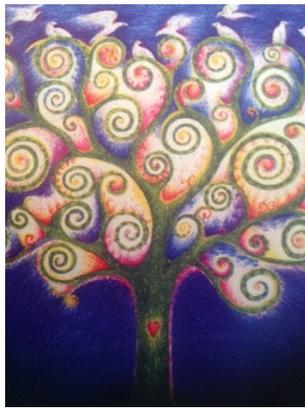


SHAMANIC COURSES OPEN TO ALL

FOUNDATION COURSE IN CELTIC & ANCESTRAL SHAMANISM: LEVEL A TRAINING

This course begins the Level A training. If you want to see the shape of the curriculum, go to:
<http://www.hallowquest.org.uk/resources/curriculumtraining.pdf>

9-10 March and 7-8 Sept 2019 WALKERS BETWEEN THE WORLDS Foundation Course in Celtic & Ancestral Shamanism led by John Matthews and Janet Piedilato. This 29th two-part non-residential course teaches students to journey, heal, quest and arbitrate along the ancient paths of wisdom, gathering spirit allies. We ground in the ancient mysteries of our native shamanic tradition, gathering as a clan of the sacred earth, working with one of the most experienced teachers in Britain and our guest teacher, Janet Piedilato from USA.



9-10 March, we begin with Part One, **THE TREE OF TRADITION: Walking Between Worlds**, concentrates on acquiring journey skills, learning the basics in a supportive and friendly environment.

7-8 September, we continue with Part Two, **SACRED COMPANIONS Deepening Our Spiritual Connection with Allies**, which builds upon the relationship with our spirits, and helps balance our journeying. We begin to explore the basic healing skills.

Held in North Moreton, Oxon. Take both weekends to qualify for Level B courses. Total fee £490. (£240 for each weekend). Food is £50 per weekend extra, including a varied lunch, tea, cake and biscuits. Send a deposit of £150 payable to John Matthews to Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680.) Held in North Moreton, Oxon.

NOTE: *Both weekends must be attended in order to continue onto Level B training.*

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL SHAMANIC PRACTITIONER TRAINING: LEVEL B

For those who've completed the Foundation Course.

*Courses marked * are £20 cheaper to those who subscribe to FIOS*

***28-31 March 2019 THRESHOLDS OF POWER AND HEALING** with Caitlín & Margot Harrison. This 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. This course is open to those who took the Walkers Between Worlds Foundation Course with Caitlín or John in past years. Anyone trained elsewhere who is interested, please write and enquire. Held at EarthSpirit's newly-built Little Earth centre, Compton, Somerset. £367 standard twin, £390 standard single, £383 ensuite twin, £428 ensuite single. Deposit of £130 to Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680) janedmay@btinternet.com .

13-16 June 2019 MIDWIFING THE SOUL with Caitlín Matthews & Ann Carrick. This course teaches the essential skills of shamanic soul healing, exploring the nature of the soul, soul-loss, soul retrieval, and

how intrusions are removed for soul to return. We also explore how healing can be brought by the Reconsecration Ritual. Only for those who completed *Thresholds of Power*: we do not accept students trained elsewhere on this course. Held near Melbourne, Australia to Linda. Held at a residential venue near Melbourne. For more details and prices, contact **Registration:** Linda Henery, Tel: + 61 407 829615, linda.henery@optusnet.com.au



* 25-28 July 2019

**TENDING THE HEARTH
House & Space Clearing
in the Celtic Tradition**

Led by Cáit Branigan and Caitlín Matthews.

At Hawkwood College, Stroud, Glos.

The tradition of house-clearing in Ireland and Britain is ancient and still holds a strong place in the spiritual traditions of these lands. During the course of the weekend, using shamanic journey, meditation and practical exercises, we shall explore the essential elements of house-clearing, focusing on work with ley/dragon lines and underground streams; clearing of negative/blocked energies; communication with spirits and the 'hauntings' and the blessings of the home. Learn how to apply these skills from an experienced *bean feasa* 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*

Cáit Branigan is an ordained Priestess Hierophant, a Bean Feasa (Shamanic Practitioner) and healer working within the Irish tradition. She teaches groups and conducts ceremonies, teaching internationally. She teaches regularly on the Walkers Between Worlds curriculum. Price: Single £425, Shared £365, Non-res £305, *Please send your non-returnable deposit of £90 payable to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW (01453 759034) Enclose an SAE for map & confirmation*

***3-6 October 2019 MIDWIFING THE SOUL** with Caitlín & Dr. Angela Cotter. This course teaches the essential skills of shamanic soul healing, exploring the nature of the soul, soul-loss, soul retrieval, and how intrusions are removed for soul to return. We also explore how healing can be brought by the Reconsecration Ritual. Only for those who completed *Thresholds of Power*: we do not accept students trained elsewhere on this course. Held at EarthSpirit's newly-built Little Earth centre, Compton, Somerset. £367 standard twin, £390 standard single, £383 ensuite twin, £428 ensuite single. Deposit of £130 to Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680) janedmay@btinternet.com .

