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There are plenty of exciting things to see and do around Cumbria this autumn, from concerts and plays to literary talks and exhibitions. **Inside Magazine** will be taking a look at the fourth Borderlines Festival, the evergreen popularity of William Wordsworth in our region, and much more

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### **Upcoming Flu Clinics with Aspatria Medical Group**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017 from 9am – 1pm

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017 from 9am – 1pm

No appointments necessary

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### **Parish Council Meetings**

Oughterside and Allerby Parish Council meetings are held at Prospect Village Hall at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 October.

## Nearly better than the real thing: Tribute Bands in Cumbria

The explosion in popularity of tribute bands has been one of the more unlikely musical trends of recent years. Critically derided, frequently outlandish, regularly bewildering, tribute acts have often appeared the answer to a question no one asked. But something has changed in the last few years; larger venues are being sold out; loyal followings are being established; there are even festivals dedicated to the best imitations. Some of these bands have now been on the road longer than the originals they are copying. For example, folk musician Keith James will be interpreting the music of Nick Drake at Carlisle's Old Fire Station in October. Nick Drake made three perfect albums of introspective acoustic music, hushed and autumnal in sound, before his premature death in 1974. Even during his brief lifetime Drake rarely played live, so the only way to hear these magnificent songs live will be through the interpretation of another musician. Keith James will also be preceding his main set with a selection of songs by Drake's folk contemporaries, such as John Martyn and Sandy Denny (both no longer with us) and Vashti Bunyan (who disappears for decades when she feels like it). This highlights a fundamental aspect of the appeal of the tribute band. ABBA and ELO may have split up thirty years ago, but you can still hear their music live and loud at the Sands Centre if you want.

Meanwhile, a likeness of David Bowie will be appearing in Keswick and the Spice Girls will be popping into Workington. Inevitably, there will always be a dash of the 'guilty pleasure' attached to tribute acts. Done poorly, and it is nothing more than professional karaoke; but when it is done well, when a performer finds just the right point between earnest sincerity and a knowingly arched eyebrow, then kitsch becomes truly celebratory.

### Tribute Highlights

'Thank ABBA For The Music', Sands Centre, Carlisle, Saturday 30 September (£20)

'Keith James presents: The Songs of Nick Drake', Old Fire Station, Carlisle, Sunday 1 October (£14)

'The Karpenters', Theatre by the Lake, Keswick, Sunday 8 October (£18)

'The ELO Experience', Sands Centre, Carlisle, Friday 13 October (£22)

'Wannabe: The Spice Girls Show', Carnegie Theatre, Workington, Friday 3 November (£18)

'Ultimate Bowie', Theatre by the Lake, Keswick, Friday 10 November (£18)

## Borderlines Book Festival returns to Carlisle

From Saturday 30 September to Sunday 8 October, the fourth annual Borderlines Book Festival will be hosting a range of internationally renowned writers, poets and literary figures across the city. Perhaps the biggest draw is Sir Chris Bonington, who will be talking about his climbing career and his new autobiography. Award-winning biographer Jenny Uglow will be exploring the life and fantastical works of the poet Edward Lear. Alastair Campbell, the former Labour government spokesman and strategist, will be discussing his latest instalment of memoirs, 'From Blair to Brown 2005-2007'. Broadcaster Peter Snow will be joined by his wife and fellow journalist Ann MacMillan for 'War Stories', where they shall discuss both historical and contemporary tales of bravery and horror on the front line. Meanwhile Marie-Elsa Bragg will be talking about her debut novel, and how Cumbria has influenced her writing.

### Ticket Information

Prices for the speaker events, literary workshops and poetry performances vary, with between £7 to £10 being the average – although plenty are less and a few are more. For details of specific events or to book tickets, you can visit online ([borderlinescarlisle.co.uk](http://borderlinescarlisle.co.uk)) or in person from the Bookends bookshop in Carlisle (19 Castle Street, Carlisle – 07412 366152).

For other enquiries or to sign up as an event volunteer, please email [borderlinescarlisle@gmail.com](mailto:borderlinescarlisle@gmail.com).

There are also many masterclasses for aspiring writers taught by seasoned authors, from the techniques of poetry, non-fiction and creative writing, to the business aspects of self-publishing and promoting your own work. Local writers are well-represented, with many talks and workshops held by familiar faces from the Cumbrian literary scene, including a showcase evening of Cumbrian poetry and prose featuring Brindley Hallam Dennis, Marilyn Messenger and Dove Cottage's current poet-in-residence Kim Moore.

