



The Pagan Federation South Midlands District Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition of the PF South Midlands District Newsletter. Any news, events, articles etc for inclusion should be emailed to Jackie at:

southmidlands.webmaster@paganfederation.co.uk

District Managers Report

It is with sadness that we must announce our departure from the South Midlands team on the 1st February 2016. We have enjoyed working with all at the PF, but the time has come for us to concentrate on other projects. Truth be told, there were certain areas of our role we were not able to fully cover due to overly busy lives and a few too many commitments. We wish our successor well as well as Dawn, Emma, Jackie, Dave and Hannah who we will be sad not to see on such a regular basis.

We will still continue to run the Hertford Moot and visit other moots in the area from time to time as "punters" and hope to see many of you again.

Wishing you all the best for the coming season.

Geraldine Oxenham and Darren Jones

I would like to thank Geraldine & Darren for all their hard work for the District over the past few years and wish them the very best in all their future endeavours.

I have agreed to take on the District Manager role in a caretaker capacity until we can find someone to take it on longer term. If you are interested in taking on this role, please email me on southmidlands.dm@paganfederation.co.uk. You must be a member of the PF and like all PF roles it is voluntary.

Jackie Palman

**Acting District Manager, Pagan Federation
Beds, Bucks, Northants, Oxon, Herts, Milton Keynes**

District IT and Communications Officer

As well as editing this newsletter I also maintain our district website: www.pfsouthmidlands.org. If you have a moot, event, group, shop or service which you'd like featured on the website, or if you have an update to an existing entry please get in touch - southmidlands.webmaster@paganfederation.co.uk.

The District also has a Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/392184074188925/>

**Jackie Palman - Pagan Federation South Midlands
District IT & Communications Officer**

Moots, Meetings and Groups

Magick Moot – Hatfield

First Tuesday of the Month

The Wrestler's pub, 89 Great North Road, Hatfield, Herts, AL9 5LP at 8pm.

Unlike most other moots about at the moment which often concentrate on spirituality and paganism, this is to meet to specifically discuss Magic(k)al Practice or Crafting (with or without spiritual or gods). Anyone is welcome whichever path or tradition they follow. The goal is to learn from each other to become better practitioners, to swap ideas, spells, workings, rituals and more.

All Magical Paths and seekers/ interested parties are welcome as long as an open mind is kept and respect is given to all. This will be a friendly and approachable moot and aim to be inclusive of all people regardless of their gender, race, age, sexuality, health or Path. Snobbery is shunned. Contact Dave on day_2k@hotmail.com for more info.

Grove of the White Goddess

Monthly on a Monday (please check for dates), grove ceremony and socialising for druids, witches and seekers of every path. Particularly solitary witches - come and meet others who've changed their minds about practising the craft alone!

Address: Wellingborough Museum, 12 Castle Way, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire NN8 1XB

Time: 7.30pm

Cost: £6

PLUS, weekly on a Thursday, informal learning and social events, on everything from reflexology to chaos magic! Plus cake of course. Address: Varies, but normally somewhere around Wellingborough

Time: 7.30pm

Cost: Free

For further information, contact Wayne Freeman on groveofthewhitegoddess@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at facebook.com/thegroveofthewhitegoddess

Bishops Stortford Moot

Our moot takes place on the third Monday of every month from 8pm at The Castle pub, Castle Street. Just off of new town hill/road. We are a friendly open group who welcomes new comers with open arms. We have a different fascinating subject every month, previous ones including past lives, familiars, crystals, local ghost stories and legends.

For more information contact: willow_dragonkat@hotmail.co.uk

White Crow Coffee Morning, Aylesbury

Fourth Sunday of each month

This Coffee Morning is run by the people behind the Aylesbury Moot and is designed for those who are not able to come to evening moots. It starts at 10.30 am on the fourth Sunday of each month. Children welcome.

Venue is the White Hart, Exchange Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UR, which is almost opposite the Waterside Theatre. Parking next door and stations nearby.
Accessibility: Wheelchair access and disabled toilet.

Please contact Dianne via kowethasbrangwyn@googlemail.com for further information

Bricket Wood Moot

Held quarterly at Moor Mill in Bricket Wood. We have our own room so we can chat and have speakers or do activities depending on what topic is picked.

