



The Royal Oak HOTEL

Borrowdale, Keswick

WELCOME TO OUR JULY NEWSLETTER

Summer Days, Royal Oak Ways

OUR RECOMMENDED WALK: THE SERENE SHORES OF ENNERDALE WATER

Join our Head Chef, David Lee, a passionate fell walker, as he shares his latest route: the captivating circumnavigation of Ennerdale Water. This moderately challenging walk spans 6 ½ miles (approximately 10.5 km) and we recommend allowing a generous 4 hours to fully immerse yourself in the breathtaking surroundings. While parts of the trail are relatively flat, the diverse terrain ensures an engaging experience.

Ennerdale Water holds a unique significance as it forms a picturesque segment of Alfred Wainwright's iconic Coast to Coast Walk. For those seeking to sample the essence of this renowned long-distance trail without committing to its full arduousness, this particular stretch offers a fantastic opportunity to experience part of the second stage of Wainwright's famous walk, Ennerdale to Rosthwaite.

The unspoiled wilderness of Ennerdale Water is often lauded as the Lake District's most tranquil and least developed lake. You'll find no public roads skirting its shores, preserving a truly wild and peaceful atmosphere. This makes it an ideal escape for those seeking solitude and a deep connection with nature.

The walk encompasses diverse terrain. You'll traverse well-trodden paths, sections of shingle beach, and potentially some rocky or uneven ground, particularly on the western and southern sides of the lake. Prepare to be mesmerised by the ever-changing views across the lake.

As you walk, you'll be following in the footsteps of countless adventurers who have undertaken the Coast to Coast; the spirit of Wainwright's explorations resonates deeply here.

David hopes you enjoy his recommended walk as much as he does!



PAINTING HOLIDAYS

The Keswick area, nestled within the stunning Lake District National Park, has long inspired landscape painters such as J.M.W Turner and John Constable. Its dramatic fells, serene lakes like Derwentwater and picturesque valleys offer an endless array of subjects, making it a significant hub for landscape art.

Keswick was home to the Keswick School of Industrial Arts (KSIA), founded by Canon Rawnsley, a friend of John Ruskin. Ruskin's art and writings laid the foundation for the Arts and Crafts movement, and the KSIA aimed to provide artistic skills and winter work for locals, fostering a tradition of craftsmanship and art inspired by the local environment.

If you're visiting the Keswick area and interested in landscape painting, a stroll through the town's galleries is highly recommended. You'll find beautiful artwork from local artists, from traditional water colours and oils to more contemporary and abstract interpretations, gaining a deeper appreciation for the region's enduring artistic legacy. We recommend the Cookhouse Gallery, Viridian Gallery, Lucy Pittaway Gallery, Graphite Gallery, the Keswick Museum/Art Gallery and not too far from Keswick, Beckstones Art Gallery.

It's so inspiring to see how artists capture this area. Does it ever make you feel like trying your hand at it?"

While painting landscapes seems to be dominant, you might focus on specific elements like trees, water, buildings, or even botanical illustration inspired by the local flora. Would you prefer to work in watercolour, oils, acrylics, pastels, or mixed media?

If painting outdoors, consider a portable stool or easel, a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, and flask for hot drinks. A camera is invaluable for capturing reference photos when the light changes or you can't complete a painting on location. A small sketchbook is great for quick sketches and capturing ideas.

You may want to consider attending a workshop. Quirky Workshops, located at Greystoke near Keswick, offer a range of art and craft workshops, including Oak Gall Ink, Unfolding Landscapes and Buildings in the Landscape using wash and line. They have various dates throughout the year.

The Makers Mill is a creative venue in Keswick offering various workshops, including ceramics, textiles, and mixed media. Check their schedule for painting-specific workshops.

Indulging in some painting whilst on holiday in the Keswick area offers a unique opportunity to combine love for art with the breathtaking beauty of the Lake District. Enjoy the inspiration!