The talks are held in different venues across town, including the Crown & Mitre, the cathedral, the library and Tullie House; day pass tickets for certain individual venues are available. Although Borderlines is still a comparatively new event on the literary calendar, the celebrated Cumbrian writer Hunter Davies OBE, who is this year's honorary president, has said that the festival is 'already beautifully formed, fast flourishing, endlessly fascinating. And now fab.'

## Allerdale Community Learning and Skills

Allerdale Community Learning and Skills provide a wide variety of courses, workshops and events at different venues. To enrol on a course or to find out more information about course details or price concessions, please contact the centre on 01900 706023, or email them at [allerdaleclas@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:allerdaleclas@cumbria.gov.uk). To view the full course timetable online or see what courses are available in Carlisle, Eden, Barrow, Copeland, and South Lakeland, go the [www.cumbria.gov.uk/learningandskills](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/learningandskills).

By the time this magazine goes to press, the August enrolment deadline for some September courses such as GCSE Maths and English will have passed. But here are a few of the other upcoming courses to look forward to:

### **English & Maths**

Beginners ESOL – Workington Library, starts 21/9/2017, 10 weeks (Price: FREE)

Introduction to ESOL – The Settlement, Maryport, 2/10/2017, 1 session (Price: FREE)

### **Arts & Crafts**

Get Going with Drawing – The Settlement, Maryport, starts 25/9/2017, 10 weeks (Price: £66)

Get Going with Sewing & Machine Sewing – The Settlement, Marport, starts 21/9/2017, 10 weeks, 10 weeks (Price: £66)

Get Started with Drawing – The Settlement, Maryport, 18/9/2017, 1 session (Price: £6.60)

Upholstery/Box Cushion Workshop – The Settlement, Maryport, 7/10/2017, 1 session (Price: £19.80)

### **Science & Psychology**

Entry Level Certificate in Science – St Joseph’s School, Workington, starts 12/9/2017, 25 weeks (Price: £321)

**Business & ICT**

Basic Excel – Workington Library, starts 20/9/2017, 5 weeks (Price: FREE)

Basic IT – Workington Library, starts 29/9/2017, 10 weeks (Price: FREE)

Basic IT – Wigton Market Hall, starts 5/10/2017, 5 weeks (Price: FREE)

Basic IT – Cockermouth Children’s Centre, starts 13/11/2017, 5 weeks (Price: FREE)

Basic Word – Workington Library, starts 1/11/2017, 5 weeks (Price: FREE)

Get Going with Taking Meaningful Photos – The Settlement, Maryport, 20/9/2017, 1 session (Price: £6.60)

Get Started with Taking Meaningful Photos – The Settlement, Maryport, starts 27/9/2017, 8 weeks (Price: £66)

Getting Started with IT – Workington Library, 22/9/2017, 1 session (Price: FREE)

Getting Started with IT – Wigton Market Hall, 28/9/2017, 1 session (Price: FREE)

Getting Started with IT – Cockermouth Children’s Centre, 6/11/2017, 1 session (Price: FREE)

ITQ Level 1 – St Joseph’s School, Workington, starts 19/9/2017, 12 weeks (Price: £110)

ITQ Level 1 – Workington Library, starts 22/9/2017, 12 weeks (Price: £110)

**Languages**

Beginners Japanese – Wigton Bowling Club, Wigton, starts 20/9/2017, 10 weeks (Price: £66)

Beginners Spanish – Wigton Market Hall, Wigton, starts 31/10/2017, 7 weeks (Price: £46.20)

## In Wordsworth's Footsteps

On 26 September, Dove Cottage will be hosting a Wordsworth Walk, following the poet's footsteps from Glenridding to Aira Force via a lake steamer. Trekking around Ullswater was one of William Wordsworth's favourites, but it would be possible to follow a Wordsworth trail that covered much of the Lake District – he spent his childhood in Cockermouth; his grammar school days began in Hawkshead in 1779; he set up home in his most famous residence, Dove Cottage, in 1799; and he lived out his old age at Rydal Mount. At Dove Cottage, William and his sister Dorothy would go for long walks into the Lake District, wandering wherever they fancied and collecting wildflowers – although these flowers paled compared to his admiration for his own garden: 'The loveliest spot that man hath ever found', he declared. When he wasn't venerating his own patch, Wordsworth was contemplating the 'majesty and beauty' of the Lake District, which he described in verse as 'a blended holiness of earth and sky'.

### Contact Information

Dove Cottage, Grasmere. Phone: 015384 35544 ([wordsworth.org.uk](http://wordsworth.org.uk)). Dove Cottage is open until 31 October before closing for winter.

