

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

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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

17-18 March & 15-16 September 2012 WALKERS BETWEEN THE WORLDS led by **John Matthews and Wil Kinghan**. For shamanic beginners, this 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 £424, including refreshments. (£212 per weekend) Lunches of soup, sandwich & fruit can be provided for £15 for each weekend, charged separately. Send non-returnable deposit of £150 (£75 for each part of the course) *payable to John Matthews*, to Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680.) janedmay@btinternet.com. Held in North Moreton, Oxon. *Both weekends must be attended in order to continue onto Level B training which continues with Thresholds of Power.*

Practitioner Training Level B – for those who've completed Foundation Course

***15-18 April 2012 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 next component for shamanic practitioner training. At EarthSpirit, 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. Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680) janedmay@btinternet.com.

***23-25 April 2012 TENDING THE HEARTH: HOUSE CLEARING IN CELTIC COUNTRIES Part 1 with Cáit Branigan & Caitlín Matthews.** The ancient tradition of house-clearing in Ireland and Britain still holds a strong place in the spiritual traditions of these islands. This course uses shamanic journey, meditation and practical exercises to explore the core elements of house-clearing, focusing on work with ley/dragon lines and underground streams; clearing of negative/blocked energies; as well as upon communication with spirits, 'hauntings' and the blessing of the home. Learn how to apply these skills from an experienced *bean feasa* (Irish wise-woman) who clears houses professionally. *This course is for those who can journey fluently: not suitable for beginners. Please contact Cáit if you are unsure about your eligibility on cbranigan9@gmail.com* **Part 2 runs 9-11 Nov 2012, see below.** Single room £306, Shared £276, Non-Res £236. Prices TBC. 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.

http://www.hawkwoodcollege.co.uk/courses/Tending_The_Hearth_April

***7-10 October 2012 MIDWIFING THE SOUL with Caitlín Matthews & Cait Branigan** This course teaches shamanic methods of soul-retrieval, extraction of spiritual intrusions and practical ways to guard the three souls. We will explore the Celtic concept of the soul and its re-enchantment, through the profound medium of soul-singing. Pair-work is involved. **Take *Thresholds of Power* first.** At EarthSpirit, Somerton, Somerset. FEES Dairy/Dorm/Caravan £391, Cowsheds/Skylight £428, Camping £369 + £25 supplement for single room + £10 supplement for special meal requirements. £20 discount for FIOS members. Send a £150 non-returnable deposit payable to Caitlín Matthews; send to Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680) janedmay@btinternet.com.

21-22 October Caitlín may be giving **Celtic Visions** course (see 4-5 August in *Magical Courses*) in Portugal for OBOD. This is not yet confirmed. Please contact her for details.

27-28 October 2012 REKINDLING ANCESTRAL HEARTHS: RE-MEMBERING THE ANCESTORS with Caitlín Matthews The ancient dreaming of our ancestors includes us all within its prayer, yet we have forgotten how. When a shaman sees a person with a problem of ancestral cause, he treats the whole family – the living, the dead, those not yet born. We live in a world that ignores the ancestors but which is also puzzled by the disconnections that we find in every level of society. We will discover how these two things are related, how the individual, family, tribal and spiritual worlds influence us all the time. This course is dedicated to restoring dignity to the ancestors and giving them a place in our lives. We will open up the ways between the worlds so that the strengths of our ancestors can flow into our families, as well as bringing healing to ancestors who were unable to hold the blessing. When we begin to deal with these issues and to reconnect with our ancestors, our own feelings of abandonment begin to pass and we feel at 'at home' in our world. *Suitable for those who can journey fluently.* Maria José Pinto Casal de S. José, Rua Muguel Leal E Silva 1, 2565-116 Carmôses, Portugal. Tel 351 261 743751 florescer@cycloptnet.pt.



CAIT BRANIGAN is an Ordained Priestess Hierophant of the Western Mystery Tradition, a *Bean Feasa* (Shamanic Practitioner) and Healer working within the traditions of Ireland. She works with individuals at her healing centre in Co. Wexford. She also teaches groups and conducts ceremonies throughout the country and internationally, work which includes Women's Mysteries, the facilitation of Rites of Passage and sweat lodges within the Irish Tradition. She is an Ovate with the Order of Bards. Ovates and

***9-11 November 2012 TENDING THE HEARTH Part 2 with Cáit Branigan & Caitlín Matthews** *This course continues the work began in April's course, see above. It is only open to those who have done a part 1 course with Cáit in 2011/12.* We build upon the work of the Introductory weekend to houseclearing, in April. We go deeper into the practices involved in healing and re-balancing the energies of the home and the land. Participants will explore various techniques including healing and repairing ley/dragon lines, funeral paths and fairy paths; releasing trapped/blocked spirits to the Otherworld; cleansing of negative energies/entities. Single room £306, Shared £276, Non-Res £236. 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 info@hawkwoodcollege.co.uk. http://www.hawkwoodcollege.co.uk/courses/Tending_The_Hearth_November

Practitioner Training Level C – for all who've taken *Thresholds of Power* & *Midwifing the Soul*

***17-20 February 2012 BLESSING ANCESTRAL HEARTHS: Healing our Bloodlines with Caitlín & Angela Cotter.** We all belong to one circle of life, drawing our existence from many ancestors. At a time when many feel isolated or disconnected from ancestral family or places, it is good to reconnect

with our forebears and heal our fractured bloodlines. As we encounter our ancestors and welcome them home, so we begin to feel less lonely or abandoned. We will celebrate ancestral hospitality by welcoming the lost ancestors back to the hearth, as well as honouring all our ancestors and the wisdom that we receive from them. We invite you to draw together as one kindred and find the love and support that makes us strong. Send a non-returnable deposit of £150 payable to *Caitlín Matthews*, send to Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680) janedmay@btinternet.com. At EarthSpirit, Somerton, Somerset. Dairy/Dorm/Caravan £391, Cowsheds £428, Camping £369: extra £25 supplement for single room + £10 supplement for special meal requirements.



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.

Caitlín Matthews, Oxford 2008

Practitioner Training Level D – for all who've completed 2 Level C courses. This course last ran in 2009; we encourage our advanced students in training to join us for this essential tuition.

31 August-4 September 2012 HEARKENING TO THE HORSE'S MOUTH: Shamanic Spirit Consultation with Caitlín & Felicity Wombwell. *Completion of Levels B & C essential. This course instructs experienced practitioners how to teach journeying to clients, enabling them to contact their own allies, to find their own healing, answers and advice: this method brings shamanic work to the community, working in contemporary and personally-relevant contexts. Participants work as client and shaman in turn. Close personal supervision is given by course leaders. *Caitlín & Felicity need to approve all applicants on this course. Please send a letter about your interest in the course, plus some personal background and your shamanic experience to date to Caitlín Matthews, BCM Hallowquest, London WC1N 3XX before booking with Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos. 01453 759034. Single £502, Shared £442, Non-Res £362. info@hawkwoodcollege.co.uk. Deposit £150 payable to Hawkwood College, with SAE for map.*