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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

Thank you to everyone who responded to Audrey and Richard's email about our magazine. It was heartening to read your comments. For those of you who read the magazine on your mobile phones, I've created a lower res pdf document that appears to reduce the file size. Please let me know if anyone has any problems. (mwaw.editor@paganfederation.co.uk)

A big thank you to Marc Rhodes-Taylor for his beautiful drawing on our cover page. In this issue we have another wonderful meditation by Morwenna, and an interesting article by Arra on being a Pagan during lockdown.

No one wants such a terrible pandemic but if we look beyond the distress of bereavements, loss of income, jobs and freedom, we get a glimpse of what life could be like without manmade pollution. I found the quietness beautiful and relaxing. Yet, as restrictions are being slowly lifted, it didn't take long for the intrusive noise and bustle of modern life to seep back into our lives, with some thinking it's back to normal with parties and crowding beaches and other outlets. Then they wonder why the infection rates are rising again, with its death toll, and no doubt will complain about extra restrictions. Where has Common-sense gone? Perhaps it's on holiday to get away from the madness of the human race.

On the other hand, we've seen how caring and supportive people can be. We've been able to experience how our ancestors experienced life; quietness, birdsong, flourishing fauna and wild-life, bringing a calmness to the mind and body. Let's remember this as a wake-up call. And don't forget, a smile does wonders—even if we can't see it through the face mask, we can see it in your eyes and hear it in your voice.

Bright blessings to you all,

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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

August:

Planets Visible

Morning: Venus

All Night: Mars, Jupiter and Saturn

Mon 3rd: Full Moon 16:59

Wed/Thurs 12th/13th: Perseids Meteor Shower Peak.

One of the best showers of the year when the Moon is dark and nights are warm. The radiant of this shower appears above the NE horizon around midnight.

Thurs 13th: Venus brightest object in the predawn sky after the Moon.

Wed 19th: New Moon 03:42

ORION: Early August at dawn, look to the east and you'll see Orion rising for the first time since last May.

September:

Planets Visible

Morning: Venus

Evening: Jupiter and Saturn

All Night: Mars

Wed 2nd: Full Moon 06:22

Mon 17th: New Moon 12:00

Thur/Fri 20/21st: Piscids Meteor Shower Peak.

Tues 22nd: **AUTUMN EQUINOX**

October:

Planets Visible

Morning: Venus

Evening: Jupiter and Saturn

All Night: Mars

Thurs 1st: Full Moon 22:05

Sun 16th: New Moon 20:31

Wed/Thu 21/22: Orionids Meteor Shower Peak

Sat 31st: Full Moon 14:49 **SAMHAIN**

PRISON MINISTRY— Pagan Writing Minister



This is a voluntary role and done from the comfort of your home. We correspond with Pagan prisoners on matters of religion and spiritual matters. You will correspond using a pseudonym with the Pagan Federation postal address to protect your identity.

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

For more details please email: erica.pfpm@paganfederation.co.uk



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.

The charity is run by Volunteers and its' Trustees. Would you like to join us and help? You can find out more about our work at <https://www.paganaid.org/>

DISTRICT NEWS

District Managers Report – LUGHNASADH/LAMMAS 2020

Hello, how is everyone coping? Are you in good health and keeping busy with things at home? Perhaps you're a 'key worker' of some sort, maintaining essential services, food provision, health care? Whatever you do, we wish you all the best. At the time of writing, the country is imminently about to return to almost-normal activity so we await this time with some anxiety and wonder where it will lead. Atmospheric pollution the world over has dropped markedly with the reduction in air and road traffic, more people have given up commuting in favour of working from home. Others have taken up the bicycle as transport, so maybe we can look forward to these trends becoming the norm and lead to lasting improvement to the health of our ecosystem.

Pagans value the natural world in all its variations, from the microscopic to universal. Nowadays, the world is obsessed with the tiniest life-form (some would not even call it life). We don't need to mention the name here. At the other end of the scale, astronomers scan the skies with visual and radio telescopes, finding amazing things in the 13.8-billion-year-old universe: galaxies, black holes, exo-planets, gravitational waves, fast radio bursts. There is no end to the marvellous spectacle of the night sky so many of us look up to in wonder, all for free.

Here on the ground, archaeological research has in recent months discovered a Neolithic monument close to Stonehenge, so we eagerly await more on this exciting chapter in our Pagan past. Did any of you join in the virtual Summer Solstice co-ordinated online by English Heritage? It was fantastic! Many thousands of people from all over the globe tuned in and sent good wishes, it was quite emotional. 'Damh the Bard', well-known Pagan singer/songwriter has given two virtual concerts over Facebook in the past few months, giving pleasure to thousands worldwide. Other enterprising Pagans have hosted on-line moots and gatherings so that we can get together in cyberspace and relieve some of the isolation.

Sadly, there has been the rise in pollution of Mother Earth with discarded single-use plastics as many shops have stopped customers using their own bags and containers out of fear of contamination by coronavirus. There has also been a noticeable increase in medical PPE (personal protective equipment) littering roadsides and being washed up on beaches and wild places. Nobody wants to spread disease, but surely it is possible to prevent this environmental desecration.

