



The Royal Oak

HOTEL

Borrowdale, Keswick

WELCOME TO OUR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

We're bringing the magic of the Valley
right to your table!

ALL ABOARD: THE RAILWAY THAT BROUGHT THE WORLD TO OUR DOOR

In the mid-1800s, the Lake District was a world apart, a tranquil wilderness known only to a determined few. But in 1865, a monumental change arrived: the railway, snaking its way to the heart of Keswick. Built by the Cockermouth, Keswick and Penrith Railway company, this was more than just a new form of transport; it was a revolution.

Before the railway, Keswick was a destination for a select few—primarily wealthy poets, artists, and grand tourists who journeyed by carriage to appreciate its "picturesque" beauty. William Wordsworth famously opposed the railway's arrival, fearing it would desecrate the landscape and bring a flood of visitors that would spoil its tranquillity.

However, the railway did exactly what its promoters intended. It linked Keswick to the national network via Penrith, making the town easily accessible from industrial cities like Liverpool and Manchester. The journey, which once took days, could now be completed in a matter of hours. This transport revolution brought an influx of new visitors from all social classes, transforming Keswick from a quiet market town into a bustling tourist hub.

The impact was immediate and profound. The town saw a building boom, with new hotels, guesthouses, and shops springing up to cater to the booming tourism trade. The population grew, and the local economy shifted away from its traditional reliance on mining and agriculture towards hospitality. Keswick's new identity as a tourist centre was cemented, setting the stage for the vibrant town we know today.

This transport revolution had a direct impact on our corner of the world. Travellers would alight from the train and journey onward, on foot or by horse-drawn carriage, deeper into the stunning Borrowdale Valley. The Royal Oak Rosthwaite stood ready to welcome them, a haven of rest and refreshment after their long journey.

So, when you see a glimpse of old railway photos, remember that they represent the very moment our home was opened to the world, creating the legacy of warmth and welcome that we continue to celebrate today. Unfortunately, the single-line branch from Penrith to Keswick closed in 1972, with Penrith being the nearest station now. However, there is a bus service and taxis are always available.



MEET THE STAFF

INTRODUCING BEATRICE: ART, FELS AND A LAKESIDE BABY.

Meet Beatrice, a dedicated member of The Royal Oak's staff whose journey is as unique as the beautiful valley we call home. She is one of the essential team members in our housekeeping department, working hard to ensure every room is not just clean, but truly lovely and welcoming for our arriving guests.

Beatrice was born and raised in Western Romania, growing up alongside her sister. After leaving college, she found her true vocation as a professional florist. For her, arranging fresh flowers every day was more than just a job; it was a beautiful, fulfilling craft.

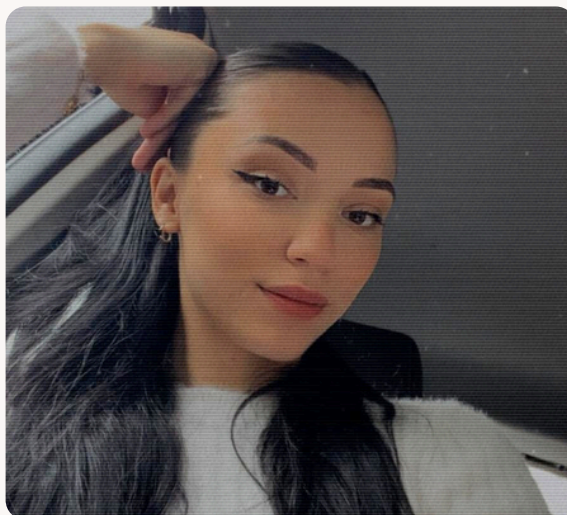
However, in 2023, she traded petals for peaks and made a bold decision. Persuaded by friends who had already relocated, Beatrice set off on her own for a life-changing adventure in the UK's Lake District. This was no small feat: she arrived without speaking a word of English, demonstrating an inspiring level of courage and determination.

She quickly found her footing and a first job in Grasmere, cleaning rooms and serving in a restaurant. It was there that fate intervened, introducing her to her partner, Robi, who is also from Romania. They began their next chapter together in January of this year, both joining the staff here at The Royal Oak.

The couple are currently filled with excitement, as they prepare for the biggest event yet: they are expecting their first baby in February next year! Beatrice hopes to continue working right up until the baby is due and plans to rejoin the team next year. You can follow our social media pages for a special announcement and the lakeside baby reveal!

When she's not flawlessly preparing rooms, Beatrice still finds time to cultivate beauty and nature. She loves to sit down and draw, often taking inspiration from the stunning landscape. She also enjoys walking on the fells to soak up the peace and tranquility of the Borrowdale Valley." For a change of pace and a little retail therapy, she enjoys going shopping to Kendal, particularly enjoying the large TK Maxx there. And when the day is done, she settles in as a dedicated Netflix fan, keeping up with the latest films and dramas.

Beatrice truly loves the relaxed atmosphere of The Royal Oak, taking pride in meeting the guests and personally ensuring everything is perfect for their stay.



OUR WINNING WINTER BREAKS

Have you booked one of our unbeatable offers?

DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR NIFTY NOVEMBER DEAL

The Royal Oak invites you to experience a warm and welcoming escape. Upon arrival, treat yourself to a complimentary drink of your choice: G&T or a pint of Tyrells Real Ale

Our Nifty November Offer includes:

Overnight stay, Hearty breakfast and Two-course evening dinner

Complimentary welcome drink and complimentary afternoon tea and scones.

