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The March Edition contains listings for the month ahead, a film review, news of proposed changes to the Fraudulent Mediums Act, a book review and a letter from 009, who recounts his impressions of early RILKO meetings during the 1960's. We also welcome Megalithic Tours who are based in Lancashire to the network.

The latest addition to the on-line article archive is the Great Invocation – its use and significance. New additions to the on-line digital lecture archive include the Golden Thread; Hidden Spiritual Themes in Literature by John Howard and the Significance of Leys and Power Centres by David Furlong.

Cycles of the Earth - Spring Equinox by Maria Viner

Those of us who suffer with SAD are no doubt very much looking forward to Spring Equinox and those of us who relish the dark, cosy evenings are making the most of them as Spring Equinox approaches.

In the Northern hemisphere the Sun is at its lowest path in the sky on the Winter Solstice. After that day the Sun follows a higher and higher path through the sky each day until it is in the sky for exactly 12 hours. On the Spring Equinox the Sun rises exactly in the east travels through the sky for 12 hours and sets exactly in the west. On the Equinox this is the motion of the Sun through the sky for everyone on earth. Every place on earth experiences a 12 hour day twice a year on the spring and Autumn Equinox. After the Spring Equinox, the Sun still continues to follow a higher and higher path through the sky, with the days growing longer and longer, until it reaches its highest point in the sky on the Summer Solstice.

This 12 hour day, equal day and equal night in both hemispheres, has led to this being a time of celebration throughout the world, a time of renewed life and new birth for many cultures and religions, when it is believed that all worlds are balanced and equal. Many holy days occur at this time of year, linked to the date when Spring Equinox occurs. Traditionally the Goddess of fertility and new beginnings, Oestre/Eostre, was worshipped with the ritual lighting of dawn fires as a protection for the crops. She symbolizes springtime, new growth, and rebirth. Once, when the Goddess was late in coming, a little girl found a bird close to death from the cold and turned to the Goddess for help. A rainbow bridge appeared and Eostre came, clothed in her red robe of warm, vibrant sunlight which melted the snows. Spring arrived.



Because the little bird was wounded beyond repair, Eostre changed it into a snow hare who then brought rainbow eggs. As a sign of spring, Eostre instructed the little girl to watch for the snow hare to come to the woods. This is also the beginning of the astrological year as the Sun enters Aries. Earth's energies are now at a time of balance which brings fertility on all levels. After its long winter sleep nature is showing signs of activity and the power of the sun is increasing. Traditionally it is a time when seeds are planted, and fertility and new life celebrated. At this time we can begin to reconnect with the Earth, and create opportunities for positive changes in our life and in the world. Ideas and plans we have made have now had time to develop and can be shared with others. It is a time for personal growth and development.

Symbolism associated with this time includes eggs, rabbits/hares and spring flowers. These symbols are all representative of fertility and new life. The idea that the Earth was hatched from an egg is widespread throughout the world. The Celts believed that the egg was from a snake, symbol of regeneration. Rabbits/hares are a natural symbol of fertility due to their prolific reproduction and also show a deep connection with the Earth because of their underground burrows. Traditionally, rabbits/hares are linked to the moon and therefore the goddess.

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www.avalonrising.co.uk

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Yeovil Psychic Society
www.yeovilpsychics.org.uk

