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Join us for a Study Afternoon by Dr Sue Allen

MERRIE ENGLAND, MAY DAY AND MORE

A day to learn about Traditional Cumberland Customs!

**Saturday 6th April from 2pm-4.30pm
at Barbon Village Hall, LA6 2LL (Free parking at the Hall)**



Price £7 including tea and coffee. Open to non-members.

The 'Romantic idea of Merrie England' complete with maypoles and Morris dances encouraged many Cumbrian towns and villages to develop their own May Day celebrations and carnivals.

Sue's illustrated talk reveals the sources and styles of the dances performed at villages across Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness with tantalising glimpses of the folk customs dating back over 100 years sourced from press reports, memoirs and even a novel!

The dances incorporate borrowings from Lancashire processional Morris and Cotswold Morris dances enthusiastically promoted by local worthies such as Canon Rawnsley of Keswick and John Ruskin of Coniston. Following on from the talk, Sue will lead a Morris dance workshop teaching the dance which has been performed annually in Wigton since 1911.

Sue is a cultural historian writer and folklorist who researches and publishes on Cumbrian customs, traditions and dialect. She is a regular contributor to 'Cumbria Life'.

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phone 07821088484. We look forward to seeing you.**

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