

Programme of events

09h00 Doors Open

In The Gym

09h30 Welcome

10h00 Nimue Brown

11h30 Theo Wildcroft

13h00 Lunch Break

14h30 Emma Restall Orr

16h00 Penny Billington

17h30 Suzanne Thomas

20h00 Closed for setup

21h00 Paul Mitchell and Talis Kimberley

In The Lounge

10h00 Social Space

11h30 Phil Ryder

13h00 Lunch Break

14h30 Social Space

16h00 Rufus Maychild

17h30 Lorna Smithers

20h00 Kate and Corwen

21h00 Room Closed

In The Café

10h00 until 21h00

Great food and drink

Stalls full of wonder

Book and CD signings

Folk to talk to! ☺

Profiles

Nimue Brown - Druidry at the end of history. We're in one of those strange, apocalyptic eras where people from all kinds of traditions are predicting the end of the world. Environmental disaster is a real threat, there are people who would like to jump start the end times with terrorist violence. 2012 was another date of doom. This is not anything new. As Druids, it is far more important that we consider ourselves as ancestors of the future and really examine what this means.

Theo Wildcroft - The Sacred Body; Ancestry, Inheritance and Practice. How we choose to practice our faith increasingly defines what kind of druids we are. I've spent years on a pilgrimage of the body - exploring what helps us to find a physical practice that feels sacred and authentic. I want to share what I've found, and invite you deeper into this intimate relationship with the gods within us.

Bobcat - Animism: What do Animists really believe? The talk will outline the confusions and contradictions around the general definition of animism, questioning the key terms such as spirit, soul and consciousness, and in doing so will introduce her latest book 'The Wakeful World: Animism, Mind and the Self in Nature

Penny Billington - Druidry: continuity, change and celebration in the 21st century

Suzanne Thomas - "Connections with community" about how the structure of the ceremony has changed over the years and how we infiltrate, erm I mean work with schools and community projects!

Phil Ryder – Chair of The Druid Network. How the perception of Druidry may have changed since TDN gained charitable status, and what the future is for Druids and Pagans in the inclusive spiritual environment.

Rufus Maychild has been Pagan for about 35 years by now. Back in the 1980's he founded 'Pagans Against Nukes' (PAN). He has taught European Folk Dance and Circle Dance since 1995. He plays bagpipes and sings (not at the same time) and thinks we need to make more noise in our spiritual lives!

Lorna Smithers – Eco-Poetry. What it is, including reference to the Eco-Bardic Movement and the relationship of eco-poetry to the Bardic Tradition. Readings from poets who have inspired me and a couple of mine. Meditation and Poem creation.