

SHAMANIC TRAINING COURSES

INTRODUCING OUR GUEST SHAMANIC CO-TEACHERS in 2011:

FELICITY WOMBWELL is an artist, psychotherapist and shamanic practitioner. The author of *The Goddess Changes* and co-author of *Green Living*, she is researching how images aid recovery from trauma for her next book about *Healing Art*.

WIL KINGHAN is a shaman and Wiccan priest with experience of many magical paths. He leads workshops on Merlin in Britain, France and other Celtic countries. He is a trained counsellor and a Bard with the Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids. He is the artist of *The Shaman's Oracle* by John Matthews. As cofounders of Mythwood Films, together they write scripts for tv and film.

PIPPA BONDY is a wilderness rites of passage guide and a carrier of council. Her vision and passion led to her founding *Ancient Healing Ways*. She offers courses in a ceremonial form, creating a bridge between the wisdom of modern healing methods and the cross-cultural wisdom of indigenous peoples. She has twenty years experience as an Alexander Technique teacher introduced **'The Way of Council'**, an individual and group practice of listening, to small community centres, the world of business and education, therapeutic caring professions, hospices, pain clinics and groups. Pippa teaches throughout the UK, Scandinavia & America. further courses, please visit: www.ancienthealingways.co.uk



and has deep spiritual For research

ANGELA COTTER is a Jungian analytical psychotherapist. Her on 'the wounded healer' led her into shamanic training with Caitlín. Together they are in continuing systemic ritual training with Daan van Kampenhout, exploring the healing of transgenerational trauma.

MARGOT HARRISON and HILDE LIESENS are shamanic practitioners with practices in Cheltenham and North London, respectively. They have been assisting on FiOS courses for three years.

SHAMANIC COURSES OPEN TO ALL

These introductory courses are suitable to all people of spiritual intention, honest commitment and good groundedness. They are not suitable for those with mental health problems, nor are they a substitute for therapy. See FiOS on our website for full curriculum & training outline <http://www.hallowquest.org.uk/hallowquest-fios-courses.html>

FOUNDATION COURSE IN CELTIC & ANCESTRAL SHAMANISM: LEVEL A TRAINING



JOHN MATTHEWS was the first person to open up the field of Celtic shamanism. He is the author of *The Celtic Shaman* and *Taliesin*, among many other titles. He teaches all over the world and is frequently consulted as an historical advisor. He worked on Jerry Bruckheimer's *King Arthur*. With Caitlín Matthews and Felicity Wombwell, he is a founder member of FiOS. He welcomes shamanic beginners to explore the path of the Gléifiosa or Bright Knowledge, and to learn how to journey in a safe and friendly environment.

John Matthews, Oxford 2008

19-21 March & 24-25 September 2011 WALKERS BETWEEN THE WORLDS led by John Matthews and Wil Kinghan. For shamanic beginners, this 2 two part non-residential course teaches students to journey, quest, heal and arbitrate along the ancient paths of wisdom, gathering spirit allies and knowledge of ancestral and Celtic methods of shamanic work. We ground our shamanic training in the ancestral mysteries of our native shamanic tradition, gathering as a clan of the sacred earth to honour our spiritual calling. Total fee for both weekends is £382. Send non-returnable deposit of £170 (£85 for each part

of the course) payable to *John Matthews*, to Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680.) Held at a new centre in North Moreton, Oxon. *Both weekends must be attended to qualify for intermediate practitioner training level B which begin on 2-5 October 2011 with Thresholds of Power & Healing.*

14-15 MAY 2011 SACRED COMPANIONS Deepening Our Spiritual Connection with Allies with Caitlín & Hilde Liesens. *For students who've started journeying and want to go further or for returning students who feel rusty.* We explore how our shamanic calling can be encouraged by focussing on the ways in which we walk in the footsteps of our sacred companions and see through their eyes. By learning the humility of staying with our spirits rather than relying upon human knowledge alone, we enliven our spiritual practice. £212 fee. £90 non-returnable deposit payable to Caitlín Matthews to Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680) janedmay@btinternet.com.

