

## WORDSWORTH SUMMER CONFERENCE, 2011

*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'.*



*Keynote Lecturers for 2011:*

**Richard Brantley (Florida)**  
**Frederick Burwick (UCLA)**  
**Jeff Cowton (Curator, The Jerwood Centre)**  
**Nora Crook (Anglia Ruskin University)**  
**Kelvin Everest (Liverpool)**  
**Mary Favret (Bloomington, Indiana) □**  
**Stephen Gill (Lincoln College, Oxford)**  
**Richard Gravil (Secretary of the Foundation)**  
**Felicity James (Leicester)**  
**Peter Kitson (Dundee)**  
**Ichiro Koguchi (Osaka)**  
**Michael O'Neill (Durham)**  
**Ann Wroe (*The Economist*)**  
**Sarah Zimmerman (Fordham University)**

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**Format:** The conference is in two parts of 4 full days each, with a changeover day on Saturday 6 August.

**Costs:** The non-resident and registration fee, which includes up to seven excursions, offers exceptional value at £225 for ten days (£175 for five days) if paid by 30 April. Fees rise to £250 (£200) on 1 May for late registrants.

**Call for Papers:** we invite papers on all aspects of William Wordsworth, his contemporaries and the Romantic period. The Conference will include a bicentenary panel and debate about Anna Letitia Barbauld's poem 'Eighteen Hundred and Eleven' and related papers will be welcomed. 2011 is also the bicentenary of 'Sense and Sensibility', Robert Bloomfield's 'Banks of the Wye', Scott's 'Don Roderick', Shelley's 'Necessity of Atheism' and the second edition of Mary Tighe's 'Psyche'. During the Conference the 'Shelley's Ghost' exhibition will be hosted by the Wordsworth Trust at Dove Cottage and there will be opportunities to visit this. Among our excursions will be an all day visit (on changeover day) to Rose Castle, Lanercost Priory, and Hadrian's Wall. Rose castle, former residence of the Bishops of Carlisle, was visited and admired by both Wordsworth and Coleridge. This was where John Keats's friend Benjamin Bailey was ordained in July 1818, just before his conversation with John Lockhart that led to the 'Cockney School' essay on Keats. The all-day walk is likely to be one of two classic walks to the Western Lake District, climbing Bowfell and Scafell Pike or Pillar, by the North Traverse, from Honister Pass.

**Proposals:** 250 word proposals for papers of no more than 2750 words together with a brief *unformatted* c.v. should occupy no more than 2 sides of A4 (**abstracts** will be copied into a composite file). Please *do not send* as a pdf. Please e-mail to the Conference Director Nicholas Roe at [wordsworthsummerconference@gmail.com](mailto:wordsworthsummerconference@gmail.com) by 15 April 2011. All other enquiries should also be e-mailed to this address.

**Bursaries:** 14 bursaries, worth £300 to £349 are available for the 2011 conference. These bursaries are intended to enable young scholars, principally at postgraduate and early post-doctoral level, to enjoy ten active and stimulating days in the unique environment of Grasmere, for about half the cost of the event, if using hostel accommodation. Applications must be sent to the organisers at [wordsworthsummerconference@gmail.com](mailto:wordsworthsummerconference@gmail.com) by 15 April 2011. Please see the website for further details on how to apply: [www.wordsworthconferences.org.uk/Wordsworth\\_Summer\\_Conference\\_Bursaries\\_2011.pdf](http://www.wordsworthconferences.org.uk/Wordsworth_Summer_Conference_Bursaries_2011.pdf)

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**THE TWO-PART STRUCTURE [Walks and Excursions are Illustrative only]**

**Monday 1 to Thursday 11 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 Bees		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. 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

## FEES & PAYMENT METHODS

The full conference fee for all 9 days of the conference includes all indoor events 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:** £225 if paid by 1 May 2011, £250 on or after 1 May 2011

**Part 1 or 2 only:** £175 if paid by 27 April 2009, £2000 on or after 1 May 2011

**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 with all costs at both ends paid by initiator 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.

## 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.

## **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.

## 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. 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 9) 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	
<b>FOREST SIDE HOTEL</b> 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)	440	325	875	640	Views, some four posters, spacious
B Standard (Hotel)	415	295	820	590	En suite rooms, some with views
C Standard (Lodge/Hotel)	380	265	750	560	4 En suite rooms, some with views
D Economy (Lodge/Annexe)	340	235	660	480	Shared shower rooms
<b>YOUTH HOSTEL</b>					Pleasant lounges and gardens; surprisingly upmarket, and about 15 minutes invigorating walk from Forest Side. The price includes dinner at Forest Side for one evening in each part of the conference.
A Full Board (w. packed lunch)		228		457	
B Half Board (B&B + dinner)		200		402	
C Dinner only*		176		352	
<b>GRASMERE LODGE</b> <b>APARTMENTS**</b> Full Board for 3 people		£975 (£325 each)		£1800 (£600 each)	Privately owned apartments in the grounds of Forest Side. These prices are for <b>3 people</b> . Prices on application for 2 adults and 2 children.

\* **This option does not include breakfast or lunch.** There are kitchen facilities at the youth hostel, and there is a small shop nearby with a limited range of supplies (where one can buy cereal, bread and sandwich fillings etc.) but **you MUST bring a packed lunch if you intend to take part in the excursions or walks.**

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

## 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.




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

## 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 <b>Boots</b> as required for A-walks	2. A good multi-activity or approach <b>shoe</b> , adequate for most B-walks.	3. a <b>Cheap trainer</b> - fine for an excursion.
		

# Wordsworth Summer Conference 2011 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: Stacey McDowell, Department of English, 3-5 Woodland Rd, Bristol University, BS8 1TB.**

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 <b>A, B, C, D</b> (delete as applicable)	
Please book us <b>an apartment</b> for three people if available / or a family room for three	
Please book me a place at the <b>Youth Hostel</b> in price band <b>A, B, C</b> (delete as applicable)	
The above accommodation is for Part 1 [the 5 nights of 1-5 August]	
The above accommodation is for Part 2 [the 5 nights of 6-10 August]	
The above accommodation is for Parts 1&2 [the 10 nights of 1-10 August]	
I enclose my conference fee of £225 per person	
I enclose my half conference fee of £175 per person	
I have paid my registration fee online by Google Checkout / I enclose a cheque <b>in sterling</b>	
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:	
Signed:	