

Myddle Earth

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Welcome to Myddle Earth

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Myddle Earth is distributed four times a year to local PF members (and a few others). Your contributions are welcome, whether they are letters, stories, poems, suggestions and/or black-and-white drawings. Don't be shy—share them with us. This is **your** magazine.

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Editor's Blurb

As we pass another milestone in the Wheel of the Year, the pandemic is still taking its toll. We would like to thank those on the front-line who are doing their jobs in extreme conditions, knowing they are at risk of catching Covid-19 every day. The NHS staff haven't stopped caring for us, nor have those in other public services whether it's the Bobby on the beat or the Refuse collectors emptying our bins and recycling boxes. The best thing we can do for them, is to minimise our own risk of becoming infected by following the simple rules: wash hands, wear face masks and keep our distance.

In this issue we have an interesting article on the stones in Wiltshire by Marc Rhodes-Taylor, and his beautiful front cover picture.

This year feels as though the Wheel has turned faster than normal. Samhain seems to have rushed towards us and will be full of sadness for many families as the death toll rises due to Covid-19. Whilst the pain of Loss will be sharp, time will heal and the good memories will rise again. However, although we recognise Death is part of Life, losing a loved one can never be treated as just another spoke on the Wheel.

To those who are grief stricken and in bereavement, my heart felt condolences to you all.

*Blessings of Samhain to you all,
A ilim*

SKY AT NIGHT

Would you like to take over our "Sky at Night" section.

If interested please write to the Editor at: mwaw.editor@paganfederation.co.uk

November:

Planets Visible

Morning: Mercury and Venus

Evening: Jupiter and Saturn

All Night: Mars

Sun 15th: New Moon 05:07

Mon 30th: Full Moon 09:30

Penumbral Lunar Eclipse 09:43. A faint shadow will be visible from the UK just before the Sun rises.

The Winter Triangle: The Winter Triangle rises at midnight and marks the turn toward winter. It's comprised of the stars: Betelgeuse in Orion, Procyon in Canis Minor, and Sirius the Dog Star in Canis Major.

December:

Planets Visible

Morning: Venus

Evening: Mars, Jupiter and Saturn

Mon 14th: New Moon 16:16.

Total Solar Eclipse at 16:13

Sun/Mon 13th/14th: Perseids Meteor Shower Peak. Look above the Winter Triangle for up to 100 meteors an hour!

Mon 21st: **WINTER SOLSTICE**

Tues/Wed 22/23rd: The Ursids peak.

Wed 30th: Full Moon 03:28

The Great Conjunction: On the Winter Solstice, the two giant planets, Jupiter and Saturn, will look so close to each other that they will seem to merge into one. This occurs every 18-20 years due to the combined 12 year orbital cycle of Jupiter around the Sun, and Saturn's 30 year orbital cycle. This is a rare event.



PRISON MINISTRY— Pagan Writing Minister

co-ordinated nationally by the PF Prison Ministry (PFPM).

This is a voluntary role and done from the comfort of your home, corresponding with Pagan prisoners on matters of religion and spiritual matters.

For security, we use a pseudonym and use the Pagan Federation postal address.

For more details and an application form please email: erica.pfpm@paganfederation.co.uk

DISTRICT NEWS

District Managers Report – SAMHAIN 2020

Hello, fellow Pagans!

Firstly, many thanks to those who responded to our survey asking if you want *Myddle Earth* to continue. A resounding YES!

We hope everyone is in good health (or recovered from poor health) and making the best of things during the continuing weirdness that the pandemic has imposed upon us. Some of you will be working throughout, possibly as 'essential workers' (why did it take a health emergency for this to be acknowledged?): health care staff, food suppliers, educators, post office and delivery people. A massive THANK YOU once again to you all for everything you do.