INTERMEDIATE COURSES FOR PRACTITIONER TRAINING LEVEL B. *Courses marked # are open to Foundation Course graduates & to experienced clients from Caitlin's shamanic practice. Applications from experienced others need a letter of recommendation from an ethical shamanic teacher: such applicants may be asked to complete some practical shamanic work before acceptance. See FiOS on www.hallowquest.org.uk for full curriculum*



Caitlín Matthews, Oxford 2008

CAITLÍN MATTHEWS teaches the practical applications of ancestral and Celtic traditions. She is the author of many books, including *Singing the Soul Back Home*. Her soul-singing and embodiment work uniquely bring the ancient healing traditions to everyday life.

She has a shamanic practice in Oxford. Appointments may be offered up to 1-2 months ahead of present date. **For shamanic healing sessions: contact her on: tigerna9@aol.com** or to find a shamanic practitioner nearer to you.

#2 -5 October 2011 THRESHOLDS OF POWER AND HEALING with Caitlín Matthews and Margot Harrison. This residential course teaches a full range of shamanic healing ways including plant-spirit healing, extraction of intrusions, embodiment of personal allies and includes the shamanic ceremony of *The Mare Mother's Dream-Dance*. This Level B course is an essential component for those wishing to train as shamanic practitioners. At Earth Spirit, Somerton, Somerset. Cowsheds/ Skylight £412, Dairy/Dorm/Caravan £398, Camping/Non-Res £353

Single Room Supplement £25 extra. £20 discount for FiOS members. Send a £150 non-returnable deposit payable to Caitlín Matthews to Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680) janedmay@btinternet.com

ADVANCED SHAMANIC COURSES FOR PRACTITIONER TRAINING: LEVELS C & D

Courses marked Ω are those who have completed the intermediate level, who have some years' experience. Other applicants only accepted after interview. See website for full curriculum.

Over the next two years, we are opening up the upper levels of practitioner training. Those who have completed **Harkening to the Horse's Mouth** will be invited on the **Co-Walker Sessions** – a series of three courses, leading to registration as practitioners with FiOS. Only those in Co-Walker supervision will be so considered – see **9-10 April course for starting supervision**. For full curriculum, see: www.hallowquest.org.uk/hallowquest-fios-courses.html

2-3 APRIL 2011 TENDING THE HEARTH: HOUSE-CLEARING TRADITIONS IN CELTIC COUNTRIES with Cait Branigan, assisted by Caitlín Matthews



This NEW non-residential course held in North Moreton, Oxon, is open to fluent journeyers. The house-clearing tradition in Ireland and Britain is still potent. Using shamanic journey, meditation and practical exercises, we'll explore the core elements of house-clearing, focusing on work with ley/dragon lines and underground streams; clearing negative/ blocked energies; communication with spirits and the 'hauntings' and house blessing. £238 includes teas and sandwich lunch. Send non-returnable deposit of £90 to Caitlín Matthews to Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680) janedmay@btinternet.com.

9-10 April 2011 COMPANIONS IN PRACTICE: Appraisal for Shamanic Practitioners with KATHY FRIED, assisted by Caitlín Matthews.



Skilled use of appraisal is a practice that works on many levels and can be used in client practice, individual practice as well as in the context of our wider lives and work. When we are able to recognise and honour equally what needs celebration and what needs transformation in our own and others work we support excellence in shamanic practice. At Haddon Acre, Long Wittenham, Oxon. £222 fee. £80 non-returnable deposit payable to Caitlín Matthews to Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680) janedmay@btinternet.com.

