

# Middle Earth







# Welcome to Myddle Earth



Spring Equinox 2016



**W**elcome to Myddle Earth: Spring Equinox.

I imagine that I would've got some strange looks from passers-by as I walked down St Asaph high street at rush hour yesterday. I had just finished work and was making my way down town when I suddenly became overcome by the Spirit of Spring. I paused, rooted to where I stood. I closed my eyes and very slowly and purposely I drew in a breath and absorbed its essence deep into my core. At that moment, all the World was content and at peace. Those brief moments had invigorated and re-aligned my entire being. Rejuvenated, I drew another

breath and with a thankful smile, I continued on my way.

I now realise how much I needed that wake-up call. Too often we can get bogged down with mundane matters that deplete our Spirit, where we fade and become the person who other people need us to be. Be that person too but don't lose sight of who you really are, and what you want to do.

To quote Alice Morse Earle:

*"The clock is running.  
Make the most of today.  
Time waits for no man.  
Yesterday is history.  
Tomorrow is a mystery.  
Today is a gift.  
That's why it is called the present."*

With Love and Blessings,



## Moon Phases



**New Moon**

**First Quarter**

**Full Moon**

**Last Quarter**

7th Apr

14th Apr

23rd Mar

31st Mar

6th May

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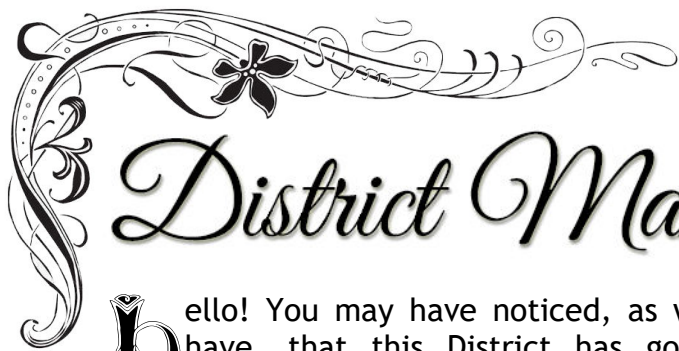
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# District Managers Report



Hello! You may have noticed, as we have, that this District has gone very quiet lately, PF-wise. No serious problems or major upheavals to report. In some ways this 'quiet' is good: we can all do without the stress brought on by crises! Winter isn't normally the time for Conferences, and even less so for camping (except for the very sturdy). It's a time for introspection, cake-baking, creative crafts, music, poetry or storytelling. So, do you have any of your Pagan-themed writings or artwork to share with us? Have you explored any of the ancient sites mentioned by Steve Ludford in the Yule issue, or wandered the landscape in the footsteps of Laurence Main and the ley-hunters? Can you comment on our Facebook presence or share details of any blogs, seasonal celebrations, books, films or websites that may be of interest to your fellow Pagans?

With deep sadness we announce that our dear friend and former District Manager, Pat Pitts, died of cancer on the full moon in January. We couldn't get to her funeral service but Audrey went to the wake led by Druid celebrant Oaklord in Stoke-on-Trent at the 'Holy Inadequate' pub, the local moot venue. Many of Pat's family and friends were there, including numerous Pagans. It was a celebration of her long life with feasting, a display of mementos and photographs, and sharing of anecdotes punctuated by joyous

laughter and heart-felt tears. Please take time to read the obituary on page 6.

You may remember when taking out your membership that there was an option to volunteer your time and skills for furthering the aims of Paganism and the Pagan Federation. Have you changed your mind in the meantime? Did you volunteer for something and haven't been approached yet, or did you not volunteer at the time and now feel able to offer help in some way? Times change, people change, so do prompt us if there is anything you want to do. Organisations like the PF are always in need of helpers.

As we welcome Spring and see the return of new green life to the Earth, take an opportunity on the first warm day to open the windows wide, allowing fresh air and sunshine into your home.

Ahhhh...that's better!

Blessings and all good wishes,

Audrey & Richard

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# Notes from Ceridwen's Womb

## Standing to Attention By Laurence Main

Roaming through the countryside, we inevitably come across monuments and follies. They pierce the horizon, catching the eye as phallic erections in a Goddess landscape of rounded hills and inviting valleys. Each has a story to tell. They mark leys. Somebody knew to put them at particular spots.



Wellington Monument, Pen Dinas

The 'cannon barrel' on Pen Dinas above Aberystwyth was erected in 1852 in memory of the Duke of Wellington, victor of Waterloo. It was intended to erect a statue of the Duke on horseback on top of the monument, but the funds didn't run to this. No matter, the leys are there in abundance (a good place to dowse, with a wide view). It is set within an ancient hill fort known in *The Welsh Triads* as *Allt Vaellwr*:

*"And in the land of Aber Teivi there was in former times before Brutus came to this island the Giant Maylor, and the place where he lived is still called Castell Maylor, built upon a high hill or ridge which is called Y Dinas, beside the river Ystwyth, within the freehold of the town of Aberystwyth."*

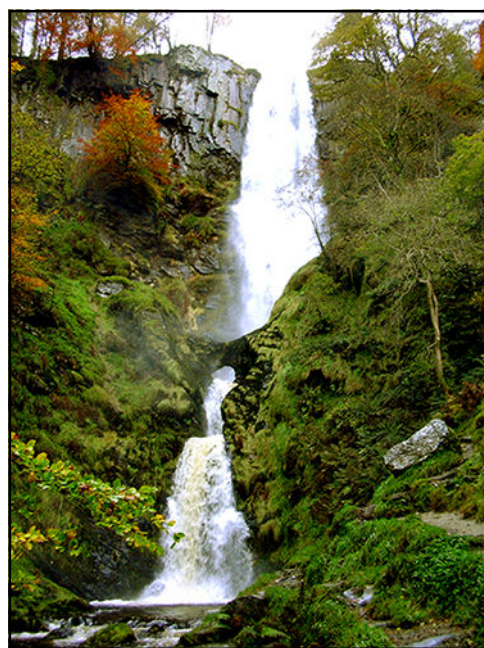
The ancient settlement was here, beside the Ystwyth. The modern town should really be called Aber-Rheidol.

