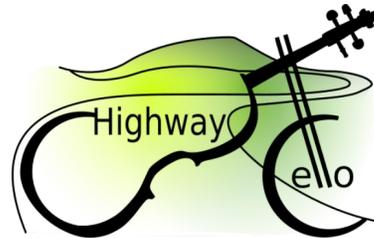


# KENNETH WILSON CELLO – PRESS KIT



## BIOGRAPHY

Kenneth Wilson is an ex-vicar, failed property developer, and reformed vegetarian, who once ran an Indian travel company.

Now, as *The Poetical Cellist*, he plays a wide variety of foot-tapping, tear-jerking – and just plain sexy – music. The cello is abetted – sometimes subverted – by an arresting and acid poetical commentary.

Depending on the mood you might hear ancient Irish laments, James Bond, and croaking frogs; or cardinal sins, and sinning cardinals; wet dreams, and uprisings against the English; slow boats and tango. Even a retelling of ancient Greek tragedy with a sideswipe at Harvey Weinstein.

Kenneth Wilson plays the cello with a moving and sonorous passion. His poetry is funny and incisive and memorable.

## DISCOGRAPHY AND PUBLICATIONS

Kenneth Wilson's first album, *Highway Cello*, will be issued in March 2022, to accompany his Highway Cello tour (see below). The album runs to 16 tracks of “gentle music for the road”, including Irish troubadour airs, solemn songs of political resistance, and cello classics like “The Swan”.

Kenneth is the author of [\*The Definitions of Kitchen Verbs\*](#) (poetry), and [\*Orange Dust: Journeys After the Buddha\*](#) (spirituality/travel). His Holiness the Dalai Lama described this latter book as “inspirational”.

[LISTEN](#) to Highway Cello tracks here. [WATCH](#) video here. [LISTEN](#) to poetry here.

## HIGHWAY CELLO TOUR

This is a music tour with a unique difference. Kenneth cycles from Hadrian's Wall to Rome, pulling his cello behind him in a trailer, and performs at every opportunity on the way.

He describes the tour as a "musical journey in three movements". Until he reaches Dover, Highway Cello is a bit like a traditional concert tour, with 13 dates (see below)

Once in France, and Italy, Highway Cello becomes an improvised variation on the tour theme. What will happen? No-one knows until he cycles into town and opens his cello case... [Read more...](#)

## GIG DATES

Weds 25 May 2022	Tullie House Museum, Carlisle
Thur 26 May	Ripon Cathedral
Fri 27 May	Masham Town Hall
Sat 28 May	
Sun 29 May	York Minster, pop-up
Mon 30 May	All Saints Church, Gainsborough
Tues 31 May	Grimsthorpe Castle
Wed 1 June	King's College Cambridge, pop-up
Thur 2 June	St. Botolph's Church Cambridge
Fri 3 June	Westmill Church, Buntingford
Sat 4 June	
Sun 5 June	House concert, Guildford
Mon 6 June	Melford Gallery, Mayfield
Tues 7 June	Canterbury

## PHOTOS

[Click here for some hi-res photos.](#)

## COMMENT

*"A wry perspective, an edge to his bow. Arresting."* – The Cumberland and Westmorland Herald.

*"An amazing performance, great poetry. Powerful stuff"* – Richard Farncombe, Music in the Wood.

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