

The 40th Anniversary WORDSWORTH SUMMER CONFERENCE, 2010

The Wordsworth Summer Conference is held in Grasmere, at Forest Side hotel, close to Dove Cottage and the remarkable research collections of the Jerwood Centre. It offers nine full days, made up of 44 to 46 lectures and papers, numerous excursions and challenging fell walks, time to get to know people, and unrivalled discussion time, in Grasmere's 'little unsuspected paradise'.

Celebratory events in 2010 include a reading by Seamus Heaney, and a Richard Wordsworth Dinner with John Beer, Marilyn Gaul and Molly Lefebure as Guest Speakers.



En route to Crinkle Crag, 2009

Forest Side Hotel, Grasmere

28 July to 7 August

Keynote Lectures

Part 1

Simon Bainbridge Julie Carlson
Angela Esterhammer Gary Harrison
Kenneth Johnston

Part 2

Alan Richardson David Chandler
Seamus Perry Jeffrey N Cox
Damian Walford Davies

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1. The Conference

The 40th Anniversary Conference will be in two parts, each of four days, with an all-day event on the changeover day (2 August). The daily format is flexible, allowing for afternoon presentations on some days, longer walks on others, and (if any are proposed) participant workshops as well as paper panels. *At £205 the non-residential rate for a nine day conference including up to seven excursions is truly exceptional value.* The ‘new model’ conference retains most of the ingredients that made Richard Wordsworth’s creation seriously addictive. It prioritizes a goodly number of full-length lectures and properly spaced papers (never more than two papers in a ninety minute slot, with serious discussion time). It is long enough to unwind, get to know people, and absorb something of a very special place. There are excursions and fell-walks on seven of the nine days, including the famous all-day walk or excursion for those choosing to attend the whole conference. The point of this conference is, as it always has been, for people to confer, listen to each other, and leave Grasmere feeling fitter, challenged, extended, befriended and refreshed.

2. Proposals

Contributions may take the form of papers (2750 words), pairs of papers, joint or single workshops (short handout-based presentations leading into an hour or more of discussion). There is no conference theme, other than Wordsworth and Romanticism. Proposals are welcome on any Romantic topic whatsoever, though proposers *may* like to note that 2010 is also the bicentennial of the Wordsworth-Coleridge quarrel, with all that that entails regarding literary friendships, collaborations, constructions and misconstructions. The programme may include one or two ‘debates’, if suitable themes present themselves.

Proposals (250–500 words) will be considered by two members of the steering committee and should be submitted by email attachment to the Convenor (richardgravil@hotmail.com) by **23 March 2010**. Acceptance of proposals and award of bursaries will be confirmed by **20 April** (fees rise - if any places remain - on 28 April)

Issued for and on behalf of The Wordsworth Conference Foundation:

Trustees: Gordon Bottomley, Frederick Burwick, David Chandler, Angela Esterhammer, Richard Gravil (Conference Director), Anthony Harding, Felicity James, Molly Lefebure, Michael O’Neill, Nicholas Roe (Foundation Chair)

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3. THE TWO-PART STRUCTURE [illustrative only]

28 July to 7 August

	0915-10.30	1100-1230	1245-1715 [or 1830]	1730	1900/1915	2030/2045
Day 1			Arrival	Reception	Dinner	Dove Cottage
Day 2	Lecture	Panel*	A-walk: Helm Crag & Calf Pike or Excursion	Panel	Dinner	Panel
Day 3	Lecture	Panel	A-walk: Tilberthwaite or Excursion	Lecture	Dinner	Panel
Day 4	Lecture	Panel	A-walk: Bowfell or Excursion	free	Dinner	Panel
Day 5	Lecture	Panel	Panels	Panel	Dinner	St Oswald's Poetry Reading
Day 6	ALL DAY (changeover)	AA Walk Excursion	e.g. Pillar Muncaster and St Bee's		Dinner	Conference Dinner
Day 7	Lecture	Matins	Panels	Panel	Dinner	Lecture
Day 8	Lecture	Panel	A-walk: Heron Pike or Excursion	free	Dinner	Panel
Day 9	Lecture	Panel	A-walk: Sheffield Pike Or Excursion	free	Dinner	Panel
Day 10	Lecture	Panel	A-walk: Great Gable or Excursion	Panel	Dinner	Lecture
Day 11	Departure					

Panels: one or two of these two-paper sessions may be replaced by a workshop. Participants are required to register for either 5 nights or 10. Names of walks are illustrative only at this stage. There will normally be a choice of three events per afternoon—fell walks, local walks or excursions.

Part 1 events Part 2 events Changeover day events included for 10-nighters only

4. FEES & PAYMENT METHODS

The full conference fee for all 9 days of the conference includes all indoor events except the poetry reading in St Oswald's, and all seven excursions. The fees (which may be paid online through Google Checkout for a small surcharge [of about 4%] are:

Parts 1 and 2: £205 if paid by 27 April 2009, £225 on or after 28 April

Part 1 or 2 only: £155 if paid by 27 April 2009, £170 on or after 28 April

Non-participants:* £75 for one part, £125 for both parts (this fee includes receptions, excursions, etc)

* a non-participant is a spouse, partner, friend or child, not attending lectures or papers.