We aim to provide a casual, safe and friendly environment for pagans to meet and learn from each other. Whether you've just started out on your Pagan path or you're an old hand, you're welcome to come along and have a friendly chat.

You can contact us on: bricketwoodmoot@hotmail.com

Oxford Talking Stick Moot

Every Thursday

The Talking Stick is a discussion group meeting at an Oxford pub each Thursday at about 8.30. We pass the stick around the circle and each person speaks or passes. We decide the week's topic at the end of the previous week's meeting. Prior knowledge of the subject is not necessary: we aim to learn from each other. The Talking Stick is an independent group open to all Pagans, witches, Wiccans, Druids, Thelemites, Shamanics, Magickians and anyone else who comes in good fellowship.

Address: the Angel and Greyhound pub, 30 St Clements Street, Oxford, OX4 1AB

Contact katy@kjennison.com for more information and venue details.

The Jolly Moot (former Potters Bar Moot)

3rd Wednesday of each month. A friendly Gathering with CoA and PF members and lots of laughter for all kind of Pagans and beginners welcome too! To learn, exchange and laugh. Held in a friendly local pub in Potters Bar, Haunted House! Attendees will be greeted by Isis. Interesting monthly talks by popular local wise pagans! For more information, please contact pblaugherclub@yahoo.co.uk

Address: The Old Manor Pub, Wyllyots Place, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts, EN6 2JD
Time: 8pm

Paranormal Meet up – High Wycombe

Fourth Wednesday of the month. A Paranormal meet up group in High Wycombe on the 4th Wednesday of every month. It is a small group at present, but hope numbers will grow and we all have varying interests from Ghosts, Angels, Orbs, UFOS, Crop Circles, Life After Death, Astral travel, etc etc. As the group develops we hope from time to time have speakers talk on specific subjects and a small charge would be made to cover their expenses on those occasions. We have a Facebook group called High Wycombe Paranormal Meet up at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/415462125205125/> .

Contact : neil@geddesward.co.uk or contact Neil via his FB page at Neil Pagan Artist.

Price: free

Address: Bricklayers Arms, High St, Downley, High Wycombe, Bucks

Time: 7.30 for 8pm

Hertford Pagan Moot

Last Wednesday of the month. We are an informal social moot that meets on the last Wednesday of every month in the upstairs room of the White Horse Pub, Hertford. All paths welcome, as are newcomers and older hands alike.

For more information, find us on Facebook or email Geraldine, Darren and Kate at hertfordmoot@gmail.com

Price: Free

Address: White Horse Pub, 33 Castle Street, Hertford

Time: 8pm



Accessibility: As this is a historic building sadly there is no wheelchair access or disabled toilet.

Motley Moot Northants (the pagans wot picnic)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/353108811393187/>

The Motley Moot is a small group of pagans from all paths who are based in and around Corby and Kettering. We meet on the second Monday of every month and at other times and are very much a fun group of spiritual friends.

We hold regular outdoor ritual and often meet adhoc for midnight picnics and spiritual practice.

New members are always welcome and we are open to anyone who seeks to explore their spiritual self. for further information please message Suzanne or Jim on the Facebook page above.

Aylesbury Pub Moot

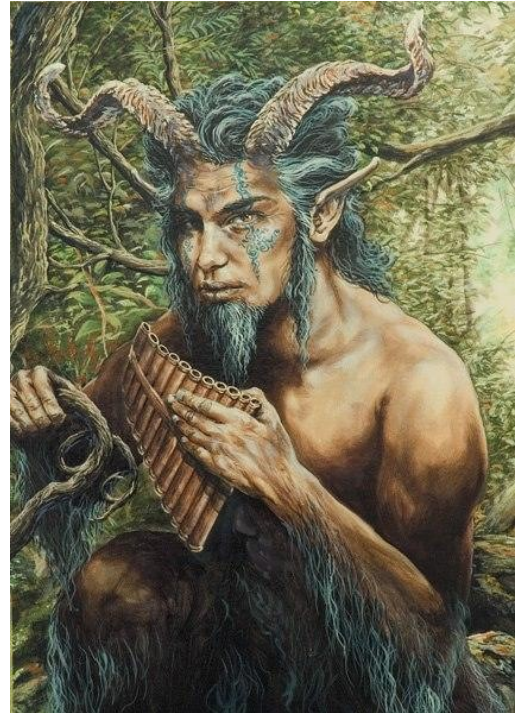
Moot in Aylesbury for those in the Vale and beyond!