I can't resist a poetic interlude! The poet Swinburne was once challenged in an Aberystwyth pub to come up with a rhyme

for the town. Here are his words:

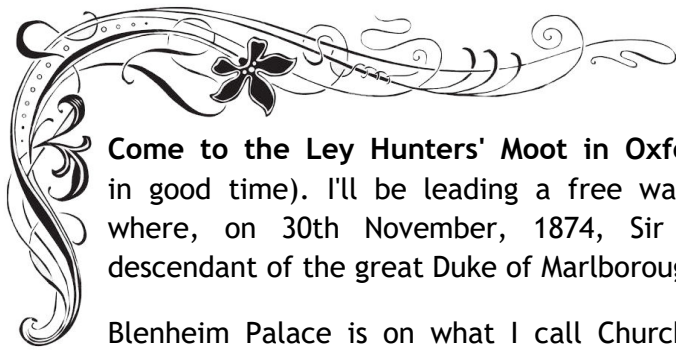
*"There once was a girl from Aberystwyth  
Who took grain to the mill to make grist with.  
The miller's son Jack laid her flat on her back  
And united the organs they pissed with."*

Wayfarers along the Offa's Dyke Path, and the Severn Way, walk under the shadow of the Breiddens near Welshpool. These hills happen to form the shape of a landscape Goddess whose head is in the south. At a prominent summit at 1200 feet is Admiral Rodney's Pillar, erected in 1781 to commemorate his naval victory in the French Wars. A ley runs in the direction of the Summer Solstice sunset (or, in reverse, the Winter Solstice sunrise) from this pillar to Pistyll Rhaeadr, the waterfall which veils the vulva of the landscape Goddess and leads to a stone row and stone circle at SJ058302 (the navel of the pregnant belly of the landscape Goddess of the Berwyn range?). Look along this stone row, southwards, and there's Rodney's Pillar on the horizon. Obviously providing the phallic element to the fertilising of the living land at the Solstice(s).



Pistyll Rhaeadr Waterfall





**Come to the Ley Hunters' Moot in Oxfordshire this May** (telephone me on 01650 531354 in good time). I'll be leading a free walk to Blenheim Palace where, on 30th November, 1874, Sir Winston Churchill, a descendant of the great Duke of Marlborough, was born.

Blenheim Palace is on what I call Churchill's Warrior Ley. This links the Column of Victory in Blenheim Great Park with Churchill's birthplace in Blenheim Palace and St Martin's Church, Bladon, where our great leader during the Second World War was buried on 30th January, 1965, after his state funeral in St Paul's Cathedral. There are other features on this ley but just let this simple fact sink in: our greatest warrior, who was also a Druid (and I've met a Druid who worked actively in spirit for Churchill, at his request, during the war) was born and buried on a ley running through the Column of Victory.



Sir Winston Churchill



The Column of Victory, Blenheim Great Park

This ley runs along the axial line actually **intended** by Vanbrugh, the architect of Blenheim. The Column of Victory commemorates the first Duke of Marlborough's victory over the French at the Battle of Blenheim in 1704. It was completed in 1730. But isn't this marking much more than a battle? Aren't energies being harnessed here for a much greater, future, victory? The Spirit of Our Land flowed through Churchill. He was our Man of Destiny. And the Column was erected with intent 144 years before his birth. As it happens, this Churchill's Warrior Ley can be extended to the venue of the Network of Ley Hunters' Moot to be held in Oxford on Saturday, 21st May (the guided walk will be on Tuesday, 24th May). There's a campsite nearby, so see you there! Telephone: 01650 531354.







# In Memory of Pat Pitts

# Obituary

**T**his is very difficult to write. It seems that the old guard are being taken from us in droves. Both Audrey and I have lost close relatives, friends and seen music and media figures' deaths being announced almost weekly over the past 14 months. We realise that we are not alone in our personal losses, and our sympathy is extended to everyone who has been affected by these sad events.

We knew and respected Pat Pitts for a number of years, both as a colleague and a friend. Both of us had been RC's for what seems like forever and when Steve decided to retire as DM, Pat as the senior RC took his place. Like everything else she did, she managed the district in a v e r y organised way with a perceptive intelligence and a marvellous sense of humour. Together we organised conferences in the District, went on camping weekends and attended one-day Pagan events. Pat and her brother, Nicholas, twice came to stay with us on our narrow boat and we parked our motor home on her drive.

She was timeless in her freewheeling, poised eccentricity.

Like many of her generation she had been a lady with a career, in her case academic administration. For those who don't know, departmental secretaries rule the roost in universities. Pat became a home owner, was a wonderful single parent and kept cats. Her long time partner Trevor, a university senior lecturer, predeceased

her by a couple of years. With a bequest from Trevor she had French windows and a conservatory installed, and was able to enjoy this beautiful space during the last year of her life.

When it was discovered that Pat's bowel cancer had returned in the autumn of last year, everyone who knew her was devastated. Audrey and I, along with family members and many friends, visited

her when she went into the Douglas Macmillan Hospice in Stoke-on-Trent. So often such places are a one-way journey but, never to be one for convention, Pat got well enough to go home. She seemed to be doing well, and her son, Matthew, was planning to bring a bowl of Snowdrops into her bedroom as soon as they flowered. Sadly however, she went downhill very quickly over the weekend of January 24th and died in the late afternoon on the full moon, aged 82 years. Pat was at home with much-loved family members when she died, which was what she had wished.

In closing all I can say is it was a privilege to have shared an incarnation with her, and I hope to catch her on another go round.

Richard  
Joint District Manager  
Pagan Federation  
Mid-West and Wales





# THE ART OF ASTROLOGY

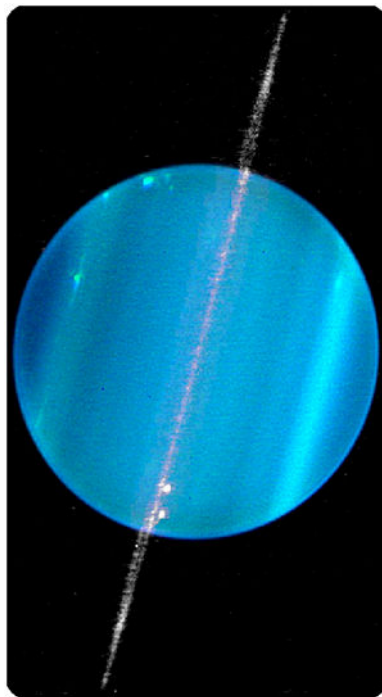
By Steve Ludford

## Uranus, Neptune and Pluto

To get a far better understanding of these Planets than I can give, please get hold of a copy of Aleister Crowley's book, "*The Complete Astrological Writings*". I was intending to refer to that book for this article, but unfortunately I can't find it, so you'll have to make do with my limited knowledge. Therefore, this may well be a somewhat shorter article than usual.