For the meantime, we can protect ourselves and take care to avoid all but essential contact with others. Our heartfelt wish is for a more caring society at the end of all this.

The Pagan Federation has a new President, so give a welcome and thanks to Sarah Kerr for taking up the role. Our District has 209 members at last count, so thank you for being with us!

A reminder of our online links:

<https://www.facebook.com/PFMidWestandWalesDistrict>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/paganfed> PF Community page
<https://pfdistricts.info/midwestandwales/> Our District website

Wishing you a bountiful harvest and all good things,

Audrey & Richard

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

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Bristol – Regional Coordinator
Staffs & Shropshire – Regional Coordinator
Three Counties – Regional Coordinator
Website Manager – to maintain our lovely District website
Events Organiser -- Conferences, camps, etc.

If you think you might want to help with any of these roles, please contact us at mwaw.dm@paganfederation.co.uk and we'll have a chat about what the job involves.
No obligation!

DISTRICT PF OFFICERS

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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.

Being Pagan in a time of lockdown

Arra Stoneglade

As we are all aware it has been a strange year, and most of us have spent many months in lockdown, some more isolated than others. During that time I have been reflecting upon what this means for my pagan practices, and how it has affected other's practices. The wheel of the year continues to turn, and we have passed several seasonal festivals. How have people's celebrations differed this year? Did you celebrate on your own (perhaps you would have anyway)? Did you miss out on gatherings and moots? Curious to what people were doing I put a few questions out on social media, asking people to send me write-ups of their seasonal celebrations and how these differed to a normal year, and/or to send me photographs. The response was somewhat muted, and I sensed that people were dealing with a lot already, both physically and emotionally. Some said they weren't in the mood for celebrating, others were juggling responsibilities or were worn out.

I put together a booklet showcasing responses to Beltane that featured six main voices telling their stories and experiences. These varied from being not much different to normal, to online rituals, and to enforced solitary practice. It highlighted to me that the umbrella term 'pagan' really does cover a wide range of practices that we all bring our individuality to. At the time of writing I am putting together something similar for the Summer Solstice. For myself I found that Beltane in lockdown was more restrictive than the Solstice, and this was because I had already made plans, almost a whole week full of plans that had to be cancelled (despite us being firmly within lockdown these plans had been made a while back). I felt it more keenly. By the time Solstice came around the 'new normal' was well and truly in place.

What I have found out about myself is that being in lockdown has made me think about my pagan practices more. I have become quite lax in recent years, a far cry from when I was a young student active in rituals and workshops. I have been working from home during lockdown, which although I am busy, means I no longer have two hours of my day taken up with commuting. This has given me time for other activities. I instigated a morning walk to make up for not walking to the train station and back every day. It has turned out to be a joy

walking the same path day after day (more or less), seeing the seasons change before my eyes. The emergence and then passing of bluebells, majestic foxgloves lining the lane, and the call of the skylarks once I had climbed the hill. I have walked this path far more in the last few months than I have done in the 15 years of living in the area, and now see it as part of my 'compass'. I have a regular Monday evening meditation with a friend, which now takes place in our own separate houses and a phone chat about it afterwards. I've also had more time to write seasonal rituals, and we have done two via Zoom which worked surprisingly ok.

Pagans in general are a versatile lot and taking a peek online it is apparent that where moots and gatherings used to be held in 'real life' they have been adapted into online versions. There are discussions on social media about how best to conduct rituals whilst obeying social distancing guidance, and there are videos of talks and storytelling. I attended a moot I had previously not been able to get to because I don't drive and listened to a talk by Ron Hutton put on by Witchfest, I also watched the sunrise at Stonehenge on the Solstice (although to be fair it was a little underwhelming due to the weather!).

Of course the social side to paganism, the moots and seasonal rituals, are one thing, but at the end of the day one's practice is often done in private at home, or within one's own space, and this might not have been affected. By the time this issue of *Myddle Earth* is published all the restrictions will no doubt have changed – we might be near normal again, or it may be stricter, depending on how the country is coping with the virus.

I would be interested to hear how people's practices have changed, or been adapted, because of the situation over the last few months. Have you been missing coven members? Are you working on your own when normally you work with others? Has there been too much else to cope with? Or have you carved out more time for yourself? If people would be happy to share their experiences or their thoughts, I can collate them and write up another piece for *Myddle Earth*.

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Autumn Equinox - Guided Meditation

by Morwenna Greenslade

Make yourself comfortable and close your eyes. Take a few deep breaths and be aware of the ground beneath you, of your general surroundings, and of any everyday noises in the background. As you relax you see a white mist forming in the corners of your vision, a white mist that gradually thickens and swirls around you; blocking out the space you are in, blocking out any other people. A thick white mist that envelops you, surrounds you, and hides everything around you. You are alone and safe in this thick white mist.