**Dorset Earth Mysteries
Group**
www.dorsetmysteries.org

**School of Energy
Healing Educational Trust**
www.energyhealing.co.uk

**New Dimensions
Group Bristol**
Ghislaine 01225 333825

**Centre of Awareness at
Ashburton**
awarenesscentre.ashburton.co.uk

Bristol Dowzers
Jason 0117 9498933

**Joyous Isle workshops
Dorset**
www.joyousisle.fsnet.co.uk

**Axminster Awareness
Centre**
www.awarenesscentre.org.uk

World in our Hands
WorldinourHands.org

Stoneseeker Tours
www.stoneseeker.net

Centre for Pure Sound
Tel. 01935 389655

**London Earth Mysteries
Circle.** lemc@ic24.net

The Martinsey Isle Trust
www.martinsey.org.uk

Natures Way, Exmoor
Tel. 01984 640147

Hawkwood College
www.hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

Taunton Pagan Moot
Tel. 01823 283742

www.angellight.co.uk

GATHERINGS

**The University of Wales,
Lampeter** 25-28 Feb
the Body Programme Spring
Residential.
j.robinson@lamp.ac.uk

Global Meditation Event
1 Mar at 9pm
www.networkoflight.org

Axminster 8-9 Mar
Awareness Weekend
Tel. 01297 32331

Chard 15 Mar
Angel Day
Tel. Margaret 01460 66151

Chard 16 Mar
Unicorn Day
Tel. Margaret 01460 66151

Winchester 28 Mar
Mystics and Scientists 31.
Rhythms of the Cosmos.
Cycles in Biological and
Spiritual Life
www.scimednet.org

TALKS

Stroud (Matara Centre) 2 Mar
the Fall
Steve Taylor
Tel. 01453 861050

London (TS) 2 Mar
Gnosis the Mystical Death
Andy Maybe
Tel. 0207 563 9815

Bournemouth PLG 3 Mar
Negative Energy Release
Heather Smith & Denise
Stoneham
Tel. Sue 01202 581898

Ashburton 3 Mar
the Knights Templar
Marilyn Hopkins
Lynda@centreofawareness.co.uk

Axminster 3 Mar
Signature Readings
Sue Hudd
Tel. 01297 32331

Bournemouth 3 Mar
the Way of Intuition
Jeraldine Lovell Cole
Tel. Paul 08704280934

Brighton 4 Mar
Astronomy of the Ancients
James Mitchell
info@theantiquariansociety.com

Frome 5 Mar
the Secret World of Tolkiens
Middle Earth
Hugh Le Provost
Tel. Marina 01373 466391

Yeovil 5 Mar
Clairvoyance
John Winfield
Tel. Jan 01935 421161

Boscombe 6 Mar
the Etruscans and their
Influence on Modern Day
Civilisation.
Gary Biltcliffe
Tel. Dave 07977 144147
or Peter 01258 489798

Ashburton 7 Mar
Survival of Consciousness
Lynda@centreofawareness.co.uk

London (TS) 9 Mar
the Ancient Art of Chinese
Medicine
Diana Kempster
Tel. 0207 563 9815

London (TS) 9 Mar
the Philosophers Stone, the
Pentram and the Mysteries of
Existence. Sylvia Francke
Tel. 0207 563 9815

Ashburton 10 Mar
Astrology
Lynda@centreofawareness.co.uk

Taunton 10 Mar
How to see the Human Aura
Amanda Walder
Tel. 01823 283742

Bournemouth PLG 10 Mar
You Are the Cosmos
Jude Currihan
Tel: Sue 01202 581898

London (LEMC) 11 Mar
the Measure of a Man: the Human
Body in Relation to the Landscape
Jeremy Morgan
lemc@ic24.net

Alton Barnes 12 Mar
Psychic Children, Dolphins,
DNA and the Planetary Grid
Hugh Newman
Tel. 01672 563831

Weymouth & Dorchester
12 Mar
So What is Holistic Health?
Maureen Dennis
Tel. Pat 01305 767242

Roadwater 13 Mar
Angels. Julia Day
Tel. Carolynn 01984 640147

Glastonbury 13 Mar
Sacred Geometry
Claudie Planche
Tel. 01458 835506

Axminster 14 Mar
the Way of Magic
Gordon Strong
Tel. 01297 32331

Bristol (NDG) 16 Mar
Preparing for the Revolution
of 2012. Andrew Smith
Tel. Ghislaine 01225 333825

Totnes 16 Mar
Psychic Children, Dolphins,
DNA and the Planetary Grid

Hugh Newman
Tel. Jeffrey 01803868744

London (TS) 16 Mar
Astrology the Path of Return
Wendi Sellar
Tel. 0207 563 9815

London (TS) 16 Mar
Zohar and the Awakening of
Consciousness
Mark Wright
Tel. 0207 563 9815