The moot is being held at the Hop Pole pub, 83 Bicester Road, Aylesbury. HP19 9AZ at 8pm every second Monday of the month. This is a real ale pub, with beer brewed locally and it does coffee too, and you will be sure of a warm welcome. For further information, please contact Dianne via kowethasbrangwyn@googlemail.com.

Accessibility: Disabled access available to Moot room.

Abingdon Pub Moot

2nd Friday every other month. We are a friendly group of fun loving and intellectual people from many walks of life. Although generally pagan we are open to all spiritual paths as long as all come with respect and understanding. We are hoping to create a social group to share some of the ancient and mystical knowledge that we all learn through walking this path. So, if you're new to the path of the Wise, or have been treading upon it for some time please feel free to join in and come along to this Social Pub Moot and hear the Pan Pipes Play. We also hope to be able to offer training circles, open celebrations and craft making days as things get more established. Please contact via <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/oxonandthatcham-pub-moot-panspeople/> or join our Facebook group for more info.



Address: The Old Anchor, 1 St. Helens Wharf,
Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 5EN
<http://www.theoldanchor.com/>

Shamanic Drummers MK, Milton Keynes

Shamanic Drummers MK is a ladies frame drum healing group. We meet every Tuesday morning 10-1 at Rectory Cottages, Bletchley, Milton Keynes. The cost is £4 which includes refreshments. We have a few spare drums, please pre book one.

Our sister group Great Oak drummers has been recently formed. Sessions are mixed sex and held on a Wednesday evening 6.30-9.30pm at Wyrdos, Newport Pagnell, Milton Keynes. The cost is £5 which includes refreshments. No experience necessary, all welcome. Please pre book a drum if required.

Date for your diary:

We will be hosting a Psychic Fayre on Saturday June 4th in Milton Keynes. More details to follow....

Please check our page for updates <https://www.facebook.com/peacefulhealingdrumming>

Strong Oak Moot – Stevenage

Third Tuesday of the month. The first moot of this social pub moot was held on the 19th February 2013 at 19.30. It is hoped that this seedling acorn will grow into a Strong Oak. All paths and levels of experience are welcome. Meet in the Saloon Bar and look out for the copy of Pagan Dawn on the table. For further information please contact Jacqui and Chris via jackiebabolcsai@hotmail.co.uk.

Address: Royal Oak Pub, 24 Walkern Road, SG1 3RA

Time: 19.30

Cernunnos MCC Club

www.cernunnos-mcc.org

A pagan orientated motorbike club that meets on Thursday evenings from 8pm onwards at The Coffee Pot Tavern, High Street, Yardley Gobion NN12 7TN. We hold a number of events during the year, the main one being a three-day biker rally called the Mabon Rally, held on the weekend closest to the Autumn Equinox. The club celebrates at other times of the year to include Samhain with an evening event, Yule with an evening event, Beltane with a bike show and the summer solstice with a camping weekend. The club's website has a comprehensive biker party and rally guide for UK events; there are links to other bike clubs and bike organisations in the UK, Europe and elsewhere in the world.

Meeting of Kind Minds

The Shamanic Sharing Circle was birthed in November 2013 by shamanic practitioner, 4th level paqo, and life long earth lover and learner of the Celtic, Druid and Pagan traditions, Elizabeth Calderara. Whether you are already following your own spiritual path, seeking inner peace or wanting to add to your spirituality, we warmly welcome you to our Sharing Circle.

Run by Elizabeth and Karen Puttick, initiated Wiccan High Priestess who works with nature, and faeries. These two women open the circle each month for teachings, sharing experiences, guidance and joyous fun for all who seek to follow a spiritual path. No previous knowledge or practice is needed, all are welcome; to share experiences, meditations and laughter.



Thoughts from some of the circle.

