The Great Enchantress

Ann Radcliffe's 1794 Tour of the Lakes

Thursday 13 November 2025, 7.30 pm Yew Tree Hall, Lorton, CA13 9UQ

An illustrated talk by Dr Penny Bradshaw

At the height of her fame, the novelist Ann Radcliffe published the account of her tour of the Lakes undertaken in 1794.

Dr Penny Bradshaw of the University of Cumbria and editor of the recent edition of Radcliffe's Observations during a Tour to the Lakes of Lancashire, Westmoreland and Cumberland, describes it as an important stepping-stone in the journey from picturesque tourism to Wordsworth's development of a poetics of place.

All welcome, visitors pay £4 cash including refreshments.



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