Wordsworth House and Garden, Cockermouth. Phone: 01900 820884 ([nationaltrust.org.uk/wordsworth-house](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/wordsworth-house)). Open until 29 October.

Rydal Mount, Ambleside. Phone: +44 (0) 15394 33002 ([rydalmount.co.uk](http://rydalmount.co.uk)). Open until October.

He was equally enthusiastic about his childhood home, and could trace his poetic nature back to his formative years in Cockermouth, where he lived by the banks of the Derwent. While it is hard to imagine a poet who took such inspiration from the most delicate aspects of nature as a political firebrand, he took a passionate interest in the French Revolution in 1789. He even lived in Paris for a while, although when he sensed the violent turn events were going to take under Jacobin rule, he quickly returned to England.

The Grasmere years, the period most synonymous with his name, began in 1799. He lived with Dorothy in Dove Cottage until 1806, and they lived quite modestly, contently subsisting on a fair amount of porridge, the only luxury they splashed out on being expensive Twinings tea delivered from London. This rural seclusion undoubtedly helped his creative productivity, and it is generally agreed that these were the years of his most sublime inspiration.

In his youth, the Lake District was not a tourist destination – it was actually quite industrial for the times, with a mix of agricultural business and other trades making the small towns thrive. But as the Industrial Revolution progressed and cities grew, rural areas suffered from depopulation and depression. If Wordsworth's writing is so indelibly linked to the Lake District, it can be credited to the fact that even during his own lifetime his poetry sparked tourist interest that helped economically rejuvenate the area. This caused conflict within Wordsworth himself – he despaired of the commercialisation of the Lakes, even protesting against the railway proposals in the 1840s that would inevitably transform the landscape into a rural theme park, yet he also did more than most to popularise such touristy notions; not only indirectly with his pastoral poetry, but also literally with his own guidebook, which was published in 1822. These days, as with the Lake District itself, perhaps overfamiliarity means he is taken for granted in Cumbria; he is as ubiquitous as Peter Rabbit and sheep souvenirs. But there is far more to him than daffodil whimsy; his greatest work is touched by genius, and no lesser literary figure than T.S. Eliot claimed Wordsworth belonged to history. He is a poet for the ages.

For more information on the Wordsworth Walk, please visit [wordsworth.org.uk](http://wordsworth.org.uk). The walk is free, but boat fares and parking charges apply. It begins at Ullswater Information Centre, Glenridding on 26 September at 9.40am.

**Reference sources:** *Wordsworth's Flowers* (Stanley Finch, 1982); *A Preface to Wordsworth* (John Purkis, 1970); *The Poet Wordsworth* (Helen Darbishire, 1950).

### Prospect Lunch Club

For only £3, pensioners can have a delicious two course freshly home cooked lunch at Prospect Village Hall.

Held on the second Tuesday of every month at 12 noon, you can have a main and a pudding topped off with a cup of tea or coffee, and chat with the other diners and friendly volunteers.

Most months there is a visiting speaker on a variety of interesting topics.

Vegetarian alternatives as well as an understanding of special dietary needs.

If walking or getting there is a problem, do phone as transport arrangements getting to and from the village hall can be made.

Phone Mary on 016973 21103.

## Gardening: what to do in September and October

Overcast mornings, briefly sunny afternoons and reliably arbitrary downpours might have made for a damp squib of a summer – but at least it provided perfect growing conditions: Cumbria has been particularly lush with bloom with this year. September is a month for harvesting apples and pears, planting out spring cabbages and sowing winter lettuce. If you wish to propagate roses for flowering next autumn, this is the month to take hardwood cuttings. Now that autumn is coming, it is a good time to reflect on the gardening year that has been. Which flowers flourished beyond expectation; what transformed an overlooked corner of the flowerbed; which plant wasn't so successful after all; what should be changed for next year and what should remain the same? These are all questions that should be pondered over, preferably with a cup of tea while the garden is still in full bloom and the afternoons are still warm.

Soon the verdant greenery will fade into crisp golds and reds. The days will be shortening and, before too long, the erstwhile canopies will be rustling underfoot, inspiring poetic musings throughout the Lake District about how the melancholy transience of bloom is tempered by nature's stoical, cyclical way of things. Less romantically, this also means a whole lot of garden debris that needs to be raked up. Fallen leaves can be piled up to make leaf mould, a mulch that takes two years to make but is highly effective.

