



Wessex Research Group Network *Newsletter*

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December's newsletter contains book reviews, articles and a listing of festive and other events. A welcome also too Inspired Events (www.inspired-events.com) a new group to the network that organises talks in the Wokingham area.

If anyone is seeking a new challenge for 2010, the Glastonbury Wessex Research Group is looking for an enthusiastic person to take on the role of group co-ordinator. Please contact Sue Chapman (tel. 01458 835708) for further information.

The latest addition to the Wessex Network blog; <http://wessexresearchgroup.blogspot.com> is called Notions of the Higher Self. Our Journey of Ascension by Chris Bourne is the newest addition to the on-line digital lecture archive, whilst the latest addition to the on-line article archive is Cellular Memory by Malcolm Robinson founder of Strange Phenomena Investigations.

A Vision of an Arcane Landscape. by Jeremy Taylor

History, the ritual landscape and geometry once resonated very much as one. Faint traces of our ancestors whose silent whispers in the landscape once conveyed so much awe and splendour now sadly lie silent, their purpose and meaning largely forgotten, for in general there is a present day lack of any real sense of connectedness.

This compounds our ability to relate - be it to the environment - through the seasons, the cosmos - through the heavenly bodies or to our community through a neighbour. Far away from the mind boggling complexity of the pyramids of Giza, yet equally compelling, sit seven sites of mythic antiquity whose geomantic and geometric design collectively creates a beautiful and vast heptagon in the landscape centring on the famed ecclesiastic town of Bury St Edmunds (whose own great Abbey's ground plan mirrors that of the abbey at Glastonbury).

Over a decade later I learnt that this landscape symbol had been employed by our forefathers before whilst plotting their temples and markers in the landscape of Southern Britain (Behrend, 1975), consciously created and designed to personify a harmonious fusion between temple proportion, the Earth's circumference and ancient units of measure; ratio's and measurements identical in size to others discovered at Avebury and Stonehenge. We now appreciate that individual ancient sites and collective structures carried profound psychological meaning to our prehistoric ancestors. Round barrows served to symbolically



Above: Thornborough Henge, Yorkshire

“represent the wider landscape in architectural form” (Watson, 2001) and were believed to represent the centre of the world, or even cosmos (Richards, 1996).

Mainstream archaeology is embracing ideas now which a decade ago would have seemed fringe and ‘new-age’. Recently in the Journal of British Archaeology (March, 2004) there it is acknowledged that the plan of the three henges at Thornborough (shown above) in Yorkshire was designed to be an exact mirror of the three main setting stars in the belt of the constellation of Orion between 3,300 - 3,000 B.C. Ancient monuments on the surface of the earth were not only erected to discover the patterns of behaviour of our celestial neighbours (the major planets and stars) but were also designed in such a way as to *embody* those patterns, already known in what has been described as a ‘religious architecture’ (North, 1996).

There is a consistent connection between frequency, wavelength, energy transference and the arcane landscape. In a world of ‘dumbing down’ reality TV it is possible to reconnect, reconfigure with the infinity within ourselves. The idea of a landscape temple is presented in my recent publication “Seven Wonders – Suffolk’s Ancient Sites: a Vision of an Arcane Landscape.” For further information, log on to www.arcanelandscape.com

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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

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Group Bristol**
Lea 01225 722963

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Joyous Isle workshops
www.joyousisle.com
www.awarenesscentre.org.uk

www.stoneseeker.net
www.dragonseeker.co.uk

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

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hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

Taunton Pagan Moot
Tel. 01823 283742

www.avalonrising.co.uk

www.angellight.co.uk

**Taunton Association for
Psychodynamics (TAP)**
Tel. 01823 665798

www.wccsq.com

www.innerpotential.org

www.wrekinforum.org

www.goldenageproject.org.uk

**Theosophical Society in
Scotland**

CONFERENCES

London 5-6 Dec
Towards 2012: The
Enchantment of Olympic
London: Sacred Games,
Places and Star Patterns
Conference of the Gatekeeper
Trust. www.gatekeeper.org.uk

