



The Pagan Federation South Midlands District Newsletter

Winter Solstice 2016

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

Pagan Pride UK: Anglia put on a fantastic evening of live entertainment on 29th October to raise funds for the Pagan Pride Anglia Festival, with singers, belly dancers and dark morris among the acts. Well done to the Pagan Pride team for a great event.

On 10th December I went along with Jean, our District Disabilities Liaison, to the National Disabilities Team meeting in Doncaster. It was a useful and interesting meeting where the team discussed their plans and ideas for supporting Pagans with disabilities, including their ongoing programme of online festivals.

On a sadder note, I have to announce that Dawn, our Regional Co-ordinator for Beds, Bucks and Herts, is stepping down. Dawn has been a valuable member of the team during her time in this role and I'm grateful for all the work she has done. If you are interested in taking on the role, please see the vacancies section later in the newsletter.

Wishing you all a Merry Yule and a happy 2017.

**Jackie Palman - Acting District Manager
Pagan Federation - South Midlands**

District Updates

District IT and Communications Officer

I edit and send out this newsletter, as well as maintaining our district website: www.pfsouthmidlands.org. If you would like to write an article, or have a moot, event, group, shop or service which you'd like featured in the newsletter or on the website, or if you have an update to an existing entry please get in touch - southmidlands.webmaster@paganfederation.co.uk. I've been receiving very little content for the newsletters, so will be reducing them to twice-yearly at the solstices going forward.

The District also has a Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/392184074188925/> which often has announcements about Pagan events in the District and surrounding areas.

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

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Regional Co-ordinators for Oxfordshire, and for Northants and Milton Keynes. In addition we are still looking for someone to take over the role of District Manager.

If you are interested in taking on any of these roles, please email Jackie, the Acting District Manager, southmidlands.dm@paganfederation.co.uk, who can give you more details. They are rewarding roles that only require a little bit of admin and plenty of enthusiasm! You must be a member of the PF and like all PF roles they are unpaid voluntary positions. However, District Managers and Regional Co-ordinators are eligible for free membership as recognition of their contribution to the organisation.

Moots, Meetings and Groups

Oxford Talking Stick Moot

Every Thursday

The Talking Stick is a discussion group meeting at an Oxford pub each Thursday from 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.

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

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: Disabled toilet.

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

Shamanic Drummers MK, Milton Keynes

Shamanic Drummers MK is a ladies frame drum healing group. We meet every Tuesday morning 10-1 in Milton Keynes, venue to be confirmed each week. 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.

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

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 last Friday 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.

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 throughout 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>

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: The Crooked Billet, Symonds Green Lane, SG12HP
Time: 19.30

Paranormal Meet up – High Wycombe

Fourth Wednesday of the month. A Paranormal meet up group in High Wycombe on the last Wednesday of every month. (may vary according to holidays!) 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 typically of £5.00 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.

Address: Bricklayers Arms, High St, Downley, High Wycombe, Bucks
Time: 7.30 for 8pm

Shamanic Sharing & Learning Circle – The 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 and Learning Circle.

Run by Elizabeth and Karen Puttick, initiated Wiccan High Priestess who works with nature, and faeries. These two women open the circle 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.



Meetings: £12.00 per person.

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

For meeting dates and venue, to book your cushion space, call us, Elizabeth Calderara on 0779 1659 554.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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>.

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Deadlines for Submissions:

Summer Solstice – 1st June

Winter Solstice – 1st December