



WHAT'S ON

Events 2015

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January

01 JAN

NEW YEAR COUNTDOWN

Join locals and visitors alike for the annual gathering in Keswick's Market Square to see in the New Year.

February

26 FEB-01 MAR

THE 16TH KESWICK FILM FESTIVAL

Lights, camera, action! See more than 30 films on the big screen with both light and thought-provoking offerings.

March

06-15 MAR

WORDS BY THE WATER LITERATURE FESTIVAL

A 10-day programme of literary events at Theatre by the Lake. Talks, lectures, discussions, workshops, book launches and special exhibitions.

29 MAR (PROVISIONAL)

BUTTERMERE TRAIL RUN

An incredible trail route around the shores of Buttermere and Crummock Water. You do not have to be super-fast to enter, perfect if you are new to trail running and looking for a challenge.

April

03-06 APR

EASTER WEEKEND

Keep an eye on Keswick.org for an "egg-citing" weekend of Easter-themed events in the area.

May



03 MAY

KESWICK HALF MARATHON

Whether you're looking to complete your first half marathon or are a veteran of this event then this circuit of Derwentwater, with a loop into the Newlands valley, is probably the most scenic 13 miles 192.5 yards in the country.

03 MAY

COCKERMOUTH GEORGIAN FAIR

It was during the Georgian period that Cockermouth expanded into an important wool and weaving trading centre. With a market in the wide main street and Georgian-themed events this is a day out for all the family.

07-10 MAY

THE 24TH JENNINGS KESWICK JAZZ FESTIVAL

The four-day festival brings together many of the world's finest exponents of mainstream and traditional jazz. The programme sees over 100 jazz events hosted by a dozen different venues, all covered by the festival's pass.

09 MAY

KESWICK TO BARROW WALK

A 40-mile sponsored walk to raise money for charities and good causes. Teams of 6-12 walkers and runners challenge themselves on this route.

14-17 MAY

KESWICK MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL

The Keswick Mountain Festival attracts thousands of visitors to Keswick for a wide range of sporting and outdoor events, live music and legendary speakers. At the heart of the event is the Festival Village in Crow Park, overlooking Derwentwater, where visitors of all ages can enjoy a huge variety of activities.

22-23 MAY

IREBY FESTIVAL

A range of music performed both in small venues and on a main stage in the small farming village of Ireby.

29-30 MAY

BASSENTHWAITE FESTIVAL

A small and unique festival of early and baroque choral and instrumental music, held in a magical setting in the churches of St John and St Bega by Bassenthwaite Lake.

June



05-06 JUN

THE 19TH KESWICK BEER FESTIVAL

From humble beginnings in 1997 the festival has grown into an event attracting nearly 6000 beer enthusiasts. Over 250 barrels of beer, lager and cider will be available to sample, with live bands providing the entertainment. The event is always a sell-out, so be sure to book early.

06 JUN

DERWENT EPIC SWIM

Derwentwater is the opening event in a series of three open water swims. Three distances to choose from at each event provides novices, intermediates and elite swimmers with a challenge to match their ability.

07 JUN (PROVISIONAL)

SCAFELL PIKE TRAIL

A 42K Trail Marathon from Keswick incorporating Scafell Pike, England's Highest Peak. Borrowdale is described as 'the most beautiful valley in England'. Combine this with a route over Scafell Pike and you have a trail runner's dream.

07 JUN (PROVISIONAL)

BORROWDALE TRAIL RACES

Becoming a classic on the trail circuit these races start and finish in Keswick, incorporating Derwentwater lakeshore trails and the Borrowdale Valley. Distances of 13k and 21k.

21 JUN

KESWICK SCRUFF'S

A family friendly fun dog show plus entertainment.

21-28 JUN

KESWICK FESTIVAL

A week-long festival celebrating local communities and groups, with a wide-ranging programme of events.

23 JUN

ST HERBERT'S ISLAND ENACTMENT

Watch an enactment of the famous meeting between St Herbert and St Cuthbert on St Herbert's Island. Keswick's famous Street Theatre will be playing out the scene on Friar's Crag. Booking required.

26-27 JUN

WOOLFEST COCKERMOUTH

A showcase and a celebration of the best of wool and wool crafts. The event is all about creativity and design with beautiful quality and skilled craftsmanship.

July

11-31 JUL

KESWICK CHRISTIAN CONVENTION

The annual Convention has been taking place since 1875.

It offers something for everyone – life-changing bible teaching, worship and fellowship, with separate kids and youth programmes.

11-12 JUL

DERWENTWATER REGATTA

A weekend of mayhem and madness afloat, with the chance to climb aboard in a variety of races on Derwentwater.

August

01-09 AUG

BASSENTHWAITE REGATTA

Bassenthwaite's annual Regatta Week offers wonderful sailing in a great family environment and in a setting of unrivalled natural beauty. This regatta ranks amongst the most popular open events in the north of England.

AUG

COCKERMOUTH AGRICULTURAL SHOW

An action packed day for all the family. Show jumping, sheep dog demonstrations, sheep clipping, goats, poultry and much more.

31 AUG

KESWICK AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The show attracts large numbers of competitors, exhibitors and spectators, and features both commercial and charity stands. It's a great day out for all the family. This will be its second year at its new venue in Pump Field, just outside of Braithwaite.

September

05 SEP

DERWENTWATER TRAIL RACE

The 15km Derwentwater Trail follows well-marked and marshalled courses through some of the most dramatic mountain scenery in the Lake District. A shorter 10km route takes place in the morning.

06 SEP

LOWESWATER SHOW

The Loweswater Show, now in its 139th year, has a long history and a successful format. Events include fell races for all ages, Cumberland and Westmorland wrestling, agricultural classes, children's games and sheep dog and hound trials.

20 SEP

BORROWDALE SHEPHERDS' MEET

A traditional friendly Shepherds' Meet. Fell races, sheep shearing, traditional crafts.

SEP

BUTTERMERE TRIATHLON

Swim Buttermere lake, cycle up the challenging gradients of Whinlatter and Honister passes, run the trails around the beautiful shores of Crummock Water. This triathlon is possibly the most scenic in Britain.

SEP

BUTTERMERE OPEN SWIM

Swim the whole circumference of this beautiful lake in the 5k race or twice in the 10k race. The swim follows the bays and inlets, staying close to the shoreline.

October

25 OCT

BUTTERMERE SHEPHERDS' MEET & SHOW

A traditional local show organised by shepherds and featuring sheep shows, dog shows, crafts and stalls, fell races, and Cumberland and Westmorland wrestling.

November

02 NOV

DERWENTWATER TEN

A spectacular 10-mile road race run clockwise round Derwentwater. Undulating

rather than hilly this course is one of the most scenic road races in the country, especially at this time of year!

07 NOV

THE VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB LAKELAND TRIALS

Over 100 vintage cars wind their way up the hairpin bends of the torturous Honister Pass to converge on Honister Slate Mine in a throwback to the golden age of motoring.



20 NOV

KESWICK CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Festive Family Fun - an exciting afternoon of lights, music, food and craft stalls.

December

01-24 DEC

KESWICK LIVE ADVENT

A wonderful advent calendar with live pop-up events each evening at 4pm and the lighting of an illuminated window. The windows form a magical advent trail - lit until 5th January.



06 DEC

THE KESWICK VICTORIAN FAYRE

With lots of decorated charity stalls and a host of street entertainment, the Victorian Fayre is part of the festive season in Keswick. A small fun fair and a visit from Father Christmas guarantee it will be a hit with the children.