



The Simmering Cauldron Newsletter

Summer
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A mystical and magical resource based in Mid Wales

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Archaeology on Anglesey

We've just had the privilege of attending an archaeology day at Bryn Celli Ddu on Anglesey. For just 2 weeks in the year there is a dig and this year it was on a site just to the west of the main site. A section of two kerbs of stones that would have surrounded an earthen burial mound were revealed and a few slivers of flint tools unearthed. This dig along with past ones and other investigations suggest that the whole area around the Bryn Celli Ddu burial chamber site was a sacred landscape which occupies a mound between two 'wet areas'. Fascinating!



Later we visited three very different sites near Lligwy Bay including a Burial chamber (c 4000 BCE), a chapel (c 1200 CE) and a settlement (c 400 CE). There is so much to see in Anglesey.

Tony

New shop photos

Every so often we take a set of photos of the shop to put on the 'Shop page' of the website. These are close up and overall shots of the displays to give an up to date overview of what is available. There are also regular posts on The Simmering Cauldron Facebook Group when new things come in. Both these give customers an opportunity to contact us either to reserve items (up to 2 days) or ask for a quotation to post something out. Full details of how to 'shop at a distance' are on the website's Distance Shopping page.



We hope these online viewing opportunities are helpful.

Dodona Oracle, Greece

In May we visited Dodona, the site of an ancient oracle which subsequently grew to a large cultural sanctuary with several temples, a theatre, stadium and shops. The site was originally just an oak tree in a simple enclosure.



Particularly interesting was a visit to the museum in nearby Ioannina which had lots of the 'question tablets', pieces of lead with oracle questions inscribed on them. The majority of them seemed to be about 'which god should I pray to for my problem'. There were also several questions about personal matters and relationships most of which could easily have been asked today!

Just a reminder what we look like!



The Simmering Cauldron in the Sunshine

Phoenix Moot in Newtown

Following numerous requests, a small group of us have resurrected the Newtown Pagan Moot. In case people are unsure, a 'moot' (which is simply an archaic word for 'meeting') is an opportunity for Pagans of all paths to gather together and swap stories and experiences, offer opinions and above all, to learn. Our first meeting in June was quite well attended, although we are expecting more at the next one. The intention is for this group to be a supportive one, where people of all paths can learn from each other and mix with like-minded people. We hope to be able to include talks and workshops in many of the meetings, and this may even lead to other events in the area; visits to sacred sites, for example.

In order to finance possible outside speakers, we have decided to ask for £1 donation per person, per meeting in order to create a 'speaker fund', which can be used to pay travelling expenses for anyone travelling from outside the area to deliver a talk or workshop.

The Moot will fall on the third Wednesday of each month and is held in the back lounge of The Monty Club in Broad Street, Newtown. The next gathering will be on 20th July, starting at 7.30.

We want this to be a friendly Moot, where people will not be afraid to ask questions or express opinions. Each person's path is as valid as the next person's, so we ask that you bring with you the spirit of friendship and leave excess egos at home!

On behalf of the moot organisers, I will post regular updates on The Simmering Cauldron page and group on Facebook, so watch out for those!

Angela

Current **Cauldron Card** Offer

FREE 3D bookmark

when spending over £5

Don't forget to flash your CC when you shop!

Offer for limited period Conditions apply

Our Diary

Newtown shop opening hours	Tuesday – Friday 10.00 – 5.00 Saturday 10.00 – 4.00
Notice - We endeavour to keep the Shop open whilst we are away attending events or on holiday but this may not always be possible. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause	
Sunday 3 th July	Mid Wales Fairy Festival, Elephant and Castle Hotel, Newtown
Friday 8 th – Sunday 10 th July	Healing Weekend, Nr. Highbridge, Somerset