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News Update

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Our UNICEF funded project in Gomel began in early June with many seminars being delivered online. The project's staff will be working closely with the Baby Home in Gomel to prevent babies being placed in the home and to find foster families for those already there who cannot be



returned to their birth parents. They will also be providing support for families in danger of having their baby or young child taken away, to try to improve the situation so the child can safely stay at home.

Online Auction a great success!



Our **New Mills and Glossop group** staged a brilliant online auction last month with the star prizes being a three night stay at an apartment in New Mills; two nights at lovely a B&B near York; a Genesis album signed by all the band; and a day out at a race track learning to do a Hill Climb. Thank you to all those who donated prizes; to everyone who bid and bought items; and to Richard Body and Helena Gannon who organised it all. They raised a wonderful £1,800!

The Great Snail Race

Following the very popular virtual Balloon Race in April, we are now planning a Snail Race. They may not travel as far, fast and high, but at least they will be real snails! Brian Hardwick and Lynne Murphy will be ably assisted in this endeavour by Molly and Bessie who will be collecting and naming the snails

You might like to take a bet on Merryweather seen here with Bessie, but wait till we have all the snails in the paddock and you have some info on their names, natures and what sort of form they are in!

Look out for further details on the website and the Facebook page!



Thank You Mags and Ken!

Mags and Ken Whiting have been central to the activities of Chernobyl Children's Project ever since we launched in early 1995.

They drove six ambulances out to Belarus, first with Irish convoys, then leading the charity's own aid convoys. They took the ambulances to



hospitals in some of the most contaminated parts of the country and supervised the delivery of truck loads of goods to schools, orphanages and family associations



Mags and Ken ran the Glossop group for 20 years and were tireless in

their support for host families and organisation of activities for the visiting children. They hosted many young children with their mothers in their own home and Mags was a regular visitor to Belarus with the charity's Executive Director Linda Walker, who lives nearby in



Glossop.

"When we set up the charity, said Linda "Mags and Ken had just retired. They drove their first ambulance to Belarus just a few weeks later and fell in love with the country and its people. They have played a key and very active role in all our activities over the years and have been invaluable members of our management team.



With Ken now in his nineties, they have decided it is time to retire, but I know their hearts will always be with Chernobyl Children's Project and we will be able to call on them for advice and encouragement at any time"



The charity has awarded Mags and Ken the title of 'Honorary Lifetime Trustees'

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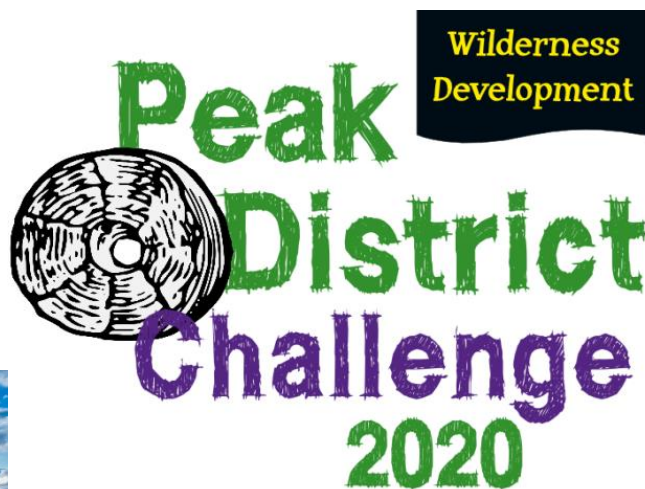
CCP is signed up for this great event, which the organisers hope will be able to go ahead in September. If you sign up to take part and gather sponsorship for CCP, it will be a good incentive to get fit! In the unlikely event it has to be delayed it will take place next year.



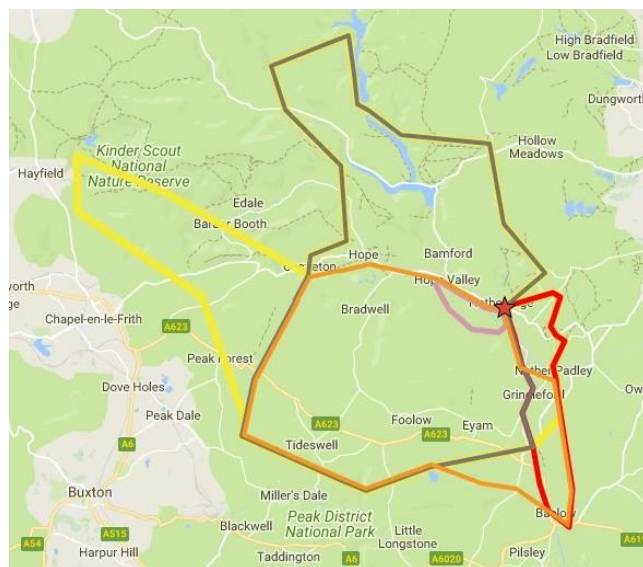
Each distance has a target time to try to beat, from 3 hours to walk 10km and be Back Before Dark, up to a huge 24 hour target to complete the 100km Gold Ultra Peak District Challenge.

All routes start at Hathersage. Visit <http://goo.gl/maps/r6u1J> for a closer look at the provisional routes. You can self-navigate round the challenge, or there is the option of following a flagged route or joining a guided route.

To find out more visit our website or go to www.peak-district-challenge.com



You can walk or run 10 kilometres, 25, 50 or 100 for the Gold Ultra Challenge.



Walking the Staffordshire Way

For their whole lives Simeon (7) and Eleanor (9) have been hosting teenagers in remission from cancer for recuperative holidays.

Their parents Alexandra and Kevin Waters provide the food and logistical support but Eleanor and Simeon have adopted each pair of boys as older brothers and have had a great time keeping them occupied and entertained.



The pandemic means that can't happen this year, so there will be a big hole in their summer.

To help fill the gap and raise some funds for CCP they have decided to walk the Staffordshire Way. It is 92 miles, so they will do it in small sections to finish before the end of the summer.

Susanna, aged 4 and new baby Eugene will tag along for parts of it, but Simeon and Eleanor will walk the whole way. You can support them here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/watersway>

Our Shop in Crook is open again!



Gerald Hirst and his team have worked really hard to make our charity shop as safe as possible, and they have been delighted at the response of customers.

"We have had lots of wonderful donations" said Gerald and we have a system for receiving them every Thursday. We have been opening the shop three days a week and it has been wonderful to see so many of our customers waiting patiently outside, shopping with care once they get in, and clearly delighted to be back."



For the first couple of weeks the shop opened for just three days. They have now increased to four days, but shorter hours than usual. In the first ten days of opening they took an amazing £2,000!



Co-ordinated by Julie Gater, they staffed the stall three days a week and provided a useful service for the local community as well as raising around £8,000 a year for CCP.

Julie and the team have now decided to close the stall because of the difficulties caused by the coronavirus crisis. Thank you so much to all who have donated their goods and their time to make this such a successful venture for so long.



Thank You to our Market Stall Volunteers

For the last seven years a great team of volunteers from our Endon & Stoke and Buxton & Longnor groups, have run a lively market stall in Stoke.

Thank you so much to everyone who has continued to support us through the lockdown – taking part in our competitions and events; setting up Facebook fundraisers; making donations and setting up Standing Orders. A Special Thank You to Godel Technologies and Action for Disability who continue to provide regular funding for our projects in Belarus.

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