

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

Our Beltane issue is full of vibrancy thanks to our Contributors; two beautiful poems by Amber, and Hannah; a family pilgrimage to Corrin's Tower on the Isle of Man by TheDruid3x3, and a thought provoking article by Hannah on summer. I would also like to thank Hannah for taking over our regular "Sky at Night", a busy lady indeed.

Also, check out PaganAid for it's latest project with Baz the Bee, their new Mascot. There is a beard growing event; seed bookmarks; and a way to get rid of your old books, CD's etc.

The Pagan Federation is celebrating it's 50th Anniversary! What an incredible milestone for this trail-blazer! And it's thanks to each and everyone of You.

Normally, Beltane rituals would be lighting up the skies, but with Covid-19 still a "clear and present danger", we have to do things a little differently. Pagans are a resourceful lot, and I know that everyone will work something out so that our Rites can be shared safely.

May the fires of Beltane cleanse and energise us to a better future for All.

Bright Blessings

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DISTRICT NEWS

District Managers Report – BELTANE 2021

Salutations on this momentous occasion: the 50th Anniversary of the Pagan Federation!

Join with us as we lustily and loudly toot our horn here because in this fast-paced and fickle world, there isn't much that endures for such a long time. The reason the Pagan Federation is here today and thriving is due to a number of factors: perseverance, hard work, a sense of purpose, your contributions as members, and the pressing need for a network of support and information on Paganism in the world today. People of many Pagan leanings have stuck to the aims and intentions of the founders. Undaunted by a sometimes hostile and often derisory media, public misunderstanding and the weight of historical animosity, Pagans have gradually chipped away at the prejudices and misinformation to assert our place as practitioners of an ancient and Nature-venerating path. It can be lonely at times, deeply demoralising and frustrating, but look how far we've come!

The work doesn't end of course, because rights can be threatened and tested even in the most tolerant of societies. This isn't to say we need to be forever looking over our shoulders in fear, but vigilance is necessary and that's where the Pagan Federation comes in. We've got your back, whether you have been a Pagan for decades, or since last week. Thank you for being part of this great adventure.

Ongoing pandemic precautions mean that the big celebratory bash is taking place online, so the best place to keep up to date with this (and other PF news) is via the PF Community Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/paganfed>

It is necessary to join the group and answer a few basic questions to access it. If you don't do Facebook, ask us at the email address at the bottom of this page, and we'll try to find out the information you require.

District D Website: Myddle-Earth - Midwest and Wales District | Just another Pagan Federation Districts Home Sites site (pfdistricts.info)

District D Facebook page: The Pagan Federation Mid-West and Wales | Facebook

All good wishes for a Beltane full of greenery, butterflies, flowers and frolics!

Audrey & Richard

District Managers, Pagan Federation Mid-west and Wales

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Our online links:

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

Facebook page: The Pagan Federation Mid-West and Wales | Facebook



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We are always open to new suggestions and ideas on the service to PF members, it's an ongoing project so please don't keep it to yourself or think 'someone else has probably said it, this might not be the case. There is room for improvement in any organisation or venture.

Audrey & Richard

(District Managers, Pagan Federation Mid-west and Wales)

DISTRICT PF OFFICERS

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REGIONAL REPORTS

THREE COUNTIES REGION (Herefordshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire)

Three Counties Regional Report – Beltane 2021

Gradually emerging from the confines of Winter, we delight in the greening of hedgerows and woodlands, fields, riversides, parks and gardens. New life is around us again, birds migrate from their winter homes, and Nature is burgeoning once more. Even if covid has curtailed our Springtime travels and Pagan revelry, we can still get outside.

Places to visit: You might like to stop by at Herefordshire's Neolithic burial mound, known as Arthur's Stone, managed by English Heritage. Located near the village of Dorstone, this ancient Pagan monument is around 5,000 years old and, unlike some ancient sites, is easily accessible by road because it sits right next to one! Head for Arthur's Stone Lane, Dorstone, HR3 6AX and keep sharp-eyed or you could miss it. Sort of a glorified lay-by really, no facilities and just a few car parking spaces, this site has a special serene ambience and due to location, very little passing traffic. Take a picnic, a camera, a few friends. Please don't bury crystals or leave any burning tea lights, though. There has been too much of this sort of thing at some sites, it doesn't help and can harm.

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The mighty and majestic River Severn! Winding her lovely way through Worcestershire and Gloucestershire, this is Britain's longest river and is the spiritual home of the Goddess Sabrina. Find out more here on this page by local author: *Sabrina, Goddess of the River Severn* by Nicola Haasz | Facebook

Gloucestershire is home to our friends the **Cotswold Order of Druids**, keepers of ancient wisdom as well as putting on a really great Pagan shindig when required! Down caves, up hills, stone circles, they get everywhere. Find out what they're up to by looking at their Facebook page: The Cotswold Order of Druids | Facebook

Another group in that county is the **Gloucestershire Pagans**, you can find them at: Gloucestershire Pagans | Facebook

Okay, plenty to be going on with there! Do let us know if there is anything happening Pagan-wise that you think might interest other members, we are always open to new ideas.