Pre-requisite for practitioner peer-review & registration

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11-12 June 2011 THE WAY OF COUNCIL with guest teacher Pippa Bondy of *Ancient Healing Ways*, assisted by Caitlín. This non-residential course is held in North Moreton, Oxon. Our indigenous ancestors naturally used "Council" as a means of communication. Sitting in Council offers a way of communicating that encourages both attentive listening and honest and compassionate expression. This practice recognizes that we all share a piece of the truth, that we all have a voice that needs to be heard and a gift to give in the telling of our own story. It helps to build community and trust by listening to the whole circle – the people, the place, the land, the elements, and the animals - the spirit in all life. This is an opportunity to practice and learn a way of being that reaches deep into our soul's knowledge – re-remembering our ancestral and indigenous ways that still live within our bones. *This course is*

recommended for probationer practitioners under supervision with FiOS but is open to all.. For Pippa's work see: www.ancienthealingways.co.uk £250 inclusive of teas, exclusive of lunch which may be pre-ordered ahead & paid for on the day, or bring your own lunch. LIMITED TO 15 PLACES. Send a non-returnable deposit of £90 payable to Caitlín Matthews to Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680.) janedmay@btinternet.com

MAGICAL AND MYTHIC COURSES & OTHER EVENTS

*These courses and events are open to all who are on their spiritual path. FiOS MASTERCLASSES marked x may require some practical experience and familiarity with the topic, as indicated within each announcement. Courses marked * give £20 member's discount.*

26 MARCH. HOW TO SEE FAERIES BOOK SIGNING John Matthews & Brian Froud will be signing copies at **Forbidden Planet**, 179 Shaftesbury Ave, London WC2H 8JR on Saturday 26th March between 4 -5 pm. Come along and meet us there!



29 APRIL- 1 MAY 2011 Tarot Reader's Studio New York. Caitlín will be presenting **Hunt the Lady: Working with the Significator.** Join this international event as hundreds of tarot readers, teachers, authors and artists gather for 3 extraordinary days of tarot study and play over Mayday at the Marriot Hotel, La Guardia Airport, New York. Look on the side panel of <http://www.tarotschool.com> for details of booking a place in the Readers Studio 2011

6 MAY 2011 KING ARTHUR: LORD OF THE QUEST Caitlín gives a public talk in Atlanta. Before the medieval stories of King Arthur, the Dark Age sources speak of Arthur the battle leader who defended Britain from invasion after the Roman legions withdrew. Not the chivalric king we all know, but one who lived in times of transition. These myths form the basis of the later medieval stories. We will look at Arthur in the ancient Welsh texts of the Mabinogion and the Triads, exploring the mythic themes of cauldron quest and the ancestral role of the king of the underworld. Contact: Ginger Wages on glwages@bellsouth.net 12 places left!



19-21 JUNE 2011 WOULD YOU KNOW MORE? A Nordic/Celtic/ Inuit/Sámi Forum in Akureyri, Northern Iceland, organized by Mardöll – organization of women's cultural heritage in cooperation with The Akureyri Academy, The Centre for Gender Equality and The Nordic Information Office. Caitlín appears as shaman and speaker at this conference whose title comes from the völvu's (sibyl) question: *Vitid þér enn – eða hvað?* (Would you know more – or what?)

The aim of this event is to awaken in the people of today an awareness of the real riches that lie in our roots, seen through the eyes of Woman, and that have for too long been forgotten by our male dominated, earth-alienated, market and profit oriented societies. As this system is shaking we need to look for alternatives and or additional values. In Völuspá (the Sibyl's Prophecy) Óðinn, the All-Father of the Æsir gods, comes to the völvu (sibyl) in his despair, when his world is coming to an end. She looks

back to the beginning of Time and recounts to him his own responsibility for the situation and prophesies Ragnarök, an end of this earth and his world, and the birth of another. In the words of the völva: 'Sun will blacken, earth sinks into sea, shining stars from heaven vanish.... She sees uprising a second time, green earth growing, great from the sea.... There they again, wondrous will find, the golden tablets in the grass, those they owned in olden days.' Mardöll would like to help re-discover the Golden Tablets in the Grass, the wisdom concealed in our past, and which may lead the way to a new beginning, a world in balance. In the Forum we want to create a dynamic and colorful conversation among scholars, artists and activists, *women and men of all ages*, from different cultures, Nordic, Celtic, Sámi and Inuit, representing the main-roots and influences of Icelandic/Nordic cultural heritage. Given in English and with work-shops, activities and cultural events in Icelandic, Scandinavian and other languages. Contact mardoll@vanadis.is for more details.