Bury St Edmunds 5-6 Dec
All Angels Day
www.allangelsday.org

Fife 12 Dec
the Wake Up Call Conference
<http://thewakeupcall.org.uk>

Chetumal City 16-23 Dec
The Mayan Calendars and the
Mayan Prophecies
www.yumchaak.com.mx

FESTIVE GATHERINGS

Penn / Beaconsfield 6 Dec
Thames Valley Dowzers AGM and
Christmas Lunch
Tel. Susan 01494 813214

Chingford 6 Dec
Gururaj Birthday Celebration
FISU
Tel. 0208 523 3133

Bournemouth PLG 7 Dec
Christmas Drinks Party
Tel. Sue 01202 581898

London 8 Dec
Forum and Social
London Earth Mysteries Circle
lemc@ic24.net

Weymouth & Dorchester 9 Dec
Yule Social
Tel. Roma 01305 816644

Yeovil 9 Dec
Christmas Social
Tel. Colleen 01935 477756

London 11 Dec
Social Evening and Open
House.
College of Psychic Studies
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Alton Barnes 12 Dec
Christmas Lunch and Fair
Wiltshire Crop Circle Study Group
Tel. 01380 739966

Cranborne 13 Dec
Christmas Concert
with Dave, Phil and Jubilate
Tel. 01202 885294

Taunton 14 Dec
Yule Folk Night
Tel. Yarrow 07974 649794

Bradford on Avon 16 Dec
the Fountain Group Winter
Party
embraceyourself@ymail.com

Christchurch 19 Dec
Winter Solstice Celebration
Tel. Gary or Kate 01202 418291

Avebury 20 Dec
Winter Solstice Gathering
Peter Knight
Tel. 0775 408 2691

Milk Hill 21 Dec
Lighting of the White Horse
Winter Solstice Celebration
Wiltshire Crop Circle Study Group
Tel. 01380 739966

Woodshaw 21 Dec
Christmas Social
Wyvern Dowzers
wds@wyverndowsing.freeserve.co.uk

Glastonbury 21 Dec
Winter Solstice Celebration
Tel. 01458 831154

Glastonbury 25-26 Dec
Free Garden Admission
Chalice Well
Tel. 01458 831154

Weymouth 27 Dec
Yuletide and New Year Festival
Tel. Tricia 0783 316 4615

Stroud 29-31 Dec
New Year Retreat.
Initiation into Newness
Dr Serge Beddington Bedhrens
Tel. 01453 759034

Glastonbury 29-31 Dec
New Year Retreat
Openhand Foundation
Tel. 01458 830443

TALKS

Little Waltham 1 Dec
Angels Are Not Just for Christmas
Chrissie Astell
www.angelight.co.uk

London (IPC) 1 Dec
You Can Change the World
Toni Perrott
Tel. 0207 736 4187

Glastonbury PLG 2 Dec
Truth from the Source
Ann West
Tel. 01458 833128

Frome 2 Dec
Following in the Footsteps of
the Ancestors: Reviving the
Ancient Art of Pilgrimage
Celia Gunn
Tel. Marina 01373 466391

Edinburgh 3 Dec
What it is to be Human
Christine Gear
christinebrian@totalise.co.uk

DEMG at Stapehill 3 Dec
the Tarot, the Knights Templar
and the Origins of Freemasonry
Beverly Frost
Tel. Dave 07977 144147

Glastonbury 5 Dec
Sacred Geometry
Claudie Planche
Tel. 01458 835506

London (TS) 6 Dec
the Lunar Nodes & the Karmic Axis
in Vedic Astrology
Paul Barker
Tel. 0207 563 9815

Wimborne 7 Dec
Demonstration of Transfiguration
Peter Steedman
Tel. 0800 977 4767

Stoke Trister 7 Dec
Tibetan Masters and Mystery
Schools
John Clements
Tel. 01963 33360

Glastonbury PLG 9 Dec
the Study of Sacred Space –
So What?
Sig Lonegren
Tel. 01458 833128

London (TS) 9 Dec
The Surveyors and Astronomers
of the Ancient British Isles - A
Study of Our Brilliant Ancestors
Edmund Marriage
Tel. 0207 563 9815