TIME TO PLAN YOUR SUMMER ESCAPE & LEVEL UP YOUR LIFESTYLE

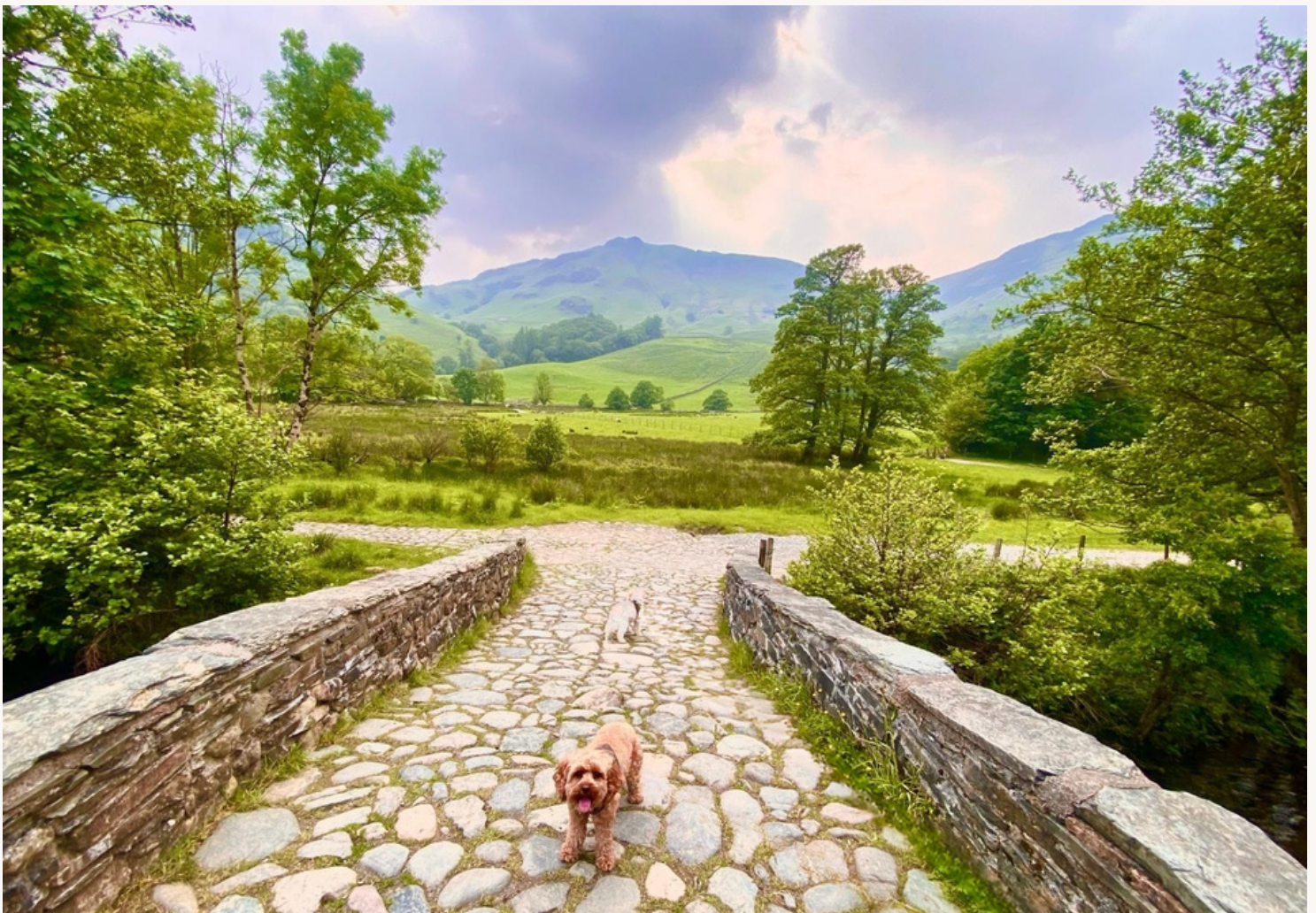
Come and experience the essence of summer, when the Borrowdale Valley revels in all its beauty with clear skies and stunning views.

It's quite evident that the hotel and its location in the blissful Borrowdale Valley are used as a sanctuary for our guests, who escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life to relax, find solitude, enjoy the great outdoors, and reconnect with themselves, their families, and their friends.

At the Royal Oak, there are still special offers to enjoy with up 20% off normal pricing. You can stay midweek in July and August from £228 a night, including breakfast and dinner for two guests, or from just £150 for breakfast only.

Receive a warm welcome, have a relaxing night's stay, fuel yourself with a hearty breakfast, after a hard day's walking on the fells, enjoy gins, ales and wines in our characterful lounge and indulge in a sumptuous evening meal you'll be talking about long after you've gone home.

With no deposit to pay, this offer is only bookable on our website. www.royaloakhotel.co.uk



DO YOU KNOW WE HAVE FAMILY ROOMS

It's magical here during the summer months, England's most alluring corner revels in all its beauty.

So whether you fancy a ramble across the fells with the kids, a day on the lake, adventures in Whinlatter forest or just want to explore the heritage and culture of the area, there's lots for family adventures in the North Lake District waiting for you.

For families of two, we have charming classic, executive and superior bedrooms with dreamy beds and gleaming bathrooms, but do you know we have triple rooms, a quad room with adjoining rooms a self-contained two-bedroom studio apartment with a bathroom, separate living space and kitchenette, making it perfect for longer stays. Designed with the same rustic charm and quality fittings as the rest of the hotel, it sleeps up to two adults and two children. Room prices start from £160 per night, including breakfast.



WINTER BREAKS COLLECTION

WINTER WARMER DEAL

Our Winter Warmer Weekend deal proved very popular and the good news is we are bringing you the offer again for the whole of November and February. Plus December and January weekends.
(excludes Xmas & New Year)

Stay with us for £168 a night in a classic room with breakfast and 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 Tyrrells 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.

MAD MARCH HARE DEAL

With special offers to enjoy, you can stay in March from £168 a night in a classic room with breakfast and dinner for two. (£178 Fri & Sat night) Receive a warm welcome, get toasty by the log fire, have a relaxing night's sleep, and fuel yourself with a hearty breakfast.



WHAT'S BETTER THAN A ONE-NIGHT STAY?

Two, of course! From the moment you arrive, the Royal Oak exudes a relaxing atmosphere. It's perfect for chilling out and unwinding, and you won't be in any hurry to leave!

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NEED A BREAK? TRY £118

THAT'S RIGHT! JUST £118 A NIGHT

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 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.

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