**ADVANCED LEVEL SHAMANIC PRACTITIONER TRAINING: LEVEL C
for those who've completed Intermediate Level B.**

Note: The Advanced Level courses run over a three year cycle and are not all available every year. When there are sufficient students to activate it, we open up Level D courses every five years or so, depending on numbers. The nature of this training takes into account that people will fall out or need to stop for a few years between courses. We don't require that you take the full curriculum without a break, as we know that life happens! This way you can work your way through the levels in order, in real, rather than in serial time.

Advanced courses for 2019 have still to be announced. We are hoping that we can run *Hearkening to the Horse's Mouth*, but are still looking for a suitable venue.

MAGICAL AND MYTHIC COURSES & OTHER EVENTS

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

***24-27 Aug 2018**

ICONS OF THE HEART: PAINTING OUR SACRED IMAGES

Caitlín Matthews and Felicity Wombwell

On this course, we welcome people of all spiritual traditions, so that you can make an icon of one of your sacred sources. Icon of Li Ban by Betsy Porter



Icons are sacred windows showing genuine visions of divine beings and holy ancestors, already observed by the eye of the heart. Mediating the sacred images for ourselves and our community enables essential myths of many traditions to continually inspire us. We will learn the art of egg tempera to make our own sacred icon, painting, praying, and mediating the sacred presences that we have first met in our souls. This course is for people of *all* spiritual traditions. *This is the first time this course has been offered.* PREPARATION BEFORE THE COURSE: *No formal art training is required.* Please bring a rough sketch of what you want to paint, bearing in mind the size of the board is 5" x 7" or 13cms x 18cms. Choose a single figure with uncomplicated background: this will take all your time to paint, since icons are made up of many layers. Leave space for the name/short title of your subject. Please bring a technical pencil, rubber, apron to cover your clothing from pigment spillage, and a clean tea-cloth to protect your icon on the journey home. All other materials are provided, including gesso-board, pigments and brushes. **Caitlín Matthews** is the author of *Diary of a Soul Doctor*, *Celtic Book of the Dead* and *Sophia, Goddess of the Wisdom*. www.hallowquest.org.uk **Felicity Wombwell** is a creative arts therapist with a private practice on the south coast. She is the author of *The Goddess Changes*.

PRICES including materials: Single £455, Shared £395, Non-res £335. Please send your non-returnable deposit of £90 payable to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW (01453 759034) Enclose an SAE for map & confirmation. *A few places still available.*



30 November-2 December 2018

THE HARMONY OF THE HEARTH: Honouring the Heart of the Home

Hawkwood College, Stroud, Glos

Join us for our 33rd annual Mystery School

Caitlín & John Matthews
And special guest, Janet Piedilato

Keeping the hearth of the home harmonious is an essential and ancestral rite, ensuring that souls are nourished and upheld. This course restores an ancient skill, maintains stability, despite family fragmentation, social change or uncertain times. By exploring the myths of the home, and identifying our household gods and spirits, we seek the wisdom that reweaves the home, so that peace and harmony may dwell with us. We will be inviting ancestors to the hearth to find and welcome our deep gifts. With song, story, and ritual. Please join us for the 33rd open mystery school where we make merry together as we enter the heart of deep winter, and seek the nourishment for our souls. If you have not yet joined us for

this special, never-to-be repeated mystery school weekend, then you have a treat in store, as we herald the coming of deep winter with good cheer and spiritual community. **Janet Piedilato** is a transpersonal psychologist, a complementary health care consultant, and an ordained minister. She conducts services and courses at Temenos, her environmental sanctuary, and is the author of *Pieda's Tales* and the *Mystical Dreams Tarot*. Janet is an extraordinary teacher whose natural ritual skill leads us surely.

PRICES: Single £330, Shared £290, Non-res £250. Please send your non-returnable deposit of £90 payable to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW (01453 759034) Enclose an SAE for map & confirmation.

22-24 February 2019 VESSELS OF CHANGE with Caitlín Matthews. OBOD Lage Landen is very pleased to announce that the renowned Celtic shamanic-teacher Caitlín Matthews will come to the continent in February 2019. Caitlín is one of the most inspiring Senior Teachers within OBOD and we are looking forward to meeting her here again. Just after Imbolc, Caitlín offers you one of the profound courses from her Shamanic Practitioner Training Programme. In this still introspective time of the year, you can immerse yourself in this practical course to deepen your (daily) druidic practice. We will start by deepening our connections with spiritual allies, building upon those relationships, and learning how to mediate between the worlds. Exploring and renewing our relationship with those beings with whom we work together. Then we can create rituals as vessels from which intention, change and healing can flow forth in our worlds. Tailored to our own druidic path, our development and the needs of our worlds. We will be building a foundation for our individual work at home, as well as for our work in larger settings like seasonal and other ceremonies.

