

SPEAKERS

Peter Dawkins is a philosopher, author, lecturer, visionary, geomancer, Zoence consultant and teacher, and a Baconian and Shakespearean scholar. He is the founder of Zoence Academy & Mystery School, which he runs in partnership with his wife Sarah, and of the Francis Bacon Research Trust, of which he is the principal, and a co-founder of Gatekeeper Trust, of which he is now an Elder. Peter's pioneering research has led directly to a developing art and science of 'landscape temples' and 'geomantic (or geocosmological) pilgrimage'. www.zoence.co.uk

Fiona Hopes is a landscape and garden designer, currently working as a gardener, with a love of the strange and magical, of books, and of the living world. Her garden designs work with the subtle energies of the land to create gardens that are practical, sustainable, and very special. Fiona is also a Trustee of the Gatekeeper Trust, working with personal and planetary healing through pilgrimage. www.song-of-the-earth.com

Peter Knight lives in Wiltshire and is the author of ten books on ancient and sacred sites. He is a sacred site researcher and dowser and is well-known for his talks, workshops and field trips which allow people to connect in new ways with the special sites they visit. He is the co-founder of the Dorset Earth Mysteries group, and Honourary Member of the Antiquarian Society and Wessex Dowsers. His work has featured on radio and TV, most notably on Channel Four with Monty Don in 'Don Roamin'. www.stoneseeker.net

Peter Owen-Jones is the parish priest of Firle, East Sussex, an author and a television presenter. Peter is internationally renowned for his television and literary works ... and locally renowned as just one of the village, one of the shepherds team delivering lambs and a gardener growing his own vegetables. His latest book 'Pathlands' follows his pilgrim walks around the British mainland. www.consciousfrontiers.com/peter-owen-jones

Jackie Queally was born to Irish parents from the west of Ireland and returned there seven years ago to write more books and simply be. For many years she led clients round sacred places in Scotland. She was the first external guide for Rosslyn Chapel and wrote two guides for the chapel, basing it on spiritual knowledge known to an inner core of Templars there. The early saints held key roles in the development of western esoteric knowledge in her view. They appear to be the spiritual predecessors to the Knights Templar, and so her return to her ancestral homeland is a poignant step back to deeper roots of this knowledge. www.earthwise.me

Philip Wells performs as "The Fire Poet" from Buckingham Palace and The Brixton Fridge to Canterbury Cathedral and The Royal Albert Hall. His unique improvised poetry inspires children with special needs, while "Barefoot Billion" spreads awareness of the billion children in poverty without full access to education. www.thefirepoet.com and www.barefootbillion.com

Penny Billington has had a significant role in the Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids for many years, and has edited their magazine Touchstone. She is an author and speaker, and regularly leads ceremonies and workshops. Her published work includes 'The Path of Druidry; walking The Ancient Green Way' a best selling practical Druid study course and guide and, in spring 2015, 'THE WISDOM OF BIRCH, OAK AND YEW' (both pub. Llewellyn Worldwide). This year she has contributed chapters to books on Druidry, ancestral connections and meditative practice. www.pennybillington.co.uk



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Wisdom in the Land

With Peter Dawkins, Fiona Hopes, Peter Knight, Peter Owen-Jones, Jackie Queally, Philip Wells and Penny Billington



"Earth's crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God: but only he who sees takes off his shoes."

~Elizabeth Barrett Browning



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SATURDAY, 28th NOVEMBER

10.00-10.15: Introduction

10.15-11.15: "Wisdom in the Land" - Peter Dawkins

The very earth we depend on is a great book of wisdom. Enshrined in its landscape, moulding its form and influencing our lives and consciousness, is the eternal universal truth, waiting for our discovery and cooperative manifestation. The Goddess, the loving intelligence of the land is pregnant with wisdom that she can reveal and to which she gives birth. Peter will share his understanding of the wisdom in the land that lives in nature, in ourselves and the British Isles. These islands are equated with Hyperborea, the land in the North from which the North Wind blows—the alta major chakra of the planet.

11.15-11.45: ~ BREAK ~

11.45-12.45: "Mars and Venus in the Garden: Creating Heaven on Earth" - Fiona Hopes

In this light-hearted talk, Fiona will explain how electric motors relate to some earth energies, why slugs know how to find your lettuces, why copper is the best metal for garden tools to maintain a healthy soil, and why the moon, the planets and the stars affect everything you do in the garden. In this journey from outer space to the bottom of the compost heap, leaving a few stones unturned, Fiona's radical ideas will help you to get to the roots of your garden challenges, and help you create your little bit of Heaven on Earth. No gardening experience, knowledge or interest needed!

12.45-1.00: Discussion

1.00-2.15: ~ LUNCH ~

2.15-3.15: "Stolen Images - Pagan Symbolism and Christianity" - Peter Knight

Peter will talk about his new book which explores how most Christian icons can be traced back to an older origin. He has collected hundreds of spiritual symbols from world religions and shows how they have migrated from one wisdom tradition to the next, including objects, geometric shapes, body postures of deities, events - symbols one would expect and many surprises. He will show the importance of symbolic meanings and how the symbols live in our subconscious. The book is unifying in its