Bath 17 Mar
Bath Story Telling Circle
Tel. Kevan 01225 334204

Bournemouth PLG 17 Mar
the Light of Vibration Energy
Dee Hartley
Tel. Sue 01202 581898

Ashburton 17 Mar
Mysteries and Cover Ups
Andy Thomas
Lynda@centreofawareness.co.uk

Yeovil 19 Mar
Colour in Your Life
Lin Law
Tel. Jan 01935 421161

Glastonbury 20 Mar
Spring Equinox Gathering
Astroarchaeological Alignments,
Ancient Sites and the Druid Way
Tel. Hugh 01458 835211

London (Forum) 20 Mar
Contact, Meaning,
Preparation. Alan Foster
Tel. Margaret 02086715417

Glastonbury 21 Mar
Spring Equinox Mayan
Evening. Claudie Planche
Tel. 01458 835506

Bristol (Dowzers) 21 Mar
Clairvoyance and Dowzing
Toni
Tel. Jason 0117 9498933

Axminster 21 Mar
Abott of the Hartridge Buddhist
Monastery. Jutindharo
Tel. 01297 32331

Sherborne 24 Mar
Chambered Tombs of Europe
Peter Knight
Tel. Jean 01963 220323

London (LEMC) 25 Mar
the Glastonbury Enigma
Jack Gale
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London (RILKO) 28 Mar
the Platonic City: Sacred
Geometry and Zodiacal
Symbolism in Ancient Greece
Christine Rhone
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Axminster 28 Mar
Love. Simon Price
Tel. 01297 32331

Bournemouth (PLG) 31 Mar
Climate Change and
Consciousness
Peter Taylor
Tel. Sue 01202 581898

WORKSHOPS & COURSES

Chard 1 Mar
Angel Healing Practitioner
Course (Foundation Module)
Margaret Merrison
Tel. Margaret 01460 66151

Birmingham 1 Mar
the Journey Intensive
Tel. 01656 890400

Stanstead 1 Mar
Spiritual Development Course
(module 2). Chrissie Astell
www.angellight.co.uk

Middle Piccadilly 2 Mar
New Year (old style) Sound
Bath. Dean Carter
Tel. Dean 01935 389655

Chard 3 Mar
Angel Healing Practitioner
Course (Angel Healing
Module). Margaret Merrison
Tel. Margaret 01460 66151

Birmingham 3 Mar
the Journey: Advanced Skills
Tel. 01656 890400

Sturminster Newton 5 Mar
Reiki Share Group
Jane Williams
Tel. Jane 01258 471152

Ashburton 6 Mar
Healer Support Group for
West Country Healers
Ivor and Sheila Hutchings
Lynda@centrefawareness.co.uk

Cullompton 8 Mar
the Enneagram Programme
(part 2).
Veronica & Chris Croft
01884 855759

Middle Piccadilly 8 Mar
Overtone Intensive follow up
course. Dean Carter
Tel. Dean 01935 389655

Sturminster Newton 8 Mar
Magic Reiki Day
Jane Williams
Tel. Jane 01258 471152

Wimborne 8 Mar
Heaven in my Heart

Nick Prater
Tel. Jackie 01202885294

Glastonbury 8-9 Mar
Reiki Levels I and II
Claudie Planche
Tel. 01458 835506

Stroud (Hawkwood) 9 Mar
Your Lives Journey
Larry Leighton
Tel. 01453 759034

Axminster 15 Mar
Everyday Magic
Gordon Strong
Tel. 01297 32331

Axminster 16 Mar
Shamanic Awareness
Donna Nunn
Tel. 01297 32331

Weymouth 16 Mar
Handling and Enjoying
Relationships (mirrors for our
growth). Ruth
Tel. Pat 01305 767242

Sturminster Newton 18 Mar
Meditation Group
Jane Williams
Tel. Jane 01258 471152

Ashburton 20 Mar
Healer Support Group for
West Country Healers
Ivor and Sheila Hutchings
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Dorchester 22 Mar
Ancient Stones of Dorset
Peter Knight
Tel. Peter 01258 489798