Cheques (sterling only) are payable to the Wordsworth Conference Foundation.

Payments by bank transfer and in sterling may be made to Wordsworth Conference Foundation, HSBC Bank, using your own name to identify the sender, and the following bank references:

BIC: MIDLGB2148T IBAN: GB67MIDL40361061448617

The Google Checkout buttons for early payment of fees appear on the website Registration Page:

<http://www.wordsworthconferences.org.uk/wscregistration.htm>. The Registration Form is also at the end of this document.

5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Conditions: Admission to the conference is at the discretion of the Director and Trustees. In the event of any behaviour deemed detrimental to the conference, a participant may be required to leave, or barred from attending future conferences, or both, at the discretion of the Trustees.

Cancellation Terms: in the event that the conference is cancelled by the organizers by 15 April, participants' registration fees will be refunded. If, due to circumstances beyond the organizers' control, the conference is cancelled after that date disbursements on non-refundable items will make full refunds unlikely, but the Foundation will make partial refunds whenever possible. It cannot be guaranteed that refunds of registration fees or accommodation costs will be made to participants who cancel their registration after the deadline for settlement of accommodation charges (usually mid-May), since the Foundation itself may forfeit all or most of its deposits or prepayments, though the Foundation will refund as much as possible. Refunds are unlikely if a cancellation is received less

than seven days before the conference starts, and no refund on fees or hotel or youth hostel charges can be made to a participant who cancels a booking after the conference has started. **Travel insurance is therefore advised.**

Children: **Please note that no crèche is available: parents are responsible for supervision of children under 16 at all times.** There is no charge for children under 3. Older children may stay at reduced rates if sharing a family room with their parents. Children over 3 will also be charged the non-participant fee.

6. FACILITIES

Grasmere is a village: **it does not have a bank, a printing shop, or a petrol station.** There is a cash machine in the cooperative store, accessible during normal shopping hours but participants are advised to bring sufficient cash with them for their needs, and for such things as hotel gratuities.

Neither the hotel nor the organizers can offer any printing or copying facilities: **handouts must be prepared and duplicated in advance** (50 to 60 copies will usually suffice).

Paid internet access is available at the Youth Hostel; Forest Side hotel has wireless internet access in the foyer and small lounge, though this can be unreliable when the reception area is crowded. Some interruption of telephone communication may be expected and the terrain means that mobile phones rarely work in Grasmere (or indeed in most parts of the Lake District).

Laundry: Forest Side hotel has a coin-operated washing machine.

5. CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATION

Bookings are accepted for 5 nights or 10 nights only. We can book for you only at Forest Side, full board, or at the Youth Hostel, half board. All events except two take place at the Forest Side Hotel. Most accommodation is in shared rooms and we offer substantial discounts per person for those sharing twins or doubles. For a third occupant in a family room the charge will be only £360 for 10 nights or £185 for five nights. You will be invoiced in April for the full cost of your accommodation, which is payable by 25 May (payment may be made by Google Checkout or by sterling cheque or by bank transfer).

If you are travelling with a partner or companion please use one registration form (page 8) or indicate that that you wish to share with a particular person who is registering separately. Please inform us immediately if you need to cancel your booking and please note that when you sign your booking form you accept responsibility for any hotel cancellation charges incurred.

Accommodation	5 nights		10 nights		
	single	shared	single	shared	
FOREST SIDE HOTEL Full Board					The conference hotel; close to the famous Swan; nice lounge; wonderful grounds; friendly atmosphere; twelve minutes walk from the village
A Superior (Hotel)	415	325	820	640	Views, some four posters, spacious
B Standard (Hotel)	375	285	740	560	En suite rooms, some with views
C Standard (Lodge)	345	255	680	500	En suite rooms, some with views
D Economy (Lodge/Annexe)	315	230	620	450	Shared bathrooms
YOUTH HOSTEL Half Board (B&B plus dinner) Including Packed lunch		188 210		375 424	Pleasant lounges and gardens; surprisingly upmarket, and about 15 minutes invigorating walk from Forest Side.
GRASMERE LODGE APARTMENTS* Full Board for 3 people		£870 (£290 each)		£1650 (£550 each)	Privately owned apartments in the grounds of Forest Side. These prices are for 3 people . Prices on application for 2 adults and 2 children.

*** It may be necessary to book people into the hotel first and transfer them later to an apartment if one becomes available.**

6. FINDING YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATION

There are numerous self-catering options in Grasmere, but they are not cheap in August and the conference schedule does not allow for much in the way of self-catering. If using a Guest House or B&B you *may* be able to book dinners at Forest Side but only if there is room, and this cannot be guaranteed. In any case we cannot accept more than 70 registered participants in each part of the conference, so please check that we still have a seat for you before paying your conference fee (it may be necessary for the Administrator to put you on a waiting list).

The following Hotels and Guest Houses are recommended but do not do group bookings. The hotels listed are all very comfortable. The Swan and Rothay Garden Hotel are closest to Forest Side while the Bridge House and the Gold Rill are exceptional value (the latter does not charge a single room supplement).