Ancient Astrology didn't know about these Planets so in a sense they are modern inventions and we have no old records to refer to. In fact, the scientific community doesn't even recognize Pluto as a Planet anymore, however Astrologers do.

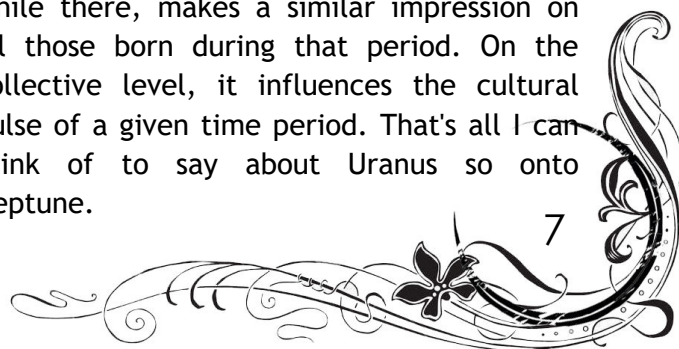
As these more recent Planets have been discovered, it has been necessary to re-assign the Planetary rulers. Before March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1781, when Uranus was discovered, Saturn ruled Aquarius, but it is now ruled by Uranus. The keyword to describe the action of Uranus is 'Change' - often sudden, disruptive and unexpected. In a way, its action could be likened to the Tarot card '*The Blasted Tower*' or even '*Death*'. This all sounds a bit alarming but remember change is the foundation of life. Without it we would become stale and stagnant. The only constant in life is change, and if you don't bring it about yourself, then Uranus will do it for you, whether you're ready for it or not.



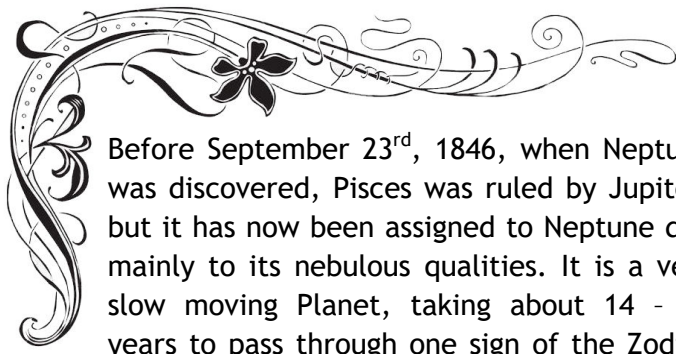
Uranus is associated with physical changes, sexual perversion, paralysis, cramp, sudden nervous breakdown, modern science, aeronautics, radio and television, space travel, and science fiction.

Its positive traits include being humanitarian, friendly, kind, independent, original, inventive, strong willed, versatile, and not liking restriction (due to it being outside the orbit of Saturn which rules restriction). On the other hand its negative traits include being cranky, eccentric, determined to be different, perverse, abnormal, and rebellious.

The position of Uranus in your chart is very important from the point of view of your interests. If it is prominent (in either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> house or near your Sun or Moon), then you will be strongly concerned with all things of an occult nature and, if pursued, should flourish. Uranus is known as '*The Magician*', where Neptune is '*The Mystic*'. Since Uranus also holds sway over social change, it also regulates the global brotherhood of man and all humanitarian concerns, including environmental issues. Uranus stays in a sign for about 7 years and while there, makes a similar impression on all those born during that period. On the collective level, it influences the cultural pulse of a given time period. That's all I can think of to say about Uranus so onto Neptune.



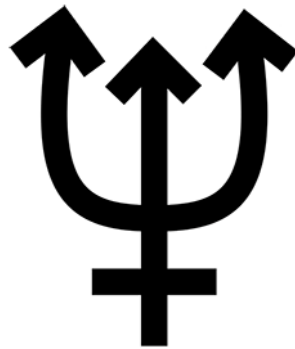
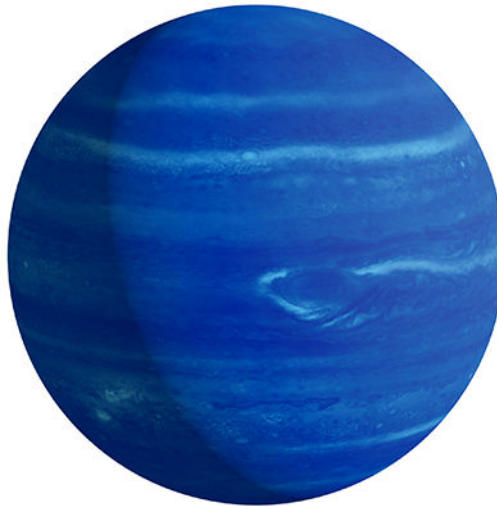




Before September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1846, when Neptune was discovered, Pisces was ruled by Jupiter, but it has now been assigned to Neptune due mainly to its nebulous qualities. It is a very slow moving Planet, taking about 14 - 20 years to pass through one sign of the Zodiac (depending on retrograde motion). This being the case, it is more to do with generation types rather than individuals.

A fairly good example of this is the fact that between 1942 to 1956 Neptune was in Libra. As stated above, Neptune is 'The Mystic' and is concerned with all things spiritual. Its keyword is 'Cloudiness' and is strongly associated with all things artistic and religious including poetry, music, dancing, and freedom. Drugs and poisons also come under its heading. Keep that in mind when I say that Libra is also concerned with freedom, balance, art, music, bright colours, mental exploration, and an easy going nature. Plus, along with Pisces, it is said that Librans are also concerned with the higher aspects of religious experiment, often involving drugs to aid this process. Put these two things together and we find that those born between 1942 to 1956 went on to become the flower children of the late 1960's and early 1970's. If we move forward in time, Neptune then moves into Scorpio and we get the next generation who brought about the punk movement.