A CHANCE FOR THOSE WHO MISSED PRIESTS & PRIESTESSES in 2009 TO JOIN R.J.STEWART'S TRAINING:

5-7 July 2011 DISCOVERING THE INNER TEMPLES OF THE SEVEN DIRECTIONS with R J Stewart and Inner Temple Traditions Teachers, including Caitlín Matthews & Marie Geever. There are many traditions, offering interpretations about the spiritual dimensions. But what if you had your own map, a dogma-free method to explore your way to spirit? That is what the Inner Temples Inner Convocation methods, created and taught by R J Stewart, offer you. Find your own spiritual truths and your own essential inner authority as a person of spirit, for everyone is already a Priest and Priestess, not owned by any religion or any fixed tradition. The Inner Temples of the Seven Directions are experienced in a series of interconnected meditations, visions, and simple ceremonies. Once this connection is made, the spiritual energies of the inner dimensions will flow through the body. This is the "method behind all methods" that was used in the spiritual magic and temples of the ancient world, and lives for us today, bringing contemporary awareness into new dimensions of life and heightened consciousness. Most of all, these methods can be taken home with you. Giving you ways to remember and to use. Group members are also encouraged to meet together as friends and continue with the meditations and visionary workings, thus bringing deep spiritual transformation and many powerful insights. This course brings together advanced teachers/practitioners with new students. Advanced session work, closed to new students, will include mediation techniques for the transition after physical death, attuning and purifying any chosen environment and opportunities to teach and learn more about Inner Temple work. **OPEN TO ALL.** Please send a non-returnable deposit of **£100 payable to HAWKWOOD COLLEGE and SAE for map and details to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW. 01453 759034 email: info@hawkwoodcollege.co.uk.** Single £306, Shared £278, Non-res £240

***7-10 JULY 2011 THE MAGIC OF THREE STICKS With R.J.STEWART** Based on an ancient traditional form of folkloric magic from British and Irish faery tradition, this practical workshop introduces us to the empowerment of three small sticks for magic, meditation, and spiritual communion. One stick is for the Faery consciousness, one for the Human and Ancestral, and one for the Living Creatures. Bring three small sticks, approximately 3 to 4 inches in length, and a bag to keep them in. Your sticks should be "snapped" or found, and not cut with steel. We will discover and experience methods of empowering the sticks to enable them as ongoing powerful tools that greatly enhance magical spiritual life and inner work in many ways. We will prepare, empower and use the three sticks in order to strengthen alliances with spiritual allies and co-walkers. This unique workshop forms part of R.J.'s ongoing series of faery and underworld spiritual teachings that he has been teaching at Hawkwood College & In USA. Please send a non-returnable deposit of **£100 payable to HAWKWOOD COLLEGE and SAE for map and details to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW. 01453 759034 email: info@hawkwoodcollege.co.uk.** Single £354, Shared £312, Non-res £255.

R.J.STEWART is a composer, author, and teacher, with 41 books in publication, translated into many languages worldwide. He is widely experienced in theatre, film, and television, and is a skilled performer and presenter. His unique contribution in teaching the ancient Western traditions is unparalleled. His best-selling books include *The Merlin Tarot*, *Celtic Gods and Celtic Goddesses*, *The Underworld Initiation* and *The Miracle Tree*.