The situation keeps changing and government guidelines are flexible in response, so the only thing we can do is follow the guidance and stay tuned to the latest news. Our social gatherings have been suspended or moved to cyberspace and it would be interesting to learn of your experiences of the new Pagan normal, as the article 'Being a Pagan in Lockdown' by Arra Stoneglade in Lughnasadh 2020 *Myddle Earth* had it. Humans are very adaptable creatures, which is why our species has spread all over the Earth in her many and varied environments, but we are also social and most of us don't like to isolate ourselves. Tell us how you have coped with the challenges so that we can learn from each other.

BIG NEWS! We have appointed a Regional Co-ordinator (RC) for the city of Bristol. His name is Alex, so please give him a cheer and welcome for taking on this important task. Alex introduces himself in his own words on another page in this edition of *Myddle Earth*, so please have a look at what he has to say.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Regional Co-ordinators in the following areas:

Three Counties (Herefordshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire

Staffordshire/Shropshire

Interfaith Liaison person to work with the PF Interfaith team and Interfaith Network UK

If you want to know more, please contact us at mwaw.dm@paganfederation.co.uk to find out what these roles require.

Find us online at:

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/PFMidWestandWalesDistrict/>

District website <https://pfdistricts.info/midwestandwales/>

Wishing everyone a joyful Samhain, Blot, or whatever this season means to you in your Pagan path. It's great to have you with us!

Audrey & Richard

District Managers, Pagan Federation Mid-west and Wales

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Catherine W - mwaw.lgbt@paganfederation.co.uk

REGIONAL REPORTS

THREE COUNTIES REGION (Herefordshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire)

Find us here: https://www.facebook.com/Pagan-Federation-Three-Counties-2127069290717190/?modal=admin_todo_tour

MID-WEST REGION (Staffordshire and Shropshire)

Please see the Moots listing towards the end of the Myddle Earth magazine for get-togethers in Kidsgrove, Stafford and Stoke-on-Trent. We don't have a Regional Co-ordinator for this Region so if anyone wants to get active and volunteer for the PF we would love to hear from you, please contact us at mwaw.dm@paganfederation.co.uk

BRISTOL

The city hosts the well-established 'Bristol Open Circle Moot' that has been going for over ten years now. It is independent of the Pagan Federation, and there are others in the area. Find out more via their page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BrOCM/>

You might also like to know about the Bristol Goddess Temple which is open to visitors, find out more at https://www.facebook.com/BristolGoddessTemple/?ref=br_rs

Note: If you don't use Facebook, please contact us at mwaw.dm@paganfederation.co.uk and we'll find out the information for you.

Hi everyone, I'm Alex and I'm the new Regional Coordinator for Bristol.

I have lived in Bristol for 14 years and have identified as a pagan for the last seven or eight years. I am on the Naturalistic Paganism path but with leanings into Heathenry. I joined Bristol and Somerset Heathens in 2018 and am currently part of the committee, as well as one of the representatives to the Confederation of Heathen Kindreds. I am also a member of the Defence Pagan Network, having previously worked for DE&S, and am now a member of the Police Pagan Association.

Outside of the Pagan Federation, I am also the frontman of a Aventail, a Bristol-based pagan folk metal band, and the Chair of the Western Branch of the Royal Society of Biology! :)

I look forward to working more closely with you all and with the Pagan Federation more generally. You can contact me with any queries at mwaw.bristol@paganfederation.co.uk.

The Stone Circles of North Wiltshire

by Marc Rhodes-Taylor



Coate water by Marc Rhodes-Taylor

Coate Water is a beautiful country park just at the outer edges of Swindon, between Swindon and Hodson Chiseldon. The views from this location are quite stunning, the park itself green and peaceful in the shade with much to offer for walkers and those looking for a day out. Richard Jefferies, the famous writer and naturalist, once lived here. The Richard Jefferies museum is worthy of further study in itself, and Swindon Central Library has a very rare and valuable collection of Richard Jefferies's texts within its heritage section.