Neptune's glyph is the trident of Poseidon, God of the Seas. Much about this Planet is fluid (Neptune rules the oceans of the Earth), changeable, and illusory in nature. Dreams, illusion, abstract thought, and the mysterious are all governed by Neptune. Our spirituality is important to this Planet and how we

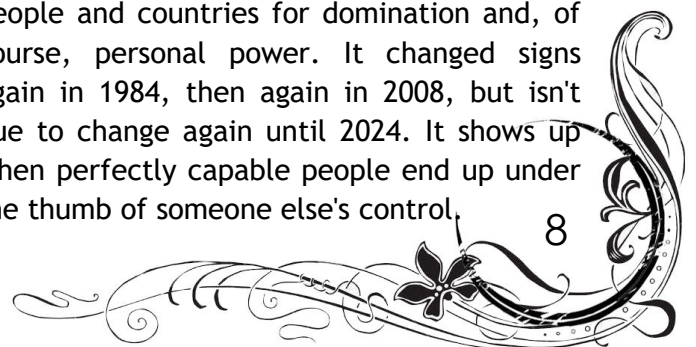


harness that energy for our personal betterment. Neptune is also the Planet of inspiration. The higher octave of Venus, Neptune brings beauty to a higher, more spiritual level. It also holds sway over dreams, the subconscious, illusions, fantasies, and all things magical and enchanting. Neptune intensifies intuition and teaches us to be deeply compassionate. Neptune often asks us to sacrifice for the greater good or for love of another. A youthful and sometimes naive spirit characterizes those with a strong placement of Neptune in their natal charts. It is also said that

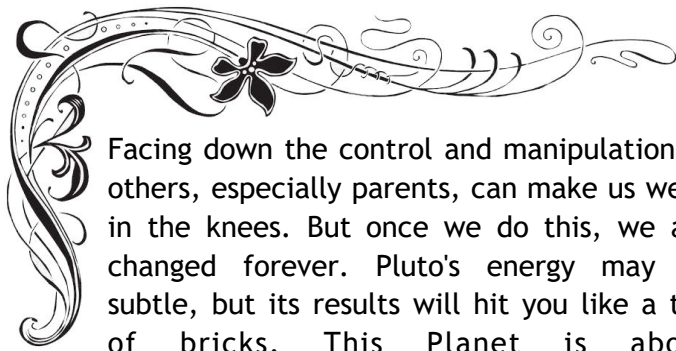
the vibrations of Neptune are so sublime that only a few can raise their consciousness to its level of expression, for its dual nature causes it to be expressed in its highest only through the finest vehicles. Therefore, the mind and body must be pure and well under control before the higher and psychical expression can be made manifest in the flesh. I think that will do for Neptune so onto Pluto.

Pluto is the smallest and furthest away from the Sun of all Planets. It is extremely slow moving, taking about 240 years to traverse the Zodiac and somewhere between 12 and 31 years to go through one sign of the Zodiac.

I find it curious that Pluto changed sign in both 1914 and 1939. I think those dates mean something to most people. Pluto governs power itself, including struggles between people and countries for domination and, of course, personal power. It changed signs again in 1984, then again in 2008, but isn't due to change again until 2024. It shows up when perfectly capable people end up under the thumb of someone else's control.







Facing down the control and manipulation of others, especially parents, can make us weak in the knees. But once we do this, we are changed forever. Pluto's energy may be subtle, but its results will hit you like a ton of bricks. This Planet is about transformation, regeneration, and rebirth. Things aren't pretty with Pluto but they do get done. Pluto says 'out with the old and in with the new', and we'd better be ready for it. If we're not, this Planet will simply have us wallow in our misery. Pluto asks us to transcend that which we know, redeem ourselves in the process, and come out stronger as a result. It loves to destroy. This Planet rules destruction, death, obsession, kidnapping, coercion, viruses, and waste. That's definitely not pretty. Pluto also governs crime and the underworld, along with many forms of subversive activity (terrorism, dictatorships). This Planet is about all that is secret



and undercover, that which is hidden from view.

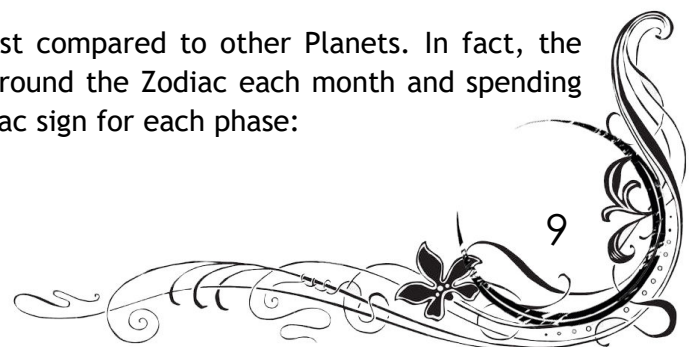
Pluto was discovered on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 1930, and was assigned to Scorpio which was originally ruled by Mars. Its keyword is 'Elimination' which sounds quite alarming but remember we can never have anything new until we eliminate the old, so it is also seen as the Planet of rebirth or transformation. This Planet covers many fundamental issues including life and death - the ultimate transformation of energy. Pluto rules all that is hidden, unseen, or buried, including secrets, undercover work (such as detective or spy work), strategic planning, and even the roots of plants or vegetables. It also drives the unearthing or unmasking of whatever has remained concealed. Pluto may bring an end to things that need to be let go of.

This could be a job, a relationship, or anything else that is dragging you down. It may not be easy to do, but you need to pick up the pieces and go on with your life. The psyche can't hold on to everything and remain healthy. While it is scary to let things go, it will be better in the long run. And with that slightly positive note, I'll end this section.

### ***The Planetary positions for the next 3 months***

**The Sun** is the easiest as it moves 1 degree a day which means it travels through a sign of the Zodiac each month (roughly, as our months are not true months which means Moonths). From now (20<sup>th</sup> March), the Sun is moving into Aries. Then on 19<sup>th</sup> April, the Sun moves into Taurus and a month later on 20<sup>th</sup> May, the Sun enters Gemini. A month later, at the Summer Solstice, it enters Cancer (20<sup>th</sup> June). Quite easy really.

