



# The Simmering Cauldron Newsletter

Summer  
Solstice  
2017

*A mystical and magical resource based in Mid Wales*

**Shop address – 7 Shortbridge Street, Newtown, Powys, SY16 2LW**

## Pagan Pride Parade

The Pagan Pride organisation is based in Nottingham and hosts a variety of different events throughout the year, including the Pagan Pride parade and festive gathering held annually in August. The event is a celebration of the diversity within the Pagan community, aiming to raise awareness of pagan faith, beliefs and spirituality, as well as promoting positive images of witches, magical practice and all things Pagan.

The organisation seeks to “ensure that paganism is accurately represented, not just in the media, but also within the minds of the public”. Further that “Pagans & Witches are NOT ‘devil-worshippers’ and do not meet in secret places with dark intentions, Modern Paganism is about living “green”, being in tune with your environment, honouring the cycle of nature and worshiping our chosen deities in all their forms”.



This year’s event takes place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August. The Parade gathers in the Market Square in the city centre at 10.30am and the festival begins at midday with live music, talks, workshops and lots of entertainment, stalls, food court and real ale bar open until 6.00pm. The festival is free and there is an ‘After-Show Party’ with live music held at another venue in the city centre from 7.30pm. Further details of the event can be found on the website [www.paganpride.org.uk](http://www.paganpride.org.uk) . They also have a Facebook page/group.

The Simmering Cauldron is having a stall at the event for the first time and we are looking forward to a great day of Paganism.

## Still available



### Cauldron Card offer

(Offer subject to  
conditions)

**FREE**



### Simmering Cauldron ‘Squiggle’ Pen

When spending over £10

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

## The Magic of Palo Santo

- ★ Relieves stress and anxiety
- ★ Eliminates headaches and cold symptoms
- ★ Reduces inflammation, asthma and allergies
- ★ Deepens spiritual connection
- ★ Raises energetic vibrations
- ★ Enhances creativity
- ★ Calms the immune system
- ★ Potential anti-cancer effects



*Angela*

## Midsummer

The Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year (around 21st June) is often referred to as Midsummer, yet Midsummers Day is generally accepted as being 24th July which is designated St John's Day; a feast day of the early Christian martyr St John the Baptist.

The scriptures seem to imply that John the Baptist was born six months earlier than Jesus, and as Christianity entered pagan areas, Midsummer celebrations came to be borrowed and transferred into new Christian holidays, often resulting in celebrations that mixed Christian traditions with traditions derived from pagan Midsummer festivities. In much the same way Christmas Day appropriated Yuletide celebrations.

A further confusion occurs as some celebrate the solstice on 24th June. In Roman times,

according to the Julian calendar, this was the summer Solstice!



So celebrate this time of year on whatever day in whatever way suits you (Midsummers Day is a Saturday this year). For us the Sunrise on the Solstice (21st this Year), the day with longest daylight time is special and this year it looks like it should be a hot sunny day!



*Some Shop photos*



## Our Diary

<b>Newtown shop opening hours</b>	<b>Tuesday – Friday 10.00 – 5.00</b> <b>Saturday 10.00 – 4.00</b>
<b>Notice</b> - 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	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Healing Weekend, Near Highbridge, Somerset Pagan Pride, The Arboretum, Nottingham