Some months ago, one Saturday afternoon, I spent several hours looking through some old books with the assistance of a very helpful librarian. I was fortunate to examine an extract from a local newspaper which covered Wiltshire's mysterious stones, including one which sits all alone within the green depths of Fir Hill, close to the M4 motorway.

At Winterbourne Bassett stands a large stone at the corner of a crossroads. William Stukeley once drew this in 1743 as a double circle. West of this was a broad, flat, high stone; northward a barrow of larger stones. There lies a barrow a third of a mile away in Hoare's Field. According to Burl, the countryside to the north of Winterbourne once possessed seven megalithic rings. Aubrey described Broom in the late 17th century, with Stukeley copying him sixty years later.

In 1894 Passmore notes the hole left behind by a longstone in Longstone Field between Coate Road and Broome Lane and a ring at Avebury Down; the other stones were destroyed in the mid 19th century and their fragments conveyed to nearby Cricklade where they were used in construction. Winterbourne Bassett was explored by A. C. Smith in 1881, with W. C. Lukis's plan showing a concentric circle. Seventy years later Alexander and Archie Thom revealed an off centre stone and a ring some 47.6 metres across. To the East of Winterbourne there were three buried stones, to the north a stone, to the west a stone, another stone in the WSW, one stone in the SSE and one stone very close to the centre.

In WANHM 27 1894, pages 171 to 174, Passmore reports a tumbled ring at Day House Farm, eight half buried stones forming two thirds of a circle and three tumbled sarsens near Coate Reservoir. Along the road there used to be an avenue of five stones. There was a megalithic ring at Hodson with a stone row. Passmore describes Coate as 'of a hitherto unnoticed circle of stones' with a second ring and four circles. Two notebooks suggest four further circles. With some circles, a line of stones appear to connect them to nearby rivers.

An illustration of North Wiltshire shows twelve circles between Swindon and Marlborough, with a cluster to the south east of Swindon, and another cluster to the south both arranged along the Kennet. These circles are: Swindon Old Church (Immanuel and Christ Church, a possible stone circle and a line of sarsens), Coate Reservoir, Broome, Day House Farm, Hodson, Fir Clump, Winterbourne Bassett, Avebury, Faulkner's Circle, Broadstones Clatford, The Sanctuary, and Langdean Bottom. There is also a potential stone circle on the north side of the Lawns. Chedworth Gate contains three recumbent stones. Lambourn, Clyffe Pyppard and Fiddler's Hill have some remains. Documentary evidence points to remains under Cricklade High Street. There are the remains of two stone circles at Westwood near Clatford as well as at least one long barrow. Grosvenor Road in Old Town has some unusual sandstone remains, and Swindon Old Church once possessed a stone circle and a row. In the big field behind the church are a number of sarsen stones forming a half circle, and the remains of a line leading to a central worship place. Swindon's remains cover the Mesolithic, Neolithic, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Coate finds include flint tools and pieces of pottery.

Coate Reservoir contains the remains of a double circle, comparable to Winterbourne with a double line leading up to them some 400 yards long, containing thirty stones; this is close to the lunar cycle of 27.89 days, similar to the inner circle of Avebury. Passmore's notes describe this circle in detail, Jefferies also does so in an article for the Wiltshire Herald dated 1867. Passmore then discovered the remains of another circle. The word 'coate' is derived from the Celtic or Welsh 'coed', meaning wood, similar to the Cornish 'coit'. Coate apparently had a circle at the south east which is mentioned in a Saxon charter as a boundary of the parish of Chiseldon. Day House Lane has a plan indicating eight stones and a pit.

Tradition states that there was once a large circle near the railway bridge outside Swindon Old Town station and the old Marlborough road leading to Ladder Hill. In 1965 Richard Reiss noticed a concentric ring of coarse sarsens a mile south of Broome, with a single line of stones to the west; these were removed during 1969 during the construction of the M4.