See www.rjstewart.net for more details of his books, courses and recordings or www.dreampower.com



***26-28 August 2011 LOST SECRETS OF HAWAIIAN SHAMANISM: Huna and Ho'oponopono with GARY PLUNKETT, with Caitlín Matthews** The timeless practices of Huna form an amazing system of deep and ancient wisdom teachings for living at one with yourself and with nature. They are gently yet powerfully transformative, clearing deep traumas and minor hurts with a minimum of fuss or tears. Unseen hands will stroke away your all-too-human *Pilikia* (issues), gathered throughout your lifetime, as you learn new life skills, ancient ceremonies and ways of being that renew and refresh your life-force-energy and vitality, and strengthen you to stand in your own power. The Huna way is all about the art and science of effective practice. If it doesn't work we don't teach it. These practices are timeworn and proven from an unbroken lineage that is chanted back over thousands of years. Work will include moving meditations, sacred Hula chanting, Dreamtime ceremony, dream incubation and interpretation, Ha Breathing Rite, Ho'oponopono Forgiveness Rite, Higher Self Connection Rite, Creating Elementals, Ho'omanaloa Life. Please send your non-returnable deposit of £100 payable to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW (01453 759034) quoting Course no. 11-341. Enclose an SAE for map & confirmation. Single £256, shared £228, non res £190.



GARY PLUNKETT has been privileged to visit Hawaii many times to learn the lineage of the late Uncle George Naope, Kahuna Hula and Hawaiian nation living treasure, the late Kumu Hula John Kaimikaua, Kumu Hula Etua Lopez, Kumu Huna Tad and Matt James of the Order of Kane, and many other Huna luminaries such as author and teacher Serge Kahili King. He runs retreats in Hawai'i and in US and UK, exploring how the ancient wisdom keepers of Hawai'i teach 'chill-skills' to make life easier through the 'Way of Aloha'. Gary also helps small business to grow faster, improving leadership and management, marketing and people skills as well as being a certified trainer of

11 OCTOBER Woolger Institute 2011 Conference: THE ONCE AND FUTURE GRAIL Invited speakers include: Roger Woolger, John Matthews, Prof Beth Darlington, Anne Baring & Michael Baigent. Rembrandt Hotel London SW1. Est cost £65. Payments to Woolger Institute, Woolger Training/Woolger Institute, woolger.uk@talk21.com + 44 1 865 407996 www.deepmemoryprocess.com

9-11 December 2011- JESUS AND MYTH: A Gnostic Pilgrimage into Myth, Folk Belief and Paganism with John & Caitlín Matthews and special guest, Mark Townsend. This weekend is a Gnostic pilgrimage into the myths of Jesus that enshrine and remember ancient mysteries that are eternally alive. We will discover how the roots of Gnostic ideas, folk beliefs and Paganism all meet together in the myths of Jesus - a myth being 'a story whose essence is eternally true.' These myths uniquely connect primordial ancestral traditions with the developments of Gnosticism and Hermeticism, early and medieval Christianity and the Perennial Wisdom that flows timelessly between and under diverse spiritual traditions.

The living myth that deals with the work of healing and reconciliation is a story needed in all ages. These legends arise from folk and Gnostic traditions as lode-bearing myths that speak of the individual's pilgrimage, the soul's story and the healing of communities and nations. Our ritual, *Finding the Oil of Mercy*, is based upon Gnostic myths and is an opportunity to unite with ancestors and descendants through time and space in a healing communion of spiritual hospitality. If Jesus meek and mild turns you off and Christianity is not your thing, then this course is for you. No proselytizing or persuasion, just the shining stories of the Mysteries as ever on this our 27th annual Hawkwood winter showcase. Join us on this gnostic pilgrimage and give welcome to the eternal things that are holy and sacred beyond all boundaries. **Mark Townsend** served as an Anglican Priest for 13 years before resigning his membership of the Church of England in order to express his ministry in a far more eclectic way. While still a Christian Priest, he is also a member of The Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids and The Magic Circle. He uses magical illusions and mythology to open up his audiences to their own deep inner magic and has taken his 'Soulful Magic' all over the world, performing to such diverse audiences as Roman Catholic nuns and Massai Warriors. BBC's 'Extreme Pilgrim,' Rev. Peter Owen Jones refers to Mark as a 'Priest at the Edge.'

Please send a non-returnable deposit of £80 payable to HAWKWOOD COLLEGE and SAE for map and details to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW. 01453 759034 email: info@hawkwoodcollege.co.uk. Single £276, Shared £248, Non-res £210