Then it comes to **The Moon** which travels very fast compared to other Planets. In fact, the Moon moves about 12 times faster, traveling right round the Zodiac each month and spending about 2½ days in one sign. In brief, I'll give the Zodiac sign for each phase:





Full Moon on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at midday - 3 degrees Libra  
 Last Quarter on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 3pm - 11 degrees Capricorn

New Moon on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 11am - 18 degrees Aries  
 First Quarter on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 3am - 25 degrees Cancer  
 Full Moon on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5am - 3 degrees Scorpio  
 Last Quarter on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 3am - 11 degrees Aquarius

New Moon on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - 17 degrees Taurus  
 First Quarter on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm - 23 degrees Leo  
 Full Moon on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9pm - 1 degree Sagittarius  
 Last Quarter on May 29<sup>th</sup> at midday - 9 degrees Pisces

New Moon on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3am - 15 degrees Gemini  
 First Quarter on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 8am - 22 degrees Virgo  
 Full Moon on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am - at the very end of Sagittarius.



This means we have a Full Moon on the Summer Solstice, so don't expect it to get at all dark around that period.

**Mercury** at present is moving from Pisces to Aries. Mercury is moving very fast and goes right through Aries in 2 weeks, entering Taurus on 5<sup>th</sup> April. On 29<sup>th</sup> April, when Mercury is 23 degrees into Taurus, it goes retrograde and travels back to 14<sup>th</sup> degrees on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, when it returns to forward motion. Mercury finally leaves Taurus on 12<sup>th</sup> June and enters Gemini. At the Solstice, Mercury is 12 degrees into Gemini.

**Venus** comes next and at present is 10 degrees Pisces. It gets to the end of that sign on 5<sup>th</sup> April to enter Aries. Venus is also traveling quite fast and reaches the end of Aries on 30<sup>th</sup> April. From there it enters Taurus reaching the end of that sign on 24<sup>th</sup> May. It now enters Gemini and stays in that sign until 18<sup>th</sup> June. Consequently, it stands at 3 degrees Cancer at the Summer Solstice.

**Mars** is near the start of Sagittarius at present but only gets to 8 degrees on 18<sup>th</sup> April, when it turns retrograde and moves back into Scorpio on 28<sup>th</sup> May. Continuing its retrograde motion, Mars is situated 24 degrees into Scorpio at the Summer Solstice.

**Jupiter** is situated 16 degrees into Virgo at present but moving backwards. It continues moving backwards all through April and finally starts going forward on 10<sup>th</sup> May, when

it's at 13 degrees of Virgo. At the Summer Solstice, Jupiter is half way through Virgo.

**Saturn** is 16 degrees Sagittarius now but starts retrograde motion on 25<sup>th</sup> March. Saturn continues going backwards for the entire 3 months and reaches 11 degrees by the Summer Solstice.

**Uranus** is 19 degrees into Aries as you read this and moving very slowly. By the Summer Solstice, it is almost 24 degrees into that sign.

**Neptune** starts this period at 10 degrees into Pisces and also moves slowly. Just before Mid-summer, Neptune goes retrograde when it's at 14 degrees and is still in the same position at Mid-summer.

**Pluto** is the slowest of them all and is situated 17 degrees into Capricorn at the Spring Equinox. It then goes backwards from 15<sup>th</sup> April. It continues its backwards motion until well after mid-summer, when it has only gone back one degree.

Well, that's all folks.

Blessed Be,

Steve







# North Wales Report



**D**ello and Merry Springtime to you all. How lovely it is to see the Spring bulbs flowering, the blossom on the trees, snowdrops, daffodils, birds frolicking, grass growing, the Green Man sprouting leaves, longer days and the promise of a bright new future. We've now been through the dark depths of Winter which certainly seems to have taken its toll this year.

Both personally and nationally, this Winter has had its fair share of death and illness. At this point I think it's appropriate to mention the very sad news of the passing of our one time regional coordinator, one time district manager and, for the period I was manager, my very capable assistant, Pat Pitts.

Without a doubt, I would never have been able to do what I did without Pat's help. She worked silently behind the scenes keeping it all together and we all owe her a huge thanks. People like Pat are few and far between, she will be a difficult act to follow. It is a sad loss to our district and I can't imagine being able to replace her with such a competent person. My thoughts and best wishes must also go to her family who supported her and nourished her. If anyone deserves a positive afterlife (whatever your views on that may be), it has to be Pat. R.I.P.

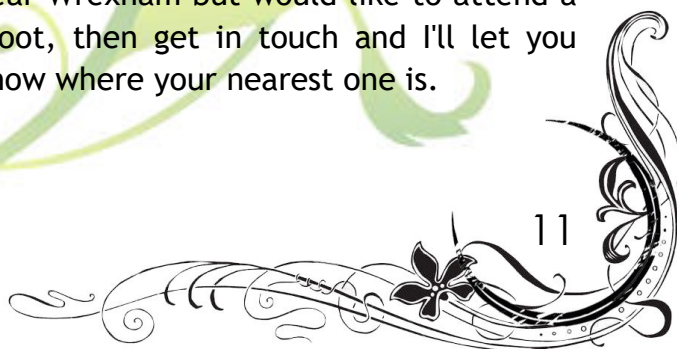
Lemmy, David Bowie, Terry Wogan, Glen Frey, Natalie Cole, Alan Rickman, the two founding members of my favourite band Jefferson Airplane/Starship, i.e. Signe Anderson and Paul Kantner, to name but a few are a very sad loss to us

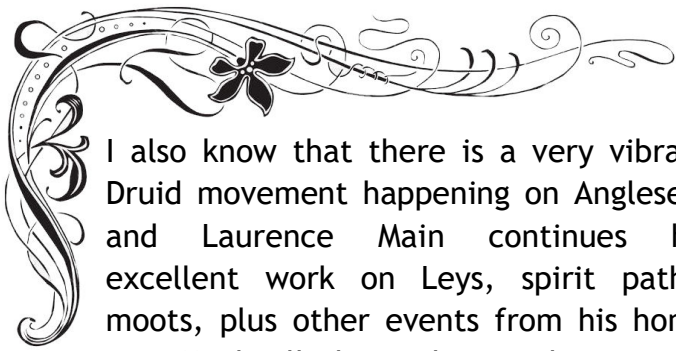
all.

On a personal level, my Mother, Daughter and Son have all had to spend time in hospital. But now it's Spring and let's hope this spate of deaths and illness will come to an end. It's times like this when we have to hold onto our Pagan faiths and see death as a transforming process from one state to another; rather than an ending, it is a new beginning. It's now time to look to the future.

As the general Pagan community continues to both splinter and grow, we have more Pagan events nationally than ever before, there are more Pagans than ever before, and I can gladly announce that our membership here in North Wales has grown over the past 3 months. Not by a lot but it's good to see it grow rather than shrink. We now have over 35 members and as no-one is due to renew for the next 3 months, things can only get better. I don't know what the national membership is like as I don't receive that information anymore, but certainly locally we're doing fine.