Hodson is described as two circles with no standing stones; the diameter of these circles is the same as Coate, and four lines of stones used to connect them together. Hodson had a diameter of some 76 metres, large enough to accommodate hundreds of worshippers. Six circles form a grouping about half a mile wide and a mile and a half northwards from Fir Clump along the south east of Swindon. Sarsen stones were common around the Coate area; Broome Manor may have thousands of these stones. Ladder Hill holds further examples made from Lower Greensand; the stones around Avebury, by contrast, are of the later Bagshot type.

Langdean Bottom is described as a circle and a north and south line, with a stone circle to the east with two stones forming an entrance. Langdean may have been a circle or a round barrow or a dwelling. Nikolaus Pevsner wrote of a circle of undressed sarsen; Piggott wrote of a round barrow thirty feet across. Terence Meaden thought these stones might be a foundation ring for supporting the floor of a hut. Neil Mortimer also mentions this. Pevsner states that east of Langdean lies a short avenue; Leslie Grinell noted two parallel rows of upright sarsens running west to east with three rows. The circle might have been the site for a house, typical of Dartmoor and Exmoor, a people who abandoned upland areas during the Middle Bronze Age. The enclosure is a rectangle and may have formed two or three houses. The rings and rows themselves are unusually close.



Winterbourne Bassett by Marc Rhodes-Taylor

The Megalithic Portal describes Coate as five flat fallen stones, with Nanny Howe having three barrows. Coate itself has been dated between the late Neolithic and Early Bronze Age, 3300 to 900 BCE, and connected to the northern sky and the north star. Coate once contained a circle, two round barrows and a Bronze Age settlement. Half a circle of six stones and three stones appear to line up with three stars. The influence of immigration from the south west is suggested by rows of stones being added to existing rings. These monuments may represent supernatural entities. In Neolithic Britain stone was associated with the dead and wood with the living. Stone might also represent the deities. The most widely accepted theory is that the circle used to be connected to the worship of the Sun and the Moon, or to water worship or snake worship.



Fir Clump by Marc Rhodes-Taylor

Fir Clump was supposed to be seven times larger than the Sanctuary and nearly twelve times larger than Winterbourne Bassett; this is nearly as big as the southern circle of Avebury.

It is nothing short of a tragedy that all of this should be destroyed for the construction of a mere motorway; a terrible loss to history. I was lucky in being able to find evidence of Swindon's history and ritual activity which provided me with a previously unknown and very exciting insight into our past.

References

- A.D. Passmore and the Stone Circles of North Wiltshire by Aubrey Burl, from Wiltshire Archaeological & Natural History Magazine volume 97 2004 pages 197 to 210
- WANHM number 27 dated 1893 A D Passmore pages 171 to 174
- Wiltshire Herald 1867 Richard Jefferies
- The Megalithic Portal

SAMHAIN MUSINGS

By Ailim

As we slide closer to this time of the year, I tend to find old memories re-surfacing at strange times. Perhaps the strains of an old song finds me remembering bits and pieces of things past, such as childhood pranks, helping Dad in the garden by pulling up the “weeds” that he’s just planted. Sitting in front of a crackling coal fire, with dry toast in one hand and a mug of oxo in the other, lost in visions among the flames: of castles, and dragons flying over the hot coals. And as the nights drew in, curtains closed to shut out the howling wind with rain beating against the windows, I’d sit in that glowing warmth listening to the old tales that my mother would tell, of ghosts and dreams and her memories too.

My mother sometimes had premonition dreams. She must have been sensitive to the spirit world for she saw things before they happened, albeit weeks or months after the dream. She told me that if I heard three knocks, it would mean a family member had died. One dark night we were sitting by the fireside when we heard a knock. I remember opening the door, but no one was there. We didn’t think anything about it, my father carried on reading his newspaper as Mum knitted. About five minutes later, another knock, and again I opened the door to find no one there. This time, Mum put down her knitting and sat quietly— Dad just carried on reading. Well, a few minutes later, there was a definite knock and before I could move, Mum said sharply, “Don’t answer it!” You might think it was someone playing a joke on us, but the next day a telegram arrived that a family member had died the previous night.