Best wishes,

Audrey

(Regional Co-ordinator, also one of the District Managers)

<mwaw.dm@paganfederation.co.uk>



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.

Staffs & Shropshire (Mid-west Region) Regional Report

Well, there isn't much to say since we don't live in this part of the District and don't have anyone doing the PF work there.

VACANCY – REGIONAL COORDINATOR

We need someone to take on the role of admin for this Region. There are 24 members currently, would any one of you like to take this on? It would not involve a lot of work, a few hours a week probably, and the occasional meeting over Zoom. Any takers?

If this interests you, please contact us at the email address below and we'll have a no-obligation chat about it. In the meantime, we will take care of things ourselves.

All good wishes,

Audrey & Richard

(District Managers, PF Mid-west and Wales)



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.



New Families Liaison Officer for Mid-West and Wales.

Thought I would introduce myself as I am the new PF communities support liaison for the families team representing Mid-west and Wales.

My name is Hannah, I live in South Wales and originally come from the Gloucestershire and Worcestershire area. I have quite a large family myself with six children and I have been following the Pagan path for about 30 years.

The families team has a group on Facebook and information can be found on the PF communities website, so for anyone who is bringing their children up to follow a Pagan path we are here to support you.

We produce a free downloadable magazine twice yearly for children of all ages called "Aether" at the summer and winter solstices, plus alongside the magazine we have Aether patches which are great fun for your children to get involved with to learn about the elements and the Pagan festivals. We also hold child friendly online festivals.

If this sounds like something you and your children would like, then come join our Facebook group, we'd love to see you.

If there is anything Pagan family or children orientated you would like to see in your MWAW community, or if there are already family orientated moots please let me know. If you have any queries feel free to email me.

Hannah
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SKY AT NIGHT

By Hannah

MAY

1st **Beltane**
11th Micro New Moon 19:59
26th Super Full Moon 12:13

JUNE

10th New Moon 11:52
21st **Summer Solstice**
24th Full Moon 19:39

JULY

10th New Moon 02:16
24th Full Moon 03:36

Moon Names

May – flower/milk
June – strawberry/hot/mead/rose
July – buck/thunder

Special Skies

The Eta Aquariids meteor shower will grace our skies 5/6 May. The meteors have long tails and last several seconds.

Earthshine nights occur on 7th and 14th May. This is when the dark part of the moon becomes more visible.

On July 13th, our two closest planets Mars and Venus will appear in the sky together. Try and spot them just after sunset when they will be low on the horizon.

The Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower takes place this month and is best visible on 28/29 July. This shower can produce up to 20 meteors per hour.

Historical Skies

From May 13th to 16th of 1921 there was a series of coronal mass ejections from the sun which bombarded Earth. The Aurora was seen from Britain and this severe space weather event caused mayhem with the technology of the time and ignited fires.

Sources:
timeanddate.com and euronews.com



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

Pagan Transitions® (2003-2021) 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. For those planning ahead, we have a Pagan Advance Funeral Directive available. All templates can be downloaded and altered to suit.

The website builder I'm using is a bit old now, so if anyone can recommend a better program that is easy to use on my PC, I'd love to hear from you. Please email me at admin@pagan-transitions.org.uk.

SIGNS

by Amber

There are signs all around,
All you need to do is look,
And you'll see what I found.

The white Faery steed beneath the fern,
Will ride with you all night, beneath the stars and moon, that shimmer with a
silver glow.

The birds of the air are calling to you,
Do hear what they say?

There is a track to walk for me and you,
And there can be no delay,
Take that step, walk with me,
Let us see what we can find.

We can skim over water, dive under the sea,
Ride, oh ride, oh ride on your Faery horse through the velvet of the night.
And when the dawn brings redness to the sky,
We shall play in the surf of life.



Bees for Development

We are raising money for *Bees for Development*, who help some of the world's poorest people build resilient livelihoods through beekeeping. We have chosen this Cause as their charitable aims match ours; helping people out of poverty in a way that also helps the planet.

We are also running a sponsored 'beard growing' event! For more details please visit:
www.paganaid.org/beards-for-bees/

Baz the Bee Bookmarks: Our brand new *Baz the Bee* Bookmark now available from our shop. When you've finished reading, plant it to feed him and his family!

We're always looking for new projects and ideas, so please contact us if you know of any.

We also run a membership scheme. All Trustees and Officers are volunteers, so you can be assured all donations and subscriptions go to the Charity and its projects.

