

2026 Events

- 8th March **Mosses of the Upper Swaledale 13.00 - 16.00: Approx 1 mile (easy)**
 Led by Sue & Les Knight includes introductory session in the visitor centre and local walk to identify and study specimens. Meet Keld Heritage Centre Charge £8 pp
- 15th March **Lichens of Upper Swaledale 13.00 - 16.00 Approx 1 mile (easy)**
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- 12th Apr **In Search of the Source of the Swale 14.00-16.00 Keld Heritage Centre**
 Join Prof. Mark Rutter who will be sharing his intriguing findings of 'where is the Swale's source?' Reviewing old maps and literature as well as state of the art Hydrological analysis of Upper Swaledale. Refreshments served afterwards. Charge £10 pp
- 26th Apr **Proddy Craft Workshop**
 Join Anne Hewitt and learn the traditional skill of proddy rug work. Create your own small project - perfect as a decorative chair pad or charming keepsake. Refreshments served. Please bring packed lunch or salads/sandwiches available to order and pay on the day. Charge: £65 pp
- 9th May **Felt Plant Pot Cover Workshop 10.00 - 16.00 Keld Heritage Centre**
 Learn how to make your own wet felt and then turn it into a plant pot cover. All materials, including plant pot, included. Can be hung outside or used inside. Please bring packed lunch or sandwiches/salads can be ordered/paid on the day. Refreshments served. Charge: £60 pp
- 10th May **Swaledale Geology and Landscape Day 10.00 - 16.00 Keld Heritage Centre**
 A Morning session comprising of 2 short talks by Stephen Clark and Les Knight covering the geological structure of the Pennines and impact of glaciers. In the afternoon there will be a guided field trip around Keld area looking at the geology and lead mining. Please bring a packed lunch or sandwiches/salads available to order/pay on day. Charge £20 pp
- 20th Jun **Soap Workshop 10.30 - 15.30 Keld Heritage Centre**
 Learn how to make your own cold process soap from scratch using fats and oils and create your own soaps to take home. Please bring box/tray/old towel to take soap home. Please bring packed lunch or sandwiches/salads available to order pay on the day Charge: £45 pp
- 21st Jun **Glacial Walk 10.00 - 16.00 Meet: Keld Heritage Centre Approx 7 miles (moderate)**
 Join Prof. Mark Rutter on a walk around Kisdon exploring the well preserved glacial features from the last Ice Age approximately 15,000 years ago. Please bring packed lunch. Dogs on leads welcome Charge: £8 pp
- 5th Jul **Wild Flower Talk & Walk 10.00 - 16.00 Meet: Keld Heritage Centre**
 Join Martin Hughes & Sue Knight, the combined talk and walk will cover the basics of wild flower identification, followed by a field walk to spot Swaledale wild flowers. Please bring packed lunch or sandwiches/salads available to order pay on the day. Walk approx. 3 miles. Easy going and on footpaths. Charge: £15 pp
- 2nd Aug **Great Sleddale Hurricane Crash Site Walk 10.30 - 16.00 Approx 9 miles moderate/hard)**
 Visit the isolated crash site of a WWII Hawker Hurricane in Great Sleddale. Please wear appropriate footwear as no bridges and need to cross the beck. Please bring packed lunch and drinking water. Dogs welcome on leads.
Note: meeting point B6270 at the turn off to Ravenseat approx. 3 miles west of Keld.
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- 16th Aug **Watercolour Landscape Painting Workshop 10.00 - 12.30 Keld Heritage Centre**
 Learn to paint watercolours in a relaxed environment inspired by the stunning views from the Institute Upper Room. Suitable for all abilities. Start with warm-up exercises before putting into practice in a full watercolour landscape painting to take home with you at the end of the session. Refreshments provided Charge: £50 pp

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- 12st Sept** **Smarber Chapel & Corpse Way Walk 10.00 - 14.30 Meet Holy Trinity Church, Low Row**
 A climb up Peatgate then follow the Corpse Way passing the Dead House. Onto Blades and then to Smarber Chapel. Descend and walk along riverbank to Isle Bridge and a visit to Low Row URC which replaced Smarber. Please bring packed lunch. Dogs on leads welcome
 Distance: 4.5 miles. Difficulty: Moderate Charge: £8 pp
- 13th Sept** **Landscape Felting Workshop 10:00am - 15:30pm Keld Heritage Centre**
 Learn how to make a unique felted landscape, with Louise Curnin, inspired by the spectacular scenery of the Upper Dale. Please bring a packed lunch or sandwiches/
 Salads available to order/pay on the day. Refreshments provided during the day. Charge: £60 pp
- 20th Sept** **A Journey Through Bygone Swaledale 14.00 - 16.00 Keld Heritage Centre**
 Join Helen Guy on this talk taking you on a journey through Swaledale recalling the traditions, local stores and folklore. A rare glimpse into a way of life long forgotten in Swaledale. Refreshments served afterwards. Charge: £10 pp
- 4th Oct** **An Afternoon with John Waggett 14.00 - 16.00 Keld Village Hall**
 John Waggett once again will be providing an entertaining afternoon talking about growing up and working in Swaledale and reciting some old poems in his strong Swardle dialect
 Refreshments served afterwards. Charge: £10 pp
- 11th Oct** **Willow Basketry Workshop 10.15 - 14.30 Keld Heritage Centre**
 Make your own Swedish willow basket, complete with rustic hazel handle, guided by willow weaving specialist Ruth Thompson. All materials provided for this traditional dales craft
 Refreshments provided.
 Please bring packed lunch or sandwiches/salads available to order/pay on the day Charge: £75 pp

Dates to be confirmed (FaceBook and website to be updated):

Great Shunner Fell: Our Local Mountain! (July/Aug)

Climb 2349 feet from Hardraw and join the Pennine Way to Thwaite. Meet at Thwaite, car share to drive to Hardraw and start the climb. Once completed cars left at Thwaite will take drivers back to Hardraw to retrieve cars. Distance 9 miles Moderate/Hard. Please bring packed lunch. Dogs on leads welcome

Blakethwaite Dams, Gunnerside Gill: Lead Mining Walk (July/Aug)

Meeting at Surrender Bridge we follow the old miners' trail to Blakethwaite Dams and an opportunity to explore the rich lead mining history. Please note that we will not descend into Gunnerside Gill, as the walk will visit the Blakethwaite dams only. Distance: 9 miles. Moderate/hard. Please bring packed lunch.
 Dogs on leads welcome

Cyanotype Printing Workshop

Jane Beaumont will introduce you to Cyanotype printing on paper, producing one or two 'negative' images on a rich blue background from objects sourced that morning from Keld and surrounding area. You will then develop one of your images as a stitched or embroidered piece.

Dales and Lakes - Lead and Copper Mining

Graham Brooks will give a fascinating talk on the development of lead and copper mining comparing similarities between the Lakes and the Dales

Pin Felting Workshop

Spend a relaxed, creative day learning how to needle felt with Clare Gaukroger. No previous experience necessary

Full details and tickets available via Ticket Tailor, or

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Booking essential due to limited places for some events