When my Grandfather died, my mother was driving through Bristol. He was in Scotland. She

heard his voice calling her name, and turned to see him sitting next to her. Thankfully, she kept her nerve and got home safely. Later that day a telegram arrived with the sad news. He had died at the same time she had “seen” him!

Should we be afraid? I don’t think so, this is part of our life and the natural world. Animals react sometimes to things we can’t see, and cats are believed to be especially sensitive to the Other-world. A couple of weeks after my father passed over, I remember walking through the supermarket and heard him call my name. I was so surprised I actually stopped and turned - but of course no one was there. I think many of us have had those experiences. Some say it’s because the energy of the deceased lingers for a while after death.

Today, with central heating, electronic gadgets and all the mod-cons, perhaps we’ve lost some of the magic of just sharing family memories together in those special moments of dark nights, cocooned against the winter weather. Yet, at Samhain we can reconnect via that North-West Gateway. At a Druid Grove ceremony many years ago, I stood at that Gateway without thinking, the next moment tears were pouring down my face! A great sense of sadness had suddenly come through that dark portal, and I found myself sending love and regret to those whom I had not had the chance to say farewell to.

Sometimes, we carry such burdens without even knowing it. Samhain can help us shed whatever may be holding us back. Release can be an uplifting emotion.

*Blessings of Samhain to You and
your Ancestors*



PAGAN TRANSITIONS - www.pagan-transitions.org.uk

Pagan Transitions® (2003-2020) is a Pagan funeral resource site for those wishing to create a meaningful funeral rite, reflecting the spirituality of the person who has passed through the Gateway. If you are a Funeral Celebrant, or know of someone who is, we offer a free listing. An application form is available from the website.

As well as ritual templates for burial/cremation, there is also one for pet owners who want to do their own personal ceremony. All the templates can be downloaded and altered to suit.

If you would like to help with the website or have ideas that can enhance the service offered, I’d love to hear from you. Please email me at admin@pagan-transitions.org.uk.



PET'S CORNER Share your anecdotes about favourite pets, or classic sayings perhaps.



Fireworks may look great– but please remember, not only our pets, but the wildlife too.



Enjoy the season, but do so responsibly and keep your pets warm and safe in a calm environment.

Animals react to OUR emotions - keep calm and they will relax too.



Pagan Aid has been raising money to support charitable causes around the world that are focused on the environment, sustainability and reducing poverty. We have raised money for indigenous tribes in Canada and Australia, supported the work of Patrick McCullom and funded tree planting in Africa.

We welcome suggestions for future projects.

The charity is run by Volunteers and its' Trustees. If you would like to join us please visit

<https://www.paganaid.org/>

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED: articles, stories, poems, pictures etc.

Submissions: Deadline for IMBOLC issue: 31st December 2020.

Contributions could be on a theme of Hope and Healing.

Please send your contributions to The Editor at mwaw.editor@paganfederation.co.uk

Mae croeso i gyfraniadau yn Gymraeg. Contributions in Welsh are welcome! (Please send an English translation with your submissions).



This is Your magazine, please help us make it special for everyone!

Don't wait for the Deadline! Why not send in your contribution now for our next issue.

Submissions may be edited due to available space and content.



The Little QUIZ contributed this month by Ailim

1. Who is the Nordic god of justice?
2. Which kids' show did Little Weed appear?
3. Who was the king of Troy when Paris brought Helen there?
4. What is the goddess Anthea (the sender of night visions) better known as?
5. Which border town carries the title, "The Gateway to Wales"?

Answers on page 14

Would you like to compile the next Quiz, if so, please send to mwaw.editor@paganfederation.co.uk



MOOT LISTINGS

Please note these moots are not run by the Pagan Federation, although some may (by chance) be run by PF Officers. The Pagan Federation has not been responsible for organising moots for a very long time. However, the Pagan Federation does hold events, conferences and various other things. If you need further clarification please contact our District Manager.