London 10 Dec
Nature Spirits: Approaching the
Borders of a Supersensible World
Susan Raven
Tel. 0870 766 9657

Edinburgh 10 Dec
Emo Trance
Dawn Flochart
christinebrian@totalise.co.uk

London (Forum) 10 Dec
the Orbs Phenomenon
John Pickering and Katie Hall
Tel. 0208 671 5417

Wokingham 11 Dec
Evening of Music and Meditation
Lucinda Drayton
hello@inspired-events.com

Thakeham 11 Dec
Meditation Evening
Justine@angeldivinity.com

Bristol 13 Dec
Interacting with Angels
Alan Foster
Tel. Lea 01225 722963

Totnes 13 Dec
the Well Under the Sea
Kevan Manwaring
Tel. 01803 868744

Fordinbridge 14 Dec
Sacred Sites of Wessex
Peter Knight
Tel. Diana 01425 654872

Glastonbury PLG 16 Dec
the Faerie Folk
Hugh Le Provost
Tel. 01458 833128

Bristol 18 Dec
Extending Consciousness from the
Chakras, for Dowsing
Prof. Peter Stewart
Tel. Lea 01225 722963

Bath 21 Dec
Bath Story Telling Circle 10th
anniversary special
Tel. Kevan 01225 334204

Dorchester 30 Dec
Meeting of the Pagan Moot
Tel. 01305 251646

WORKSHOPS & COURSES

Global Meditation Event
1 Dec 9pm
www.networkoflight.org

Thakeham 1 Dec
Fairies. Drawing and Painting
Workshop
Justine@angeldivinity.com

Thakeham 1 Dec
Unicorns. Drawing and Painting
Workshop
Justine@angeldivinity.com

Esfahan, Iran 2 Dec
Full Moon Sacred Site
Ceremony
Grand Mayan Itza Council
yokhahmaya@hotmail.com

Thakeham 2-6 Dec
Angel Reiki I and II
Justine@angeldivinity.com

Chagford 4-7 Dec
Sound and Silence. Poetry and
Meditation Weekend
Roselle Angwin
Tel. 01822 841081

London (IPC) 5 Dec
you too Can Heal
Tel. 0207 736 4187

London 5 Dec
Junior Journey
Yvonne Weeseman
Tel. 01656 890400

Cullompton 5 Dec
Enneagram (part I)
Veronica & Chris Croft
Tel. 01884 855759

London (CPS) 5 Dec
Explore Your Healing
Potential
Edwin Henshaw
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Glastonbury 5-6 Dec
Sweet Track Spiritual Counselling
Chalice Well
Tel. 01458 831154

London 5-6 Dec
Loves Philosophy. Exploring the
Heart and Soul of True Love
Robert Holden
Tel. 0845 430 9236

Pewsey 6 Dec
Past Life Regression
Peter Steedman and Brigid Reilly
Tel. 0800 977 4767

Thakeham 8 Dec
Making a Dreamcatcher - A
Personal Mandala Course
Justine@angeldivinity.com

Thakeham 9 Dec
Guardian Animal (Cat Family)
Drawing and Painting Workshop
Justine@angeldivinity.com

Thakeham 9 Dec
Guardian Angel. Drawing and
Painting Workshop
Justine@angeldivinity.com

Thakeham 11 Dec
Manifestation Acceleration
Technique
Justine@angeldivinity.com

Stroud 11-13 Dec
Regions of the Otherworld. Healing
of the Many Coloured Land
John and Caitlin Matthews
Tel. 01453 759034

Ilton 12 Dec
1st Degree Reiki
Tel. Margaret 01460 53699

Plymouth 12 Dec
Dowsing Course
Aaron Bray
Tel. 07973120244

Cullompton 12 Dec
Enneagram (part II)
Veronica & Chris Croft
Tel. 01884 855759

London 12 Dec
Living with Dying. Opening Up to
Life through Facing Up to Death
Christianne Heal
Tel. Christianne on 01223 861709
or Judith 01258 475125

