and Dark Sky Discovery events! Bridgewater High have also asked for science activities under our "Ennerdale in the Ice Age" theme and will also be doing field- and classroom activities within our "Sustainable Energy" theme. Once the nights draw in we will be looking forward to our open-to-the-public Dark Sky Discovery events which are set for January 28th and February 25th 2017.

Please keep an eye on the LGFC website and our Facebook page for information and updates about these events. Everybody is welcome at Dark Sky events: the Milky Way viewed from Low Gillerthwaite in winter is simply superb – if you haven't seen it yet please come and join in the fun. Later this year Alan Brown will be taking over from John Grocott as Education Hub Co-ordinator. Alan and John are currently working with the Science Technology, Engineering and Math network (STEMNET) in Merseyside, North Cheshire, Greater Manchester and Cumbria to advertise the STFC-LGFC Education Hub and build up our school client base. Malcolm Morris will continue to lead on our Dark Sky Discovery site event planning and development. If you would like to help as a volunteer on any of our Education Hub and/or Dark Sky Discovery events you are very welcome to join our group. Please get in touch with John at johngrocott2000@yahoo.co.uk

no specialist knowledge or teaching experience is required, just a keen interest and enthusiasm for science. Alongside our current "specialities" of Astronomy, Geology and Sustainable Energy, Roger Wensley is leading the development of a "Wild Ennerdale" theme for 2017/18 and Alan Brown is working on a



"Prehistoric Landscape of Ennerdale" theme. Like everyone in the Association, I'm really excited that the Association has won a grant from the Halpin Trust to refit the Wolfson classroom – well done to Brian Burroughs and everyone involved in securing this new funding. I'm also pleased to write that we are building strong links with the newly open Ennerdale Centre through Nina Ludgate who is a great friend of Low

Gillerthwaite. I'm hopeful that this will help the Association to increase membership and participation of people from Ennerdale district in our events. I'll sign off with a big "thank you" to all LGFC Education Hub volunteers for their time and brilliant contributions

at Education Hub and Dark Sky Discovery events over the last 12 months.

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MEMBERS' DATES

2016 Dates

12th - 21st August Working week
 21st - 29th August Members and Mates
 23rd-25th September Members Weekend (CM)
 28th -30th October AGM (CM)

2017 Dates

25th Feb 2017 Members' weekend in conjunction with Dark Sky when DS date finalised
 4 Mar 2017 CM (to take place off site)
 14-17 April Members' weekend (Easter)
 2-4 June Members' weekend + CM

21 Aug – 3 Sep Working week + Members and Mates week + CM