Useful information and links to local events can also be found on the Pagan Federation South and Mid Wales Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/pg/PFSouthWales>. It would also be helpful if contact telephone numbers could be given for those who don't use Facebook.

NB: Details are supplied by the Moot organisers and we are dependent on them advising us of any changes.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Frampton on Severn

3rd Tuesday of each month at the Three Horseshoes, The Green, Frampton on Severn, GL2 7DY, meeting from 8:15 onwards. More info from Jan at janethardy95@gmail.com or phone 07779 246841.

South Gloucestershire

2nd Wednesday of the month, the Huntsman at Falfield, right on the A38. 8pm for an 8.30pm start. More info from Jules & Bob <https://www.facebook.com/groups/southglospaganmoot/>

Stroud:

2nd Thursday of the month, Kings Street, upstairs in Curios lounge. 1.30 till 3 pm. Its very informal. and an opportunity for people who don't like going out at night. Bring poems, stories—all are welcome. Come and have a chat and a cup of tea. Facilitated by Janet Hardy.

Cheltenham:

New moot starting September 2019. 1st Monday of the month, 8pm onwards at the Sandford Park Ale House.

Forest of Dean:

1st Thursday of the month, the White Hart Inn, Cinderford, 7:30pm onwards. More info on the Forest of Deans Pagans FB page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/290741101652877/>

Open Seasonal Rituals:

Crickley Hill Country Park: Gloucestershire Pagans Open Circles, Crickley Hill - www.nationaltrust.org.uk/crickley-hill/

These take place for each festival, and are on a Sunday afternoon at 3pm. Meet at the Visitors' Centre for 2:45pm, to move to nearby woodland site at 3pm. Each Circle is a simple honouring and acknowledgement of the Festival, as reflected in the Land and forest around us and explores the theme of the season. No experience necessary and no fee (you will need to pay for car-parking). Children are welcome, as are dogs on leads.

Remaining 2019 dates: Hallows - Sunday 3rd November and Yule - Sunday 22nd December

MID-WEST STAFFORDSHIRE/SHROPSHIRE

Kidsgrove Moot

Last Tuesday of each month, except in December.

The Bluebell

This is a closed group. Please send a request to join via Facebook.

New Stafford Moot

3rd Tuesday of each month

The Shrewsbury Arms, Eastgate Street.

Occasional speakers.

This is a closed group but if anyone local to Stafford wishes to join please send a request to join via Facebook.

Stoke-on-Trent Moot

2nd Wednesday of the month.

The White Star in Stoke on Trent

Run by Elric Sullivan with regular well known speakers. Elric is also the organiser of the successful Midland COA events.

WALES

Abergavenny Moot

Second Tuesday of every month

Hen and Chickens pub, Flannel street, Abergavenny, NP7 5EG

Start: 7pm

Contact ask on the South Wales Pagans FB group -<https://www.facebook.com/groups/25298269292/>

Aberystwyth Pagans

Have seasonal/monthly moots. Check out their group for more information - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/aberystwythpagangroup/>

Bridgend Moot

Please ask Siany for further details in the group page - https://www.facebook.com/groups/257960161278244/?ref=br_rs

Caldicot Pagan Moot

A new moot for the Caldicot area. Please join the group for details of the next moot.

Start: 7.00 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/422381884945564/>

Carmarthen Pagans

Last Thursday of the month

The Parrot, 32 King St, Carmarthen, SA31 1BS

Start: 7:30pm onwards

Contact the Carmarthen Pagans group -<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CarmarthenPagans/>
Carmarthen Pagans also have a mini-moot. Please ask on their group page.

Cardiff Pagan Moot

Monthly talks, workshops and discussions, including guest speakers. £1 donation to pay for room hire. They also host seasonal rituals in and around the Cardiff area.

Downstairs in the back room of *The Owain Glyndwr*, 10 St John St, Cardiff CF10 1GL

Start: 7pm for 7:30pm.