Thakeham 12-13 Dec
Angel Guidance and Healing
Diploma (modules 1 and 2)
Justine@angeldivinity.com

Cranborne 13 Dec
West Gallery Carols
Dave Townsend &
Phil Humphries
Tel. 01202 885294

Edinburgh 13 Dec
Sacred Magic
Morag Cameron
christinebrian@totalise.co.uk

London (CPS) 13 Dec
Cutting Chords
Sue Allen
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Ilton 13 Dec
Second Degree Reiki
Tel. Margaret 01460 53699

East Woodlands 14 Dec
Healing from the Heart
Tel. Marina 01373 466391

Thakeham 17 Dec
Angel Wings. Drawing and
Painting Workshop
Justine@angeldivinity.com

Thakeham 17 Dec
Angel Landscapes (water)
Justine@angeldivinity.com

Glastonbury 19-20 Dec
Pure Sound Resurrection at the
Gate of Ascent
Dean Carter
Tel. 01458 831154

Badbury Rings 27 Dec
the Way of the Mystic Warrior (2)
David Hand
Tel. David 01202 429300

LIGHTWORKER GROUPS

Bournemouth Tues / Weds
Channelling & Meditation
Tel. Gary 01202 418291

Weymouth Mon (eves) /
Thurs (mornings)
Lightworker Development
Tel. Tricia 01305 784348

Christchurch Weds
Lightworker Circle
Tel. David 01202 429300

Weymouth Thurs
Lightworker Circle
Tel. David 01202 429300

Bransford 2 Dec
Wrekin Forum Spiritual
Café Meeting
Tel. 01452 840033

Salisbury 6 Dec
White Brotherhood Meditation
and Study Group
Tel. Andrew 01963 440733

Sparkford 12 Dec
White Brotherhood Meditation
and Study Group
Tel. Andrew 01963 440733

SERVICES

West Mersea 8 Dec
Spiritual Friends Service, Guest
Medium, Healing, Workshop
Tel. Carole 01621 869567

Stoke Trister 20 Dec
Interfaith Service
Mary Adams & Sarah Cox
Tel. 01963 33360

www.Mindspiritnetwork.com

Bath Storytelling Circle.
Tel. 01225 334204

the London Forum.
www.londoncircles.net

Bournemouth PLG
www.powerofpositiveliving.com

www.body-spirit.co.uk

www.fire-in-the-head.co.uk

www.chalicewell.org.uk

www.unicorncentre.co.uk

Mysticklight.com

www.thamesvalleydowsers.org.uk

www.libraryofavalon.org.uk

Glastonbury PLG www.shiny-happy-people.co.uk

www.theosophical-society.org.uk

www.fisu.org/en

www.theantiquariansociety.com

www.Loveandlight.co.uk

www.hospiceoftheheart.org

www.openhandweb.org

www.stargaia.com

www.white-elk-woman.com

www.thehouseoflife.co.uk

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

www.Psychic-Sanctum.co.uk

www.Enneagram-uk.com

www.sacredconnections.co.uk

www.revolutionof2012.net

www.networkoflight.org

www.megalithictours.com

www.iamfoundation.co.uk

www.saahera-centre.org

www.gaunthouse.com

www.educationaid.net

Sea Spirit Centre
<http://spiritual-courses.co.uk>

www.collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

www.wyverndowsing@freeserve.co.uk

www.brlsi.org

www.kabbalahcentres.com

www.insearchofthesacred.com

www.valehealing.co.uk

Fountain Group
embraceyourself@ymail.com

Book Review: Comet Venus. By Gary Gilligan

Comet Venus (the second book in the God King Scenario Series) presents arguments to vindicate Velikovsky's theories that the 'planet' Venus was in fact a former comet which had been ejected from Jupiter. 3,500 years ago and made two catastrophically close passes by Earth 52 years apart. It later interacted with Mars, which had a series of near collisions with Earth ending in 687 BCE, before finally settling into its current orbit.

Was Velikovsky correct, did Venus appear as a gigantic comet in ancient times? For further information about the book log on to <http://www.gks.uk.com/gks13> or email the author at gary@mars.gb.com

Book Review: UFO Case Files of Scotland (Amazing Real Life Alien Encounters). By Malcolm Robinson.

