

MAGICAL AND MYTHIC COURSES & OTHER EVENTS

*These courses, events and signings are open to all who are on their spiritual path. FIOS MASTERCLASSES offer opportunities to deepen spiritual practice with a living exemplars of traditional wisdom. Courses marked * give £20 member's discount.*

22 Sept 2023 THE HEART OF DIVINATION with John and Caitlín Matthews.



What is the place of divination today? How do we understand and engage with oracles and card systems? Drawing upon their lifetime's experience as oracle originators, ritualists, and readers, John and Caitlín look at how we divine, the importance of the questions we ask, and just how the universe responds. This talk is held at Watkins Bookshop. 3 Cecil Court, London between. 5.30-6.30pm. Tel. 020 7836 2182 service.watkinsbooks@gmail.com or sign up at: <https://www.watkinsbooks.com/events>

23 October 2023 THE PLACE OF OUR TRUE ABIDING: HEALING THE ANCESTRAL COMMUNION THROUGH THE LAND As part of William Bloom's online *Experiential*

Metaphysics program, Caitlín is speaking about the belonging of the Ancestors and the land.

Ancestors are not only human but also animal, plant and the land itself, as well as spiritual presences who are not incarnate but who have their own abiding. These ancestors form a collective of wisdom that is contactable within the landscape and at certain nexus points. This sacred ancestral continuum exists out of time and space, but many have lost their communion with this totality of being, leaving many without the support of our timeless wisdom. Reconnection to this communion is found through the sacred land, with which everyone can find connection to ancestral contacts and the deeper understanding. Through pilgrimage, spiritual patterning and meditation with these contacts, we restore the ancestral communion to the benefit of all that is. More details of the Experiential Metaphysics programme are found here: https://theshiftnetwork.com/course/06Metaphysics01_23?utm_source=vanity

1-3 December 2023 THE VISION OF ALBION - Keeping Faith with an Abiding Myth.

With John & Caitlín Matthews, with special guest, Dr. Simon Wilson



In his novel, *That Hideous Strength*, C.S. Lewis wrote: 'Something we may call Britain is always haunted by something we may call Logres,' and so it with Albion, one of the other ancient names for this island. The vision of Albion has not been forgotten: it lies beneath the construct we call Britain as an abiding myth that calls us to awake and remember the spiritual lore and heritage of our land. On this our 39th annual mystery school weekend - open to all - we explore the indwelling sense of Albion as the inspired level of the land, and consider the nature of that call to awaken. What does it mean to honour that vision? How do we embody it? Together, we will hold high the lantern that we may be walk that path again, with integrity, faith, and joy. Image: *Glad Day* by William Blake

Dr Simon Wilson is a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Education at Canterbury Christ Church University. He has a special interest in landscape, love of learning, and the mystical theology of the Eastern Orthodox Church. You are cordially welcome to join us for the 39th meeting of our mystery school weekend, which is open to all, as we enter the deepening of winter's magical unfolding. Prices to be confirmed: Single £410, Shared £370, Non-Res £310. Non-returnable deposit of £120 at Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW (01453 759034)



4-5 May 2024 MEGALITHOMANIA CONFERENCE. As part of the conference, Caitlín will be leading a practical session on: *Temporal Resonance: Timeless Belonging: Sounding the Ancestral Landscape*. We inhabit a land whose sacred monuments were created by ancestors for their descendants, not only for themselves. Caitlín will explore the ancestral signature of those places that still call to each of us, to understand ourselves as part of a community through time. We will also sound our participation in the Perpetual Choirs of Song, whereby we infuse with song the sacred land, bridging time and timelessness in one bond. Held in Glastonbury, Somerset. Booking: www.megalithomania.co.uk

22 June 2024 MAGICKAL WOMEN CONFERENCE Caitlín appears as the guest of honour next year which is held in Birmingham. 25 diverse speakers on the history, practice, and art of women in the occult will be speaking and teaching. The event includes a catered lunch, the (in)famous raffle, and vendor room. Regular price £75. Booking here: <https://www.magickalwomenconference.com/events>

***23-26 August 2024 THE TREE, THE GARDEN AND THE HEALING OF THE WORLD: A FÍOS Masterclass in Qabalah with Ian Rees, introduced by Caitlín Matthews**



IAN REES is a psycho-spiritual psychotherapist practising in Glastonbury Somerset UK. He has been a therapist for 30 years. He has been a practitioner of the Qabalah for 52 years; his original teachers were W E Butler and Tom Oloman. He has taught Qabalah in UK, South Africa and Israel for many years. He has written two books on the tradition *Keys to the Temple* (with Penny Billington) Aeon Books 2022, and *The Tree of Life and Death* Aeon Books, 2022, on which this course is based. <https://www.annwnfoundation.com>

The tradition of the Qabalah is central to the development of the Western Mysteries and at its heart is the ancient image of the Tree of Life that unites opposites, deepens the web of connection and irrigates soul and world. Working with the Tree empowers and embodies our imaginations so that we discover ourselves to be *B'tzelem* - the living image of the Divine - and we are helped to understand our capacity to create and bless. We will explore the roots of this tradition in ancient Egypt, go on to explore the earliest traditions of the Kabbalah, drawing on Ezekiel's vision of the Temple and the Valley of dry bones, the 87th psalm of the Korahite priesthood and consider how these traditions were presented in the work of contemporary Qabalists W E Butler & Tom Oloman, the teachers of Ian Rees. We will explore the Tree as an inner mandala finding our connection to Malkuth the sphere of the living body and living world, then we meet the inner dialogue of thought, feeling and memory; passing through it into the heart presence of Tiphareth the sphere of beauty and mediation. Through this heart presence we touch on the deep stillness that underlies all manifestation. A fundamental practice of prayer, contemplation and embodiment will be outlined based on the ancient Egyptian forms of the Eloquent Peasant, the Good Shepherd and the Silent Sage which will enable us to connect with the sacred and become a living icon, connected to the flow of the universe. **Prices.** Single: £645, Shared: £570 Non-Res: £465, Please send

your non-returnable deposit of £120 to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW (01453 759034.)

40th ANNIVERSARY OF TEACHING AT HAWKWOOD COLLEGE in 2024.



Yes, it's been 40 years since we started teaching our Open Mystery School at Hawkwood College, and here are a couple of photos from over that time, R.J.Stewart and John back in the late 1970s when we first came there as students of Gareth Knight, and Gareth Knight with John in 2004, which was the last time our teacher taught there. We have given a big public ritual on these weekends 'since pagan times' as Cole Hawlings says in John Masefield's wonderful and inspiring book, *The Box of Delights*. Our 40th Anniversary Open Mystery School in December 2024 will be unveiled in the next newsletter.