The centre, we will be working in, is pleasantly located in a rural area and easily accessible from Holland, Belgium and Germany. There is room to work, to interact with one another and to relax. Seminarhof Schöppingen, just over the Dutch border in Germany, between Enschede and Munster. Costs: € 285,- (bed, tea, coffee and vegetarian food included). The workshop will be in English. Please book before November 1st 2018. For more information: Marjorie Pennings: marjoree@planet.nl. For booking contact: nickyreitsma@planet.nl

5-7 August 2019 PATHS TO THE GRAIL: RESTORING THE COURTS OF JOY with Caitlín.



The Grail is a quest for all living beings. Blending pre-Christian and medieval sources, this myth shares a familiar resonance with our own times: the rape, wars, exploitation, and dedication to regenerate the earth. Following a newly-translated Grail text, the *Elucidation*, we experience the regenerative Grail as a gift in which all participate. Through discussion, meditation, prayer, and simple ceremony, we will walk its paths, discovering timeless ways to embody its wisdom, enabling its healing to irrigate our world. This course is for anyone who is moved by the spiritual truths and wisdom within mythology. At Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, 1046 Bristol Road, Birmingham B29 6LJ. Prices tbc. enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk, 0121 472 5171.

***23-26 AUGUST 2019 CONNECTING HEAVEN TO EARTH:
THE CHANT OF HILDEGARD OF BINGEN with Dame Emma Kirkby & Caitlín Matthews**

The FÍOS Masterclass 2019



The visionary music of Benedictine abbess, Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) explores the connecting of heaven to earth. Her sublime chant came to popular attention nearly 900 years later, notably with the album *A Feather on the Breath of God*, sung by Emma Kirkby with Gothic Voices in 1985. We are delighted to welcome Emma to this FÍOS Masterclass. She will guide us to sing and discover the beauty of Hildegard's unique chant, while Caitlín will help us explore Hildegard's life and work. All singers are very welcome. *Early Booking is recommended.*

Dame Emma Kirkby is one of the world's most renowned Early Music specialists, who has sung on over 100 recordings. Her career has seen her perform Renaissance and Baroque repertoire all over the world. She was appointed Dame Commander of the British Empire in the 2007 Queen's Birthday Honours. <http://www.emmakirkby.com>



Price: Single £460, Shared £400, Non-res £340. *Please send your non-returnable deposit of £100 payable to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW (01453 759034) Enclose an SAE for map & confirmation.*

CAITLÍN IN THE USA IN SEPTEMBER

I will be in just two locations: at Hinsdale, MA. and in Nashville TN. I will be available for any brief meetings at both Boston Logan Airport and Nashville International Airport at either ends of this trip where I have to spend some time before flying onwards. I am particularly interested to make contact with members of the Fellowship of Isis on this trip, if possible.

6-8 September 2019 The NINEFOLD CONFERENCE Caitlín is giving the key-note address at this conference which is held at Camp Emerson, 212 Longview Avenue, Hinsdale, MA 01235, USA <http://www.ninefoldfestival.com/> More details will follow next issue.

14 September 2019 THE ANCESTRAL GIFT a public evening talk at the United Universalists, in Nashville organized by the OBOD grove Celli Sanctaidd O Gerridwen A Llew in Nashville. Contact grove@druidrynashville.org for more details.

6-8 December 2019 BRUTUS AND THE MYTH OF NEW TROY: After the *Illiad* and the *Aeneid*.
With John & Caitlín, and special guest, Charles Newington.



On this our 34th Open Mystery School weekend, we explore the myth that sees all Britons as ‘the remnant of Troy,’ according to the Welsh poet, Taliesin. After Homer’s account of the *Illiad* and the Fall of Troy, the story of Aeneas, last survivor of that doomed city, is recounted by Virgil in the *Aeneid*. Geoffrey of Monmouth and others continued the story by relating the adventures of Aeneas’s descendant, Brutus who comes to Britain, challenging the giants who are the land’s guardians, and founding Troynovant, or London. Following Brutus from his founding footstep at Totnes, to the parade of the giants Gog and Magog at the Lord Mayor’s Show, we will explore the impact of this myth. We are delighted to welcome artist Charles Newington who will speak about his own involvement with the Brutus legend, and introduce us to the making of contemporary chalk hill figures. Together we will enact the *Masque of Brutus*, helping to recreate the giants, as well as following the myth of Troy to its very native conclusion.

BOOKING: Single £340, Shared £300, Non-Res £260. Please send your non-returnable deposit of £100 to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd, Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW (01453 759034) info@hawkwoodcollege.co.uk. Enclose SAE for map & confirmation.

Charles Newington is an acclaimed artist. He is the creator of the Folkstone White Horse, a chalk hill figure. Charles was Artist Recorder for ARC at the gathering the world’s religious leaders at Windsor Castle in 2009. His recreation of the now-lost Gogmagog and Brutus figures at Plymouth Ho is currently under consideration. Charles’ art is in collections worldwide