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



Summer—the season of Life

by Hannah



The sun is shining, the flowers are blooming, the days are long and languorous and the evenings sweet smelling and sultry. All is right with the world.

Summer is a season all about life and if you look, life is abundant all around you in the flora and fauna. The plants are teeming with insects of all kinds, including bees and butterflies. The bodies of water are now graced by the iridescence of dragonflies. Everything is really living its life in the most industrious way.

The same can be said of humans too. We really live in the summer making most of the light that there is. We tend to be more optimistic and generally happier because the sun's rays are supplying us with the vitamins we need to really live.

The Hopi Indians certainly believed that the sun was life giving. The sun was at the heart of the cosmos and they worshipped the sun as a supreme deity. The sun was relied upon for the growth of the corn to feed their people and of course they were not the only ones, all cultures knew the importance of the sun and that it was needed for life.

The Incans revered the sunflower as a symbol of the life-giving sun and these giants of the plant world certainly do resemble the sun and summer, and are even life giving themselves. They not only provide birds, insects and humans with a food source, but they are also good for absorbing toxins in the environment. In Japan, after the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster, the Joenji Buddhist temple has distributed about 8 million sunflowers and 200,000 other plants such as field mustard, Amaranthus and cockscomb, which are all believed to absorb radiation.

The sun and its representations are but one symbol of life, there are many others.

Water is another important one and the Ancient Egyptians certainly knew that it was fundamental. The Nile River which was their main source of water was extremely important and sacred to them. They worshipped many Gods associated with the Nile including Happy, who was the main deity of the Nile, Sobek, the crocodile god and Heket, the frog goddess.

The Nile irrigated the surrounding land so they could grow crops, and the colour black (which was the colour of the fertile silt soil) was considered to be the colour of life by the Ancient Egyptians contrary to what the western world believed.

The Ankh, also known as the key of life, is another symbol of life that the Ancient Egyptians had. The hieroglyph meant the word life and became a symbol of life itself. It was commonly represented being held in the deities hands as a sign of them having the power to sustain life, sometimes the Ankh represented air or water which were both representations of life in Egypt. Water, as well as air, is often depicted in art as the breath of life where the gods have bestowed it to the pharaoh.



The most widespread symbol of life has got to be the tree. It is in much of the world's mythology and the philosophical and religious traditions. It appears in the cultures of the Assyrians, in ancient Urtu,

ancient Iran and in the Mesoamerican civilisations. In religions the tree is also found in the Bahai Faith, Buddhism, Chinese mythology, Christianity, Islam, Judaism, The Kabbalah, Hinduism and in the Gnostic faiths.

The tree of life is featured in the myths of North American tribes, and in the Serer religion of Senegal in West Africa where the tree forms the basis of their cosmology as they were the first things made on earth.

The ancient Slavic culture has its tree of life standing on a rock called Alatyr which is on the island of Buyan in the middle of the World ocean, and then of course there is Yggdrasil, the tree of life in Norse mythology around which all exists. This sacred ash or yew tree holds the nine worlds, its branches extend far into the heavens and the roots extend just as far to other locations.

Even today the symbols of the sun, sunflowers, water, the ankh and the tree are seen as a symbols and representations of life, especially the sun, water and the tree as they truly are life giving. Without them life would not exist on our planet, we need the sun and water for the growth of the food we eat, the water we need to drink, and the trees provide life in so many ways.

Trees do not just give us clean air and provide oxygen, they also combat climate change, cool the planet, save water, prevent soil erosion, provide food, provide fuel, provide wildlife habitats and help with healing.

Trees surely are the epitome of life and the summertime is a great time to live.

Next time you are sat under the shade of a tree, keeping cool from the heat of the sun and sipping a drink of water, think about how surrounded by life you really are.



SUMMERS STORY

by Hannah

The sun she shines
Startling bright
Reflecting in puddles
Her blinding light,
Grazing all things
With golden hues
Gracing the day
With her radiant muse.

Her warmth caresses
As she shines upon,
Igniting joy
With her glowing song,
We feel embraced
In her crowning glory
As we laze beneath fires
Of summers glory.

Have Your Say!

We'd love to hear from you! Don't be shy. Share tips and suggestions; does *Myddle Earth* float your boat? Let us know how we can improve it. If you have something to say, please drop an email to the Editor at

mwaw.editor@paganfederation.co.uk

Passing on Ritual at Corrin's Tower



Corrin's Tower by TheDruid-3X3

On the hill overlooking the City of Peel, on the Isle of Man, stands a stone tower known as *Corrin's Tower*. This monument was built around 1806 by Thomas Corrin, who owned the hill and much land nearby. The site and its position at the summit of the hill was one of his favourite places and there next to the tower, in a small outlined graveyard, is where he laid to rest his wife and two children. Their graves are marked out with pillars of stone.