The mist clears and you find that it is a warm sunny afternoon and you are stood in a field of freshly harvested wheat. You suspect that the afternoon is drawing to a close as many people around you are loading the harvest onto horse drawn wagons. All that is left in the field is one last clump, one last sheaf worth, at the centre. The wagons are full, and everyone now gathers around the remaining wheat, you join them. There is an air of excitement and someone produces a sharp sickle. People begin to quieten down, and one by one they take it in turn to throw the sickle, in an attempt to cut down the wheat.

Soon it is your turn. Taking a deep breath you concentrate, if you succeed in this task the honour will be great. You let fly the sickle and watch, as if in slow motion, it curve through the air and neatly sever the stalks of the wheat. The wheat falls, you have done it, you have successfully cut the sacred sheaf. This part of the harvest is not for eating, it is sacred to the Goddess and will be woven into a corn dolly. People slap you on the back and congratulate you as you walk over and pick up the sheaf, you hold it aloft and they all cheer.

It is now your task to carry the wheat to its sacred resting place. You walk through the fields that have been harvested as the sun begins to sink. The air is warm and you feel content. You think about this harvest and in doing so begin to think about your own personal harvest from this year.

What lessons have you learnt?

What seeds grew in your life?

What have you gained?

What has the Goddess granted you?

You now walk through a field that is filled with poppies, their brilliant red petals glowing in the evening sun. You hear the beating of wings overhead, the rushing of air against feathers, and looking up see seven swans flying above you. You watch them circle then curve gracefully into the distance.

At the end of the field of poppies is a large slab of stone, this is the altar to which you bring your wheatsheaf. You reach it and carefully lay the wheat upon it. The altar is decorated with poppies, and corn, and blackberries, and a chalice stands upon it.

You notice a cave in the small hillside behind the altar. Out of this cave come two figures, male and female, both dressed all in green and wearing masks. They approach you, and the woman anoints your forehead with oil. The man then ties a blindfold over your eyes. They lead you round the altar and towards the cave. Although you cannot see anything you feel safe in their hands as they guide

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you forwards. As you enter the cave you stumble a little at first and they laugh, but their laughter is gentle and in good spirit.

The path they take you along is curved and slightly sloping so that as they guide you along you feel that you are travelling along a spiral that slowly circles into the earth. Down and down you spiral. There is a heady scent in the air which you cannot quite identify, it may be incense or herbs.

Finally, you come to a standstill, your guides leave you, but you feel someone reaching up and untying your blindfold. As it lifts your eyes are dazzled by the brilliant light that reaches them, blinded at first after the darkness that encompassed your journey. As you become used to the brightness and light you see the female figure standing in front of you, she holds aloft an ear of wheat, and a voice behind you proclaims:

“Behold the mystery - In silence is the seed of wisdom gained.”

You think upon the meaning of these words.

The woman places the ear of wheat down and now offers you a cup from which to drink. The liquid is like nothing you have drunk before, it tastes slightly salty and slightly of wheat or grain. You give her back the cup and your blindfold is replaced. You are then guided back the way you came, spiralling up out of the earth until you reach the entrance and feel the air on your face. Your guides leave you, and after a moment you take off the blindfold. You are alone and standing by the stone slab where the sheaf of wheat lies. Taking one last look you walk away from the altar, thinking of all you have experienced and learned. The evening is misty and as you walk the mist thickens around you.

A white mist that envelops you and thickens to block out all your surroundings, until it is just you, alone and safe in this thick white mist.

When the mist begins to clear once more you find yourself back in the place you started, be aware of the ground beneath you, of everyday sounds, and feel yourself truly back in your body. Take a few deep breaths, and when you are ready you may open your eyes.





PET'S CORNER

Share your anecdotes about favourite pets, or classic sayings perhaps.



Q: What do rabbits say before they eat? A: Lettuce pray.
source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/animaljokes/rabbitjokes.html>



Cat vs Hedgehog

With one look and a twitch of his whiskers, the hedgehog soon had my Bengal doing a fast retreat from the feeding station!

Ailim

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

Submissions: **Deadline for Samhain issue: 30th September 2020.**

Contributions could be on a theme of Renewal and Regeneration and Rebirth.

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. By what name did Gwion Bach become better known as? .
- ★ 2. Which Welsh goddess rode a swift white mare and could talk to the birds? .
- ★ 3. From which plant did the Celts obtain their blue dye which they wore to strike terror into the hearts of their enemies?
- ★ 4. Which tree did Apollo cherish before the Laurel?
- ★ 5. Who was the husband of Psyche?

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:

The Editor, mwaw.editor@paganfederation.co.uk

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Myddle Earth is the newsletter of the Pagan Federation, Mid-West & Wales District and is published four times a year at Imbolc, Beltane, Lughnasadh/Lammas and Samhain.

We would like to encourage our readers to submit articles, artwork, poetry and other creative works for inclusion in future newsletters. Please see the guidelines below when preparing your material. If you have any queries, please email: **mwaw.editor@paganfederation.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.
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