Chard 25 Mar
Reiki Share Group
Margaret Merrison
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Glastonbury 21 Mar
the Magdalene Grail
Teachings: Manifesting
Alchemy Consciousness with
the Alchemical
Empowerments of the Four
Elements of Nature
Tel. Mano 01458 833114

Glastonbury 21-24 Mar
Way of the Heart (level 2)
Openhand
Tel. 01458 830443

Glastonbury 22-24 Mar
the Template: Ceremonies of

Original Innocence
Tel. 01458 835506

Middle Piccadilly 23 Mar
Mega Sound Bath.
Dean Carter, Roz Crampton,
Ant Sauchella
Tel. Dean 01935 389655

Stoke Trister 28-30 Mar
Psychic Art – The Power to
Create. June-Ellen Laine
Tel. 0208 395 2140

Reading 29 Mar
Self Healing Course
School of Energy Healing
Tel. 08708007060

Axminster 29-30 Mar
Past Lives Future Lives
Mary Hykel Hunt
Tel. 01297 32331

University of Exeter
MA in Western Esotericism; a
part-time, distance learning
programme.

Email n.goodrick-clarke@exeter.ac.uk

**The University of Wales,
Lampeter**
Home Study Masters
Programme

The Body: Eastern and
Western Perspectives.
bodyprogramme@lamp.ac.uk

The University of Bath
MSc in Death and Society
hss-pgr-coordinator@bath.ac.uk

TOURS

St Malo 29 Feb-2 Mar
Megalithic Tours Cruise to
St Malo
Tel. Neil 01772 728181

Chester 8 Mar
Tel. Neil 01772 728181

Warwick Castle 15 Mar
Tel. Neil 01772 728181

Israel 18-25 Mar
Sacred Waters Tour
Tel. Sophie 01458 830293

Southern England 21 Mar
Stonehenge, Avebury,
Glastonbury Spring Equinox
Tour. Tel. Neil 01772 728181

www.Mindspiritnetwork.com

Bath Storytelling Circle.
Tel. 01225 334204

The London Forum.
Tel. 02086715417

Bournemouth PLG
www.powerofpositiveliving.com

Body, Mind, Spirit Centre,
Dorchester.
www.body-spirit.co.uk

**Academy of Spiritual
Psychology**
www.spiritualpsychology.co.uk

Unicorn Centre, Chard.
www.unicorncentre.co.uk

Mysticklight.com

Thames Valley Dowzers
Tel. 01494 813 214
susan@scottpowell.fsnet.co.uk

Library of Avalon (LoA)
www.libraryofavalon.co.uk

Theosophical Society,
London.
www.theosophical-society.org.uk

**Foundation for International
Spiritual Unfoldment**
www.fisu.org/en

Antiquarian Society:
www.theantiquariansociety.com

South Coast Dowzers
www.healthyandwise.co.uk/south_coast_dowzers.htm
www.Loveandlight.co.uk

Hospice of the Heart
www.hospiceoftheheart.org

Openhand
www.openhandweb.org

Soliluna House
www.soliluna.net

White Elk Woman
www.white-elk-woman.com

**House of Life Mystery
School**
www.thehouseoflife.co.uk

R.I.L.K.O.
<http://members.aol.com/rilko/>

Psychic-Sanctum.co.uk

www.Enneagram-uk.com
www.sacredconnections.co.uk

Serapis Bey Mystery School
www.revolutionof2012.net

www.networkoflight.org

www.megalithictours.com

Film Review: The Order of the Alchemists: The Knights of Malta and

Cagliostro - Almost everybody is aware of the Knights Templar. But not everybody realizes that there was another Order from the same time and with the same roots. This Order still exists today and has incredible power. This film & audio book reveals the true history of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and in so doing, we discover occult and sinister forces at play. The story of the Knights of Malta is filled with mystery, intrigue and excitement. Described as a thought provoking masterpiece, this film unravels the military might and origins of this very human brotherhood, but also cleverly picks apart its deeper alchemical and occult leanings that as ever were right before our eyes. Email Michael at Michael@real2can.com for more information about the film.