UFO sightings have been made on every continent on earth and the subject of UFOs has been hotly debated. Are UFOs space vehicles from another world? Are they top-secret military aircraft of some kind? Or are they simply a figment of our imagination? If we are totally honest none of us really know for sure, but this book will leave you with little doubt that Scotland as a country, has been touched by the UFO presence, and that mankind is dealing with a very real and bona fide phenomenon, as the witnesses in this book can clearly testify to.

Malcolm Robinson is a UFO & Paranormal Researcher with over 30 year's expertise and has had 'hands on' experience with each of the cases contained in this book; that includes the full story regarding the wave of UFO sightings over the town of Bonnybridge, the full story of Scotland's first 'reported' UFO abduction and information about other close encounter cases, which are looked at in great detail. Further information can be obtained by logging on to <http://www.healingsofatlantis.com>

Book Review: Brides Mound: Gateway to Avalon. By Gordon Strong and Jane Marshall

This book presents a historical and spiritual account of the home of the Bride, Brides Mound one of the 'Ancient Hills' of Glastonbury. When surrounded by water, this sacred site was once the destination of sea-borne travellers from the West. On a transcendental level, it was also a portal into the other world and the abode of Bride, the major deity of the Celts.

Like Isis, Bride is the Goddess of the Moon. She is the guardian of wells and springs, their pure water bringing re-generation. The Grail is associated with her through its link to the 'Cauldron of Inspiration' which was given to

Dagda, the father of Bride. The Romans attempted to identify Bride with *Minerva*, or *Pallas Athene*, but inevitably she became Christianized as St. Bridget, the chapel on Brides Mound originally dedicated to her.

Bride, as representative of *The Goddess*, represents an important part of the Aquarian age? Is she now the image of the independent, radical female – a New Age visionary and pioneer? Perhaps Brides Well and the many springs throughout Britain dedicated to her, flow with the sacred waters of spirituality that grows the more prevalent in our times. Log on to www.gordonstrong.co.uk for further information about Brides Well and the book.

Book Review: The Well under the Sea. By Kevan Manwaring

The Well under the Sea is the third novel in the Windsmith elegy, a metaphysical epic which represents a lament for the lost of history – primarily for those fallen in the first and second world wars. It follows the adventures of Isambard Kerne, Royal Flying Corps observer and Edwardian antiquarian, as he explores the Realms of the Four Winds and beyond. Only by mastering the Way of the Windsmith will he finally find release from Shadow World – a parallel Earth he becomes trapped in after falling through a mysterious vortex in the First World War.

Following on from the first book (The Long Woman) when Isambard, finds himself alive in the Lands of the Dead after being shot down in battle and the second volume (Windsmith), where he fights with the Chalklanders against the forces of darkness with magic as his weapon and Merlin as his mentor; the level of tension, pace and incident increases in the Well Under the Sea, as he harnesses the power of the winds to take him to the island of Ashalante, Kevan's vision of Avalon, the name being a composite of Atlantis, Ys and Shangri-La. For further information about this and the other volumes of the Windsmith elegy log on to www.windsmithelegy.com

The Origins of Santa Claus

Saint Nicholas of Myra is the primary inspiration for the Christian figure of Santa Claus. He was a 4th-century Greek Christian bishop of Myra in Lycia, a province of the Byzantine Anatolia, now in Turkey. Nicholas was famous for his generous gifts to the poor, in particular presenting the three impoverished daughters of a pious Christian with dowries so that they would not have to become prostitutes.

He was very religious from an early age and devoted his life entirely to Christianity. In Europe (more precisely the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria and Germany) he is still portrayed as a bearded bishop in canonical robes.

In 1087, the Italian city of Bari, wanting to enter the profitable pilgrimage industry of the times, mounted an expedition to locate the tomb of the Christian Saint and procure the remains. The reliquary of St. Nicholas was desecrated by Italian sailors and the spoils, including his relics, taken to Bari where they are kept to this day.