Corrin's Tower, also known as Corrin's Folly, is four storeys high. Much of the inside is taken up with a pillar set in the centre of the building which starts out square on the ground floor, but goes more round as it moves up through the floors to the roof. Memorial tablets of stone, as well as inscriptions on the walls, mark the ground and first floor with memories of departed Corrins'.



Corrin's Tower
by TheDruid-3X3

Thomas Corrin often stayed on the third floor reading by a small fireplace. As a consequence, the windows on all three floors of the east side of the tower are blocked up, due to complaints that ships were mistaking the tower light for the Peel breakwater light.

There are many footpaths leading up the hill to *Corrin's Tower*. Most are from the Peel Harbour side near the bridge across the Marina, and the hill can be accessed from Fenella Beach car park. It is a fair walk away, even though it does not seem far. The Tower itself is locked to the public at this time, but viewing the outside of the building and nearby graves are still worth the walk.

The day before I was there during my Family Ancestral Pilgrimage, I heard that the Corrin's Tower was Haunted by the Spirit of Thomas Corrin, the broken hearted Father of a Wife and Child who both died during Childbirth.

So I decided to do a 'Passing On Ritual' to cleanse the Spirit of Thomas Corrin, and pay his Ferryman's Toll for his Spirit Passing on to his Next Life.

First, I placed a Blueberry scented tealight candle at the Eastern corner of the Tower and at the Western corner; a red tapered candle at the Southern corner and at the Northern corner. Each time I said something like: "Greetings to you Watchtower of the East, the Great Guardian of the Sacred Element of Air, I call on your Power for this Ritual of Passing on of the Personal Emotional Energies of Thomas Corrin, whose Soul was Negatively Impacted by the Sudden Passing of his Wife and Child. With No Harm to None, I Welcome you to this Ritual in Peace: So Mote It Be!"

This was repeated for each of the corners respectively for Fire, Water and Earth.

I lit a stick of Lavender and shook it towards the Eastern Quarter of the Tower three times whilst reciting: "Oh Sacred Element of Air, may you allow this Lavender Incense to bring Peace and Tranquillity to the Soul of Thomas Corrin so that it may Pass On back to the Goddess to Reuse, Reshape, and Reuse on her Great Spinning Wheel of Life. May your Soul have Acceptance of what happened to your Wife and Child with Peace and Tranquillity. With No Harm To None, So Mote It Be!"

I then lit a stick of Lavender Incense for each of the other Quarters repeating my actions and words as above, respecting each Quarters element.



Then I took out my Branch of Eucalyptus and went about the Tower touching it to each corner, starting from the Eastern corner, going counter-clockwise while chanting something like: "May this Ritual Purify and Cleanse the Spirit of Thomas Corrin of his Negative Emotional Energies caused by the Pain and Sorrow of losing his Wife and Child." I went about the Tower making this Chant a total of three times.

I then changed direction and went about the Tower in a Cleansing clockwise Direction touching my Eucalyptus Branch to each Corner, starting from the Eastern corner, Chanting something like: "May you now have Peace, Tranquillity, and Acceptance of the Cycles of Life, as they may come and go, and may you have Acceptance that your Wife and Child's Souls were never harmed and were sent back to the Goddess to harmlessly Reuse, Reshape and Recycle into Future Incarnations. May you Pass On to join them with their Future Incarnations."

Then after making my Cleansing Chants, I made a Sacrifice to the Grave of the dearly departed souls, Kathrine Corrin and her child by burying into the grave a Canadian Two Dollar Toonie Coin, a Five Yen Japanese Coin, a Canadian Flag Souvenir Pin, and a Sprig of Eucalyptus to pay their Ferryman's Toll from the Realms of the Living to the Realms of the Dead.

There was a small window in the Tower so I tossed a couple of Japanese Five Yen Coins through the Window into the Tower, chanting: "Oh Thomas Corrin, here is your Ferryman's Toll across the River of Life from the Realms of the Living to the Realms of the Dead, with Peace and Tranquillity having been brought to your Soul by this Passing On Ritual."

Afterwards I sat down to enjoy the views of the countryside until the Incense and candles at the corners had burnt down and gone out. It was then that I made one last gesture of respect for my Family Ancestral Tower, then went on my way back down the hill and continued with my touring of the town of Peel.

TheDruid-3X3

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.

**If you would like your Moot or Event listed, or make any changes, please email details to:
The Editor, mwaw.editor@paganfederation.co.uk**

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:

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.

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

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 ... /continued

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
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

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Fun Quiz Answers

- 1) May the earth rest lightly on you.
- 2) The Rollright Stones.
- 3) On the Waterfront.
- 4) The Mines of Moriah.
- 5) Dennis Waterman.