So what is happening within our region? Well, our Wrexham moot continues to attract attention thanks to Andrea who is doing a brilliant job of keeping it going, and I also know that there are other non Pagan Federation moots in action around the region. If you don't live anywhere near Wrexham but would like to attend a moot, then get in touch and I'll let you know where your nearest one is.





I also know that there is a very vibrant Druid movement happening on Anglesey, and Laurence Main continues his excellent work on Leys, spirit paths, moots, plus other events from his home near Machynlleth (see his article on pages 4-5). Philip Main (no relation) is also doing excellent work with the interfaith movement, amongst other things.

I have now started helping with this year's Oswestry May Day Celebrations. It will be held on the same site as last year (near Oswestry) on the Sunday before the bank holiday which I've only just realised is actually on 1<sup>st</sup> May this year. If you'd like to know more about this celebration, please either ask me or

request to join the Facebook group "Oswestry May Day".

I know this is a very brief report and I've probably not said lots that I did intend to say, but I want to get out into the sunshine and enjoy it, so I will leave it at that for now.

If there's anything you wish to ask, please do so, but for now I'll sign off and wish you all a very prosperous Springtime.

BB,

Steve

R.C for North Wales

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*Thank you!*







PAGAN FEDERATION MID-WEST & WALES

# District Moots & Meetings

This list is as up-to-date as we can make it but newcomers are \*strongly\* advised to check with the listed contact before setting out to make sure there are no last-minute changes to time or venue.

## Caerphilly

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**When:** Every Thursday from around 11am.  
**Where:** Location varies. Currently at the Grazing Ground on the High Street (as of Nov '14).  
**Facebook:** "South Wales Pagans"  
**Details:** A really informal group of mostly Pagans who like to meet up and have a natter.

## Cardiff

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**When:** Second Monday of the month from 7.30pm.  
**Where:** Upstairs at The Rummer Tavern, 14 Duke Street, CF10 1AY.  
**Contact:** LC Derek Storey at [spirit.brighid@virginmedia.com](mailto:spirit.brighid@virginmedia.com), or RC Catherine Abbott at [catherine.abbott01@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.abbott01@gmail.com)  
**Facebook:** "Cardiff Pagan Federation Moot"  
**Details:** Monthly meet up for Pagans and Heathens of all paths in and around Cardiff. You don't necessarily need to be a member of the PF to attend! We hold workshops, talks and other stuff in a pagan-friendly environment. Please visit our Facebook page to find a list of events.

## Cardiff "Coffee-n-Craft"

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**When:** Third Saturday of the month from 10am.  
**Where:** Pipi's, 31-32 Caroline Street, CF10 1FF.  
**Contact:** Midnight at [coffee-n-craft@midnightofcardiff.com](mailto:coffee-n-craft@midnightofcardiff.com)  
**Details:** As you come in, look out for the table with a pink card on it or Midnight's hat with feathers. Coffee-n-Craft is a social gathering for solitaries of all paths and those interested in or attending Midnight's Gems to network and make new friends. We welcome Pagans of all paths and Pagan-friendly non-Pagans. Please note that Coffee-n-Craft replaces Curry and Craft.

## Carmarthen

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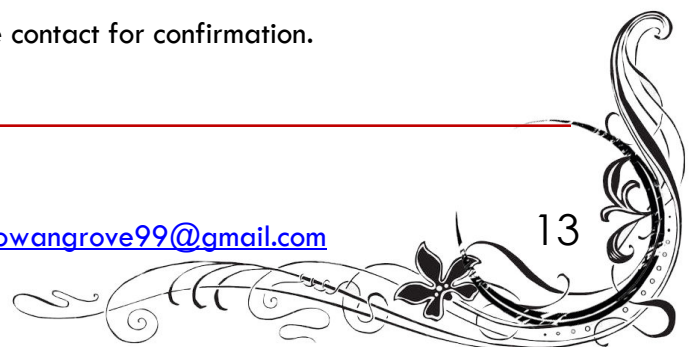
**When:** Last Thursday of the month from 7.30pm.  
**Where:** Get Stuffed Pizza, Cambrian Way, John Street, SA31 1QN (at the back of Marks & Spencer).  
**Contact:** Susan on 01267 281414 or Paul Rousselle on 07872 992162, alternatively email [paulkwrousselle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:paulkwrousselle@yahoo.co.uk)  
**Facebook:** "Carmarthen Pagans"  
**Details:** Moot dates are subject to change! Please contact for confirmation.

## Cheadle, Stoke on Trent

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**When:** Third Monday of the month from 7pm.  
**Where:** Moshi Coffee, 88 High Street, ST10 1AJ.  
**Contact:** Email Caroline Hill and Jan Edwards at [rowangrove99@gmail.com](mailto:rowangrove99@gmail.com)

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## Chester

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When: First Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm.  
Where: The Town Crier, City Road, CH1 3AE.  
Contact: Amanda on 07722 133056, or email [maywaterdragon@gmail.com](mailto:maywaterdragon@gmail.com)

## Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan

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When: First Saturday of the month from 11am-1pm.  
Where: Upstairs at The Little Shop of Calm, 1 Westgate, CF71 7AQ.  
Contact: Email Siany at [sianyh@aol.com](mailto:sianyh@aol.com)  
Facebook: "Cowbridge Moot"  
Details: Kids welcome. Tea, coffee and cake provided.

## Kidsgrove, Stoke on Trent

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When: Last Tuesday of the month (not December) from 8pm.  
Where: The Blue Bell, Hardingswood, ST7 1EG.  
Contact: Pat on 01782 863532, or email [pat.pitts@ntlworld.com](mailto:pat.pitts@ntlworld.com)  
Details: Talks, quizzes, socials, raffles. Everyone welcome. £2 for speaker fund.

## Lampeter

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When: First Sunday of the month from around 7.30pm.  
Where: Cwmanne Tavern, Cwmanne Terrace, SA48 8DR.  
Contact: Carle at [pagan@lamp.ac.uk](mailto:pagan@lamp.ac.uk)  
Details: An informal meeting of Pagans, Druids, Asatruans, Wiccans, Witches, Shamans, Heathens, Magicians, Muggles, Students, Klingons, and anyone else who wants to come along.