Book directly with the hotel and receive this special offer for just £148 per night for two guests in a standard double/twin room.



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Offer Valid Throughout November

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LOOKING FOR A BREAK?

Try £118

£118 per night, Throughout Dec & Jan
(excludes 24th Dec - 4th Jan)

Price includes breakfast and evening dinner for two
in a standard double/Twin room

Dial now on 017687 77214 for £118

NEED A BREAK? TRY £118 - THAT'S RIGHT! JUST £118

Sun-Thur throughout Dec & Jan & 2-5 Feb
(excludes festive dates 24 Dec-4 Jan)

This is an unbeatable deal, stay for only £118 a night with breakfast and two course dinner for two, yes you heard that right £118!

At the refurbished Royal Oak in the Borrowdale Valley, we've got it covered, beautiful bedrooms with dreamy beds and gleaming bathrooms, hearty breakfasts, delicious evening dinners and charming lounges.

We've even got a log fire, drying room and boot warmers, plus a free car park with its very own electric car charging station.

Dial now for £118 on 01768 777214 or just visit our website www.royaloakhotel.co.uk.

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WEEKEND WINTER WARMER DEAL

Our Winter Warmer Fri & Sat Weekend deal is back during December and January to the end of February.

Stay with us for £168 a night in a classic room with breakfast and a two-course dinner for two. Receive a warm welcome, get toasty by the log fire, have a relaxing night's sleep and fuel yourself with a hearty breakfast. Enjoy a welcome pre-dinner complimentary Lakeland gin and tonic or Tirril's local brewed ale in our bar or snug and indulge in a sumptuous evening dinner you'll be talking about long after you've gone home.



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PER NIGHT
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MAD AS A MARCH HARE DEAL!

Breakfast, Dinner & Welcome drink for Two in a Standard Double/Twin room

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MAD AS A MARCH HARE

During March, you can take advantage of our 'Mad as a March Hare Deal'

Indulge in delicious dining and experience unforgettable hospitality. Get toasty by the log fire, indulge in a two-course gourmet meal and after a dreamy night's sleep in one of our characterful rooms, enjoy a hearty Cumbrian breakfast.

But that's not all! We have complimentary treats on offer, including a welcome drink, G&T, or a pint of Local Ale, freshly baked scones every afternoon, and unlimited all-day tea and coffee. How good is that?

All this for just £168 per couple per night in March (March weekends £178 per night) in a standard double room when booked directly with the hotel.

WALK YOURSELF HAPPY – OUR FEATURED WALK

If walking the full journey of Wainwrights Coast to Coast seems too daunting, you can always consider walking the third stage during your stay at the Royal Oak, Rosthwaite to Grasmere, is a 15K Lakeland classic, taking you on a straight forward climb with amazing views towards Scafell Pike and Greenup Edge before continuing down to the Easedale Valley and eventually arriving in the charming village of Grasmere. It's a full day of ridge views, wild uplands, and peaceful valleys.

There are great bus transport links back to Rosthwaite. The Stagecoach 555 and 78/77A routes connect Grasmere to Keswick and onto Rosthwaite, where afternoon tea and scones will be waiting.

Time: 5–6 hours Ascent: 550 m / 1,800 ft

OS Map: OL4 (The English Lakes – North-western Area)

Start: Rosthwaite (NY 257 149) Finish: Grasmere (NY 338 074)

Grade: Moderate–Hard (steep climbs, rough ground, and potential bogs)

Rosthwaite to Grasmere Route Summary

1. Valley Start (Rosthwaite to Stonethwaite)

The walk begins in Rosthwaite by crossing the River Derwent and following a lane south-east to the small village of Stonethwaite.

2. The Steep Climb (Stonethwaite to Greenup Edge)

From Stonethwaite, you follow the bridleway up along Greenup Gill. This section is a steep climb, passing waterfalls and offering views back towards Eagle Crag. You'll tackle rocky steps leading to the high point of the day: the broad, often boggy saddle of Greenup Edge

3. The Ridge Walk (Greenup Edge to Helm Crag)

From Greenup Edge, the route follows an undulating, scenic ridge. This includes a gentle climb to Calf Crag and continues over Gibson Knott. The ridge offers superb, airy views before you reach the final rocky summit, Helm Crag, famous for its 'Lion and the Lamb' rock formation.

4. Descent to Grasmere

From Helm Crag, a well-used stony path takes you on a careful descent southward, eventually joining a lane that leads directly into the charming village of Grasmere.



A LITTLE FAVOUR FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE VALLEY

We love welcoming you through our doors at the Royal Oak, but we'd also love to connect with you online!

You might have noticed us sharing beautiful photos and videos of the Borrowdale Valley, new dishes from our kitchen, amazing walks in the area, local events, photos of our relaxing interiors and four legged friends staying with us on our social media pages. Our goal is to create a digital community where we can share the magic of the Lake District with even more people.

That's where you come in!

If you enjoy staying with us, following our adventures, and seeing our posts, we'd be so grateful for your help. A simple follow, like, or share makes a huge difference in helping our little corner of the Lakes reach a wider audience.

Could you take a moment to help us grow our community?

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

Like our recent posts.

Tag a friend who loves the Lakes in the comments.

Share our posts with your friends and family.

It only takes a moment, but it means the world to us. Thank you for your continued support!

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