Contact C. Abbott (07989 261 773) or visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/167919513251601/>

Cilgerran, Pembrokeshire Pagan Moot

Last Friday of the month

Venue changes, please ask in the group for details of the next moot venue

All welcome! Ask out on West Wales Pagans group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/westwalespagans/permalink/1617896464923421/>

Cwmbran Pagan Moot

Usually the third Sunday of the month, but please check

Pontrhydyrun Community Center, NP44 1SB

Start: 7:30pm

Contact <https://www.facebook.com/groups/541651255974373>

Lampeter Pagan Society

For all those lively people who are or were members of the Pagan Society at SDUC/UWL/TSD; of all paths and interested parties in the area.

First Sunday of the month

Cwmanne Tavern

Start: 7.00 - 7.30pm

Contact the Lampeter Pagan Society group -<https://www.facebook.com/groups/24065160648/>

Maesteg Moot

Has monthly/seasonal moots and rituals.

Please visit their FB page for more information -<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1723661897866164/>

Mold, Flintshire: "The Pagan Tree Moot"

2nd Friday of the month

£2 entry which includes a drink.

There's a different topic each month with speakers. It's in a hall which has full disabled access and some parking

Contact us on Facebook as "The pagan tree moot"

Or email pagantreemoot@gmail.com

Or ring 07890646870

Newport coffee morning

First Saturday of every month

The Pen and Wig, 22-24 Stow Hill, Newport NP20 1JD

Start: 11am - 2pm (ish)

Contact: Catherine Abbott or Kalli Bowden-Porter or ask on the South Wales Pagans group -<https://www.facebook.com/groups/25298269292/>

Newtown

3rd Thursday of the month

The Monty Club, 11 Broad St, Newtown SY16 2LU

Start: 7:30pm

Facebook 'Simmering Cauldron' Contact Simmering Cauldron 01686 668404

Oswestry Moot

1st Wednesday in the month

Moved from the pub where we used to hold our meetings. Therefore, please contact Merion for directions to the new meeting place.

Start: 7.30 p.m.

Facebook page:- Oswestry Pagan Moot

Pontypridd Pagan Moot

3rd Saturday of the month (but please check first!)

Pontypridd Museum, Bridge St, Pontypridd CF37 4PE

Start: 12pm

Talks, workshops and discussions

Contact the Pontypridd Pagan Moot group -<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1590076611232881/>

Port-Talbot Pagan Pathways Gatherings (PPP Gatherings)

Last Friday of the month

Burgess Green pub, Port Talbot

Start: 7pm

Contact the PPP Gatherings - (Port-Talbot Pagan Pathways) group for further details - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/409240675924726/>

South Wales Drum Circle

Shamanic and drumming events based in and around Cwmbran.

Please contact their FB page for details of their next event - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/southwalesdrumcircles/>

Swansea Pagan Moot

Talks, workshops and more.

Third Tuesday of the month

Start: 7.30pm

Contact the Swansea Pagan Moot page -<https://www.facebook.com/groups/108929852508325/>

Teifi Pagan Moot

Last Thursday of the month (unless it clashes with something else)

The Black Lion Hotel, High Street, SA43 1HJ

Start: 7pm - 9pm

Contact Tamra at owla@ravensrede.org.uk or visit the group page -<https://www.facebook.com/groups/westwalespagans/>

Valleys

1st Wednesday of the month

The Griffin Inn, Gilfach Goch, Porth CF39 8YL

Start: 7:30pm

Contact Richard krishak2099@hotmail.com

Wales Wandering Moot (Asatru)

Irregular moots in various locations and events for all heathens.

Please contact the Asatru Wales FB group for details of the next event- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/asatruwales/>

Wrexham Pagan Moot

3rd Wednesday in the month

Wrexham Lager Club

see 'Wrexham Pagan Moot' Facebook page

If you would like your Moot or Event listed, or make any changes, please email details to:

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