

# Keld Mutual Intellectual Improvement Society – Chronology

- 1838 James Wilkinson commences his ministry position in Keld
- 1839 James restarted the day school in Keld
- 1843 The school moved into a new building
- 1854 James created the Keld Mutual Intellectual Improvement Society
- 1860 Keld Chapel was rebuilt
- 1861 The Keld Literary Institute building was officially opened
- 1866 James Wilkinson died in Southport in December.
- 1867 The building was extended to include an assembly room and stable below.
- 1899 The Cooperative Holiday Association paid rent to use the room for holiday groups
- 1913 Chapel Trustee Resolution passed to regain control of the building (May)  
Institute reopens with a 50% Church / 50% Institute member committee (October)
- 1926 Keld Public Hall is built as a war memorial (including a reading room)
- 1931 Mail van driver used the room to wait for the village postman to deliver and collect outgoing mail.
- 1933 Keld band used the basement room for band practice, paying 10 shillings per annum
- 1935 Barclays Bank paid £10 per annum to use the room for one hour every Wednesday.
- 1953 Electricity was installed in the Institute
- 1971 Meeting held in January resulted in decision to close the Institute
- 1973 Keld school closed
- 1976 School and Institute buildings were opened as The Keld Centre, providing hostel accommodation.
- 1985 The Manse became part of The Keld Centre when it became vacant.
- 2001 Foot and mouth epidemic resulted in the closure of the Keld Centre.