## Llanelli

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When: Second Monday of the month from 11am.  
Where: The Half Moon Pub, 71 Wern Road, SA15 1SP.  
Contact: Bee on 07906 098284.  
Website: [www.sabrain.com/half-moon](http://www.sabrain.com/half-moon)  
Details: Children welcome.

## Market Moot

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When: First Saturday of every other month from 1pm.  
Where: Bettws near Newport.  
Facebook: "Market Moot"

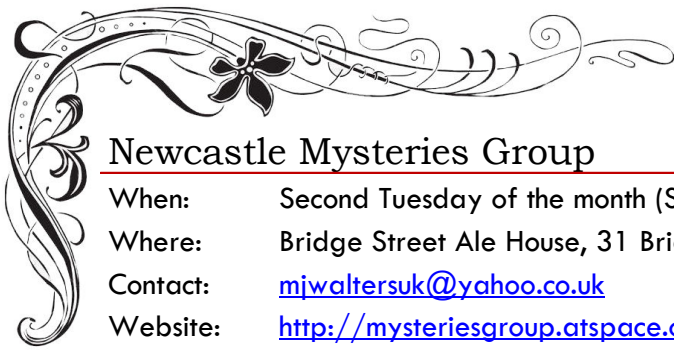
## Neath

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When: Last Thursday of the month from 7.30pm.  
Where: The Highlander, Lewis Road, SA11 1EQ (first roundabout when you come into town).  
Contact: 07975 634990, or email [pfsouthwales@gmail.com](mailto:pfsouthwales@gmail.com)







## Newcastle Mysteries Group

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When: Second Tuesday of the month (September to May) from 8pm.  
Where: Bridge Street Ale House, 31 Bridge Street, ST5 2RY.  
Contact: [mjwaltersuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mjwaltersuk@yahoo.co.uk)  
Website: <http://mysteriesgroup.atspace.org/>  
Details: Researching the unexplained. £2 for speaker fund.

## Newport Coffee Morning

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When: Last Saturday of the month from 11am.  
Where: Coffee #1, Commercial Street.  
Contact: Laura or Craig at [the.shadows.light@hotmail.com](mailto:the.shadows.light@hotmail.com)

## Newtown

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When: Third Thursday of the month from 8pm.  
Where: The Bell Hotel, 30 Commercial Street, SY16 2DE.  
Contact: 01686 625540 or 01686 626727. For directions call Steve on 01691 679066.

## Oswestry

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When: First Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm.  
Where: The Golden Lion, Upper Church Street, SY11 2AA.  
Contact: Email [contact@oswestrymoot.co.uk](mailto:contact@oswestrymoot.co.uk). Alternatively, telephone Angie or Den on 01691 680017, or Darryl on 01691 829111.  
Facebook: "Oswestry Pagans"  
Details: Regular talks plus seasonal celebrations and rituals.

## Pontardawe, Swansea Valley

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When: First Monday of the month from 7.30pm.  
Where: The Pontardawe Inn (known locally as Y Gwachel), SA8 4ED.  
Contact: Jude on [ygarregarcrochan@gmail.com](mailto:ygarregarcrochan@gmail.com), or telephone 07966 206536.  
Website: [www.ygarregarcrochan.moonfruit.com](http://www.ygarregarcrochan.moonfruit.com)  
Facebook: "Y Garreg A'r Crochan Pagan Moot"  
Details: Talks and workshops.

## Rhyl

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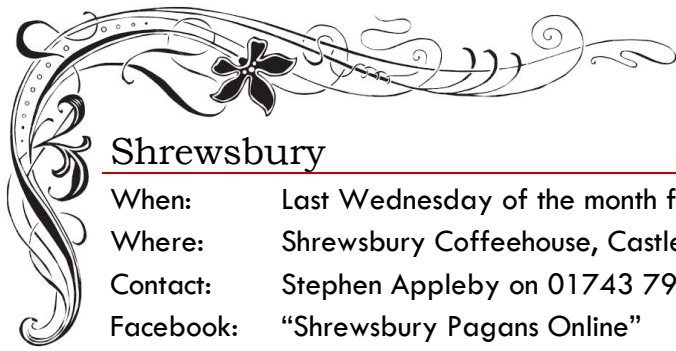
When: Second Thursday of the month from 7.30pm.  
Where: Caskeys Pub, 19-23 Vale Road, LL18 2BT. \*MOVING VENUE SHORTLY\*  
Check out our Facebook page for further information.  
Contact: Steve on 01691 679066, or email [offasring@gmail.com](mailto:offasring@gmail.com)  
Facebook: "Rhyl Moot"  
Details: A friendly, cosy and informative social moot to meet up with like-minded souls and share what we know and love.

## Rugeley

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When: Third Tuesday of the month.  
Where: The Wishing Tree, 47 Albion Street, WS15 2BY.  
Contact: [elric@live.co.uk](mailto:elric@live.co.uk)





## Shrewsbury

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When: Last Wednesday of the month from 2pm-5pm.  
Where: Shrewsbury Coffeehouse, Castle Gates, SY1 2AE.  
Contact: Stephen Appleby on 01743 792604.  
Facebook: "Shrewsbury Pagans Online"

## Stafford

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When: Third Monday of the month from 8pm.  
Where: Ye Olde Rose & Crown, 10 Market Street, ST16 2JZ. \*VENUE MAY CHANGE\*  
Contact: Maggie Jennings on 07825 285688.  
Details: Meet like-minded people for a chat and a drink. £3 entry when there's a speaker.

## Swansea

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When: Third Tuesday of the month from 7.30pm.  
Where: Mozart's, Walter Road, SA1 4QA.  
Contact: Cyt on 01792 578309.  
Facebook: "Swansea Pagan Moot"

## Treharris

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When: First Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm.  
Where: In the Back Bar of the Colliers Cwtch.  
Contact: Storm at [pandoras-storm@hotmail.com](mailto:pandoras-storm@hotmail.com)  
Details: You're welcome to join us for a drink and a chat.

## Valleys

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When: First Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm-10.30pm.  
Where: The Griffin Inn, Gilfach Goch, Porth, CF39 8YL.  
Contact: Richard Blackburn on 07980 977515, or email [krishak2099@hotmail.com](mailto:krishak2099@hotmail.com)  
Details: This is an informal evening where 'anyone' is welcome to discuss Paganism in its many forms. You may just have a passing curiosity or you may well be a Pagan seeking to network with others. Regardless of what it is, you will find a warm, friendly atmosphere with people who are open-minded.