'It's fun and welcoming' - Jess

'Really enjoyed this evening, thank you' Jenny

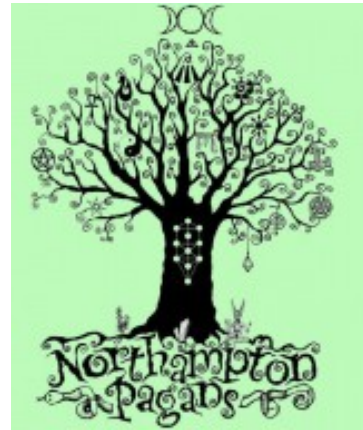
'Thank you so much for the circle yesterday evening, I felt energised and yet calm when I got home.' Dee

Bring your curiosity & self-knowledge. To join the group and to book your cushion space, call us, Elizabeth Calderara on 0779 1659 554 or Karen on 07886 190 921.

Northampton Pagans Open Moot

Are you anywhere near Northampton on the first Tuesday the month? If you are, then we would love to meet you at NP's open pub moot, where we are happy to see any Pagans, or even those who just want to know a bit more about Paganism, for an informal chat (and drink - mustn't forget the drink). Although NP organise this event, it is open to anyone and not just NP members.

For more information please contact openmoot@northamptonpagans.co.uk or see our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northampton-Pagans/102360617505?fref=ts>



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Venue: The Charles Bradlaugh pub, 1 Earl Street, Northampton NN1 3AU (on the corner of Earl Street and Lower Mounts).

Time: 8pm until closing time (or people drift away)

Oxford Pilgrims

We are a group of seekers, all from Oxfordshire, who meet regularly to discuss magic and Occultism in a homely setting. The cycle of the year plays an important role in our group meetings, and we try to keep things as honest and direct as we can. We reject the complicated grades of initiation that are so cherished by other occult organisations. Instead of rushing into performing ritual magic, we start our 'work' closer to home, by honouring that part of nature in our own hearts, and overcoming limiting old beliefs and neuroses.

The ultimate goal is nothing less than becoming full human beings, with all the powers that entails. We strive to become who The Gods (or God) meant us to be. We study the work of a genuine Master; a spiritual teacher with over 40 years of experience guiding students. We're free to think and believe what we like, but we use his teachings as a backbone to our meetings, using them as a starting point for our discussions.

Email pilgrim777@gmail.com for more info

Dunstable Moot

3rd Sunday of the month, 11.00 am at the Old Sugar Loaf, 42-44 High St North, Dunstable, LU6 1LA.

It's a chance to meet with like minded individuals, open to those new to the path & those who have been walking it a while. Grab a coffee & have a chat. Feel free to invite friends!

For more information, please see our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/736469886466933/>

Pagan Pride UK- Anglia

Based in Milton Keynes, Pagan Pride UK- Anglia will be bringing The Pagan Pride UK Festival experience to Milton Keynes. There will be fundraising activities through out the year and we are always looking for volunteers to get involved. To find out more, get involved or to just keep an eye on upcoming events pop over to our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/paganprideukanglia>

Chiltern Nemeton Druid Grove coffee mornings



First Sunday of the month at Tiki Cafe (Organic and Fair Trade Cafe) in the Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead
Time: 10am-12noon

The Grove almost always has open and informal Coffee mornings as listed above, please contact Reverend Paul Sandford to check on paulsandford28@yahoo.co.uk

The Chiltern Nemeton Grove is a friendly and welcoming druidic inspired community that shares an Animistic and Deeply Ecological vision that draws primarily from our Celtic but also from our Germanic Pagan roots.

Accessibility: Disabled toilet.

Bedford Pagan Moot

Meets on the first Thursday of the Month from 8pm at the Bedford Arms, 2 Bromham Road, Bedford, MK40 2QA.

For further information, find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Bedford-Pagan-Moot-840066526077875>.

Order of the Oath Full Moon Moot

Held on the night of the full moon each month. Circles are held at the stone circle at Willen, Milton Keynes from approximately 9pm each month.

For more information please contact the group via their Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/TheOrderOfTheOathStoneCircleMoonMoot>

Address: Stone Circle, Willen, Milton Keynes, Bucks Time: 9pm

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Deadlines for Submissions:

Spring Equinox – 1st March

Summer Solstice – 1st June

Autumn Equinox – 1st September

Winter Solstice – 1st December