Cycles of the Earth - Spring Equinox (cont)

In our home we celebrate Spring Equinox with a long walk, enjoying the elements and taking time to notice nature coming alive. We visit our family's sacred space and leave painted eggs as offerings symbolising new life and new beginnings. Our spring clean will have taken place a few days before hand, removing the negative energy accumulated in winter and preparing our home for the positive growing energy of the spring. We then decorate the house with early spring growth and flowers. We spend time sitting around a fire talking about our hopes for the future and planning positive steps to take. Finally jumping over the dying embers of the fire is believed to assure fertility of people and crops.

In today's world it is important that we try to make time to connect with the Earth. The Earth needs to hear our voice and we are a voice for the Earth. Try to use Spring Equinox as a focus for your future plans for the year and this will help you to embrace the coming of the summer. Take this opportunity to embrace Eostre's passion for new life and let our own lives take the new directions we have wanted for so long.

Some people believe that it is possible to balance an egg on its end within a few hours before and after the exact time of the equinox. If anyone manages to do this please take a photo and send it to me, Maria Viner, at Bristol Dowzers. Email: mariaviner@blueyonder.co.uk

Wishing you all a wonderful Spring Equinox.

Book Review: The Art of Being Psychic by June Elleni Laine

A brilliant book for anyone wishing to develop their intuition, creativity and psychic ability. It is truly wonderful, one of the best books on psychic development currently available. Fascinating and thought provoking exercises abound and open one up to an awareness of the right/left brain functions and how to balance them. Readers are shown how to access their creative right brain and so tap into their intuitive knowledge and psychic ability, this in turn opens the door to spirit communication. June-Elleni Laine uses examples of her own spiritual awakening to encourage readers to explore their own potential. For further information about the book contact June-Elleni Laine at info@psychicartworks.com or log on to www.psychicartworks.com

To promote an event or submit a contribution to the newsletter email Robert
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Repeal of the Fraudulent Mediums Act

The 1951 Fraudulent Mediums Act is due to be repealed in April 2008 and replaced by Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading 2007 (CPR's) which implement the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive (UCPD). Importantly the emphasis of the new legislation is on the Medium or healer to prove that they aren't fraudulent whereas the original Act required proof that the medium or healer was fraudulent. The changes will mean that a complainant can say they believe the medium or healer was fraudulent and it will be up to the medium to prove otherwise. For more information about these changes and their possible implications log on to www.spiritualworkersassociation.org.uk or www.saahera-centre.org where there are on-line petitions or email the Saahera Centre at saahera@tiscali.co.uk

Early Memories of R.I.L.K.O

Dear Robert, further to your article about R.I.L.K.O in last month's newsletter, I thought I might write and tell you about my early and enjoyable experiences of the organisation, dating back to the 1960's. My RILKO membership number is 009, so I was one of the earliest members. In the late 60s we used to meet in Kensington Town Hall, filling the main hall. Magnificent buffets were laid on and I suspect a lot of people came mostly for the food.

John Williams, the great Welsh dowser gave a talk. As I was living near him at the time, I got to know him and he taught me to dowse, an early step on The Path. He took me up a lane above Crickhowel (Hywel's Stone). We stopped and got out of the car and he handed me his dowsing rods and said "Where is it?" The rods pointed to a high stone wall and when we climbed over, there was Hywel's stone on the other side. *M. Pawson (Street)*

A to Z of the Esoteric Being

Thought Form - An astral ent created as a result of concentrated thought. Thought is not merely an intellectual operation but a form of energy that leaves a definite impression on the ether. Most thought forms disintegrate very quickly but those charged with emotion have a longer term of life.

TransPowering - An ancient technique for the transmission of spiritual or occult insight from one person to another. It might not mean the communication of theoretical knowledge but rather the bestowal of a secret teaching or mystic illumination.