## Wellington, near Telford

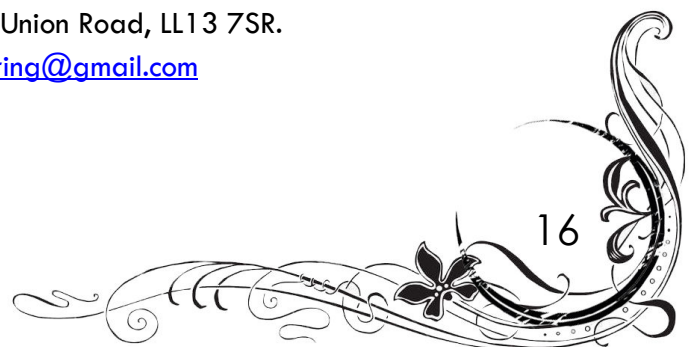
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When: First Wednesday of the month from 8pm.  
Where: Red Lion Pub, Holyhead Road, TF1 2EW.  
Contact: Pat French on 07967 329909, or email [flutes@moonforge.com](mailto:flutes@moonforge.com)  
Details: Open and social moot. All welcome.

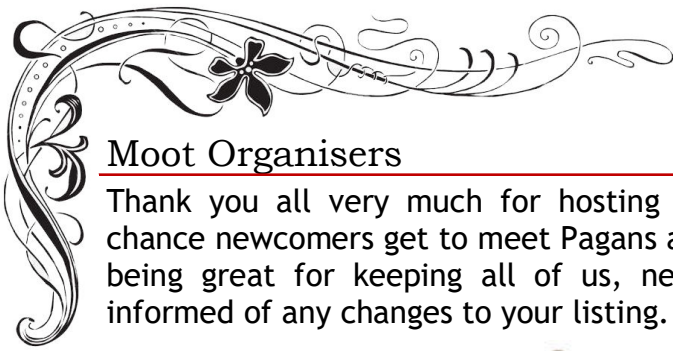
## Wrexham

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When: Last Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm.  
Where: Wrexham Lager Sports & Social Club, 1 Union Road, LL13 7SR.  
Contact: Steve on 01691 679066, or email [offasring@gmail.com](mailto:offasring@gmail.com)  
Facebook: "Wrexham Pagan Federation Moot"







## Moot Organisers

Thank you all very much for hosting these get-togethers. They are often the first chance newcomers get to meet Pagans and to find out what we are all about, as well as being great for keeping all of us, newbies and oldies, connected. Please keep us informed of any changes to your listing.



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**Selected Thursday Afternoons**  
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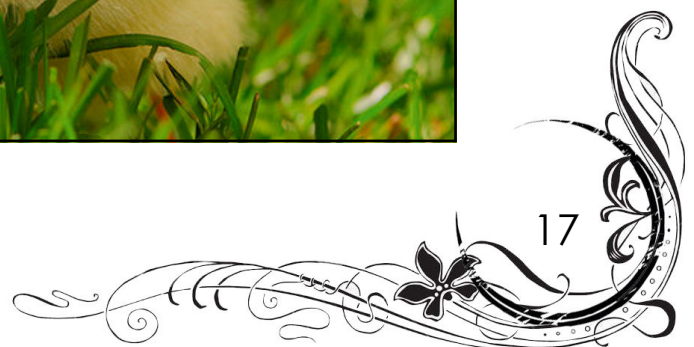
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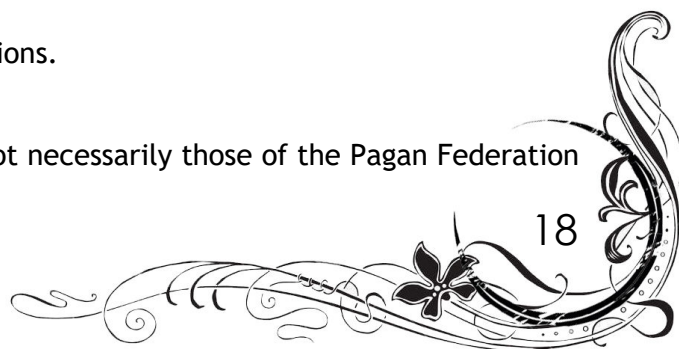
We would like to encourage our readers to submit articles, artwork, poetry and other creative works for inclusion in future newsletters. The guidelines below should provide some assistance in preparing your material. If you have any queries, please email [myddleearth@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:myddleearth@yahoo.co.uk).

- ◆ Your submission must have a Pagan theme or be of interest to the Mid-West & Wales Pagan community.
- ◆ Articles need to be submitted as a Microsoft Word or OpenOffice document. Please use Arial or another standard font; 12pt; single-spacing; left justified; without indentation.
- ◆ Please ensure that articles are between 800 and 1200 words in length, unless agreed otherwise.
- ◆ Use a friendly, casual tone. We want to make the information as accessible as possible.
- ◆ We reserve the right to abridge articles and to edit them for clarity, style, grammar and accuracy.
- ◆ Authors are responsible for the accuracy of references and reference citations.
- ◆ Images should be sent as separate files, not embedded into the document. Please indicate recommended insertion points of the images within the body of the text, and ensure that the file names enable them to be easily identified.
- ◆ Images need to be of a high quality (minimum resolution 300dpi), preferably in .JPG format. Also, please ensure that you have copyright permission for their further publication.
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- ◆ Please send your contributions via email to [myddleearth@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:myddleearth@yahoo.co.uk). Please include the type of submission and the suggested issue for publication in the 'Subject' line. For example: 'Poem for Yule'.
- ◆ You can also post your articles, artwork, poetry and other creative works to the following address:

**Myddle Earth, 80 Unicorn Road, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 2DH**

- ◆ Although every effort will be made to accept your contributions for publication, we reserve the right to refuse submissions.
- ◆ We're sorry but we are unable to pay for submissions.

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The current deadline dates for inclusion in the upcoming editions are as follows:

- ◆ Litha/Summer Solstice - 21st May
- ◆ Mabon/Autumn Equinox - 21st August
- ◆ Yule/Winter Solstice - 21st November
- ◆ Ostara/Spring Equinox - 21st February

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*Thank you for reading*

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**Next Issue : 20th June  
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