The Guest Houses and B&B establishments average about £35 per person per night, with Riversdale very convenient, but rather more expensive. The closest are The Bield, Raise View and Riversdale. Howe Foot is at Town End (Dove Cottage). Glenthorne is the furthest at about 20 minutes walk using a short cut by footpath.




Recommended HOTELS (DB&B from about £70 to £120 approx)	telephone	Recommended Guest Houses/B&B from £35 to £60 (per person per night)	telephone
The Swan (5 mins)	0870 4008132	The Bield (5 mins)	015394-35272
Rothay Garden (8 mins)	015394-35334	Raise View (6 mins)	015394-35215
Grasmere Hotel	015394-35277	Howe Foot Lodge	015394-35366
The Red Lion (15 mins)	015394-35456	Ivy Dene (6 mins)	015394 35960
Dale Lodge	015394-35300	Chestnut Villa (6 mins)	015394-35218
Bridge House Hotel	015394-35425	Glenthorne	015394-35389
Gold Rill (20 mins)	015394-35486	Riversdale (6 mins)	015394-35619

7. A Note on Walks and Equipment

The Wordsworth Conference is famous for its outdoor element. Most afternoons you will be offered a choice of events, graded C, B or A. “C” means an excursion, with minimal walking. “B” means a low-level walk, at a fairly leisurely pace. “A” means a more strenuous (for most people very strenuous) walk or ‘mountain hike’. Because this is primarily an academic conference the objective of reaching the tops in the course of an afternoon, and making it back for the next event requires that **we walk faster and make fewer stops than most people are used to**. Unless you are used to covering **at least** three miles an hour on level ground, you will find the A-walks too challenging. On the first day of each part, the walks will enable you (and us) to assess whether you should attempt the ‘A-walks’ later in the programme.

Walking in the Lake District is made dangerous by rapid changes in the weather (hail is not infrequent in Summer) and by the fact that people have walked here in large numbers for many decades. The terrain is steep and the ‘paths’ are frequently eroded or eroding: they can be almost equally hazardous in wet or excessively dry conditions. You may be used to walking in trainers or so-called ‘multi-activity shoes’: such shoes may be OK for the terrain you are used to, even in generally dry mountain areas, and they are sold in lake district shops *for low level walks*, but it is foolish to rely on them for high-level walks. A high quality ‘multi-activity shoe’ with a serious tread will be accepted for the B-walks—though they usually cost nearly as much as a boot and you would be better advised to go for the real thing! But we cannot permit anyone to join an A-walk who is not wearing boots as defined below — *you will not be permitted to join the group, and we ask that you do not cause delay by attempting to do so*. Sandals, high-heeled shoes, city shoes, flip-flops or flimsy trainers will **not** be acceptable on **any** walks except those graded “C”.

Essential equipment for A-walks: Walking boots. These are defined by (1) ankle support, (2) lateral rigidity (you should not be able to twist them easily); (3) good (preferably Vibram) soles, (4) a sharp (not rounded) heel so you can dig in rather than slide downhill, and (5) a definite ‘step’ between sole and heel so that you can hook on. These characteristics are essential for walking quickly and safely over the usual Lakeland hazards of loose stones, mud-slides, scree slopes or wet grass or rock. The boots in column 1 cost about £10 to £15 more than the good shoe in column 2. Plus: A light pack; water- and wind-proof anoraks or fleece, long trousers in quick-drying fabrics (blue-jeans can be lethal); a fleece or sweater for warmth; gloves; sun-cream and sun-hat (especially on all-day walks); seamless inner socks and cushioned outer socks. *Optional equipment:* Overtrousers; gaiters; blister treatments; a stick, or staff, or poles.

1. Sensible 3-season Boots as required for A-walks	2. A good multi-activity or approach shoe , adequate for most B-walks.	3. a Cheap trainer - fine for an excursion.
		

Wordsworth Summer Conference 2010 Registration Form

We have very few rooms available, so please contact us by email regarding possibilities before completing this form. Then please print this form, complete the personal information, tick where applicable in the right hand column, and mail it to the Conference Administrator: Mrs. Fiona Grivil, Tirril Hall, Tirril, Penrith CA10 2JE, UK

Name(s):	
Affiliation(s) and Status:	
Postal Address(es):	
Email address(es):	
Telephone:	
Please add my/our contact details to the WSC address list	
I /we will attend the conference on a non-resident basis	
Please book me/us accommodation in price Band A, B, C, D (delete as applicable) †	
Please book us an apartment for three people if available / or a family room for three †	
Please book me a place at the Youth Hostel half board; full board (delete as applicable)	
The above accommodation is for Part 1 [the 5 nights of July 28-August 1]	
The above accommodation is for Part 2 [the 5 nights of August 2-6]	
The above accommodation is for Parts 1&2 [the 10 nights of July 28-August 6]	
I enclose my conference fee of £205 per person	
I enclose my half conference fee of £155 per person	
I have paid my registration fee online by Google Checkout / by bank transfer	
I accept responsibility for any cancellation charges as a result of late or non-arrival	
I accept the terms and conditions outlined in the prospectus	
Dietary requirements:	
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