### Pumpkin Season

Halloween will soon be here – and it wouldn't be the same without the accompanying Jack-o'-Lanterns. If you are adventurous enough to abandon the supermarket and grow your own, here is a tip. Pumpkins should be harvested in advance and left in the sun for a few days to harden the skins. This is true whether they are to be turned into soup or sculpted into ghoulish faces.

**Reference source:** *The Royal Horticultural Society – Gardening through the Year*

October usually sees more rainfall and higher winds. Greenhouses can now be insulated and the dying tops of perennial vegetables cut down. Ponds should be tidied of leaves and other strewn matter – always heap the gathered gunk on the side for a day to allow whatever pond life that happened to be raked up a chance to find its way back into the water. Most importantly though, it is a time to relish the new season for its own unique qualities; summer has been, but there is plenty to delight in autumn.

## A Celebration of our Local Museums

In a region so singularly famous for its natural beauty, it is easy to overlook the merits of what is traditionally considered the 'rainy day alternative' – but Cumbria's museums really do deserve to be celebrated. Maryport offers opportunities to explore two of its most notable histories: the Maritime Museum details the town's seafaring heritage, while the Senhouse, situated next to a Roman fort, displays the largest collection of Roman altar stones in Britain. For eccentricity, look no further than Windermere's World of Beatrix Potter, which features an indoor forest walk populated by Squirrel Nutkin and friends, or Keswick's famous Pencil Museum, which has now reopened after being flooded in December 2015. Keswick's namesake museum in Fitz Park is also worth a visit, and features an exhibition of Lakeland photography. Carlisle's Tullie House is award-winning combination of museum and art gallery, and often hosts art house cinema nights.

Tullie House will also be displaying a retrospective exhibition of over 100 artworks by the Cumbrian artist Percy Kelly from 23 September. Two of the most distinctive are in Whitehaven. The Rum Story in particular is highly enjoyable, charmingly quirky in its retelling of the 'salty stories of the town's golden Georgian Age', immersive in its recreation of the rainforest atmosphere, as well as candid about the controversial history of rum itself. Meanwhile, The Beacon regularly changes its displays so there is always something new to see. 'Gladiators: A Cemetery of Secrets', a touring Jorvik exhibition that shows a Roman gladiatorial burial that archaeologists discovered in York in 2005, will be running from 16 September to 3 December. From 30 September to 5 November, The Beacon will also be presenting 'Junior Citizens Exhibition: Challenging Prejudice', which shows the work of local children exploring issues of equality, racism and bullying.

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## Upcoming Concerts and Events

**SEPTEMBER: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** Westmorland County Show **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>** Rip It Up Tour, featuring Strictly Come Dancing's Natalie Lowe, Jay McGuinness & Louis Smith (*Sands Centre, Carlisle*); Kendal Torchlight Carnival Street Party; Gifted Eden Artisan Market (*Penrith*). **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>** Pam Ayres (*Theatre by the Lake, Keswick*). **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** Shane Filan (*Sands Centre*). **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>** Tom Allen (*Carnegie Theatre, Workington*). **Friday 29<sup>th</sup>** Kendal Farmers Market; Stars of Irish Country (*Sands Centre*); Dave Spikey (*Carnegie Theatre*). **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>** Eskdale Show; Thank ABBA For The Music (*Sands Centre*).

**OCTOBER: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>** Sir Chris Bonington (*Crown & Mitre Carlisle*). **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** Phill Jupitus (*Carnegie Theatre*). **Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** Dominic Kirwan & Lisa Stanley (*Carnegie Theatre*); The Liverpool String Quartet and Hunter Davies (*Crown & Mitre*). **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** Madama Butterfly (*Sands Centre*).



**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** Dr David Starkey: 'Henry VIII – The First Brexiteer?' (*Carnegie Theatre*). **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** Workington Beer & Cider Festival (*Carnegie Theatre*). **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** Colin Caygill Antiques Fair (*Rheged, Penrith*). **Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** Dr Hook (*Sands Centre*). **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>** Gifted Eden Artisan Market (*Penrith*); Henning Wehn (*Sands Centre*). **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Patrick Hemmerle, classical piano (*Theatre by the Lake*). **Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** St Petersburg Symphony Orchestra (*Sands Centre*). **NOVEMBER: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Ray Mears (*Sands Centre*); Wannabe: The Spice Girls Show (*Carnegie Theatre*). **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>** Neil Simon's 'Rumours' (*Theatre by the Lake*). **Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** Ultimate Bowie (*Theatre by the Lake*). **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>** The Escher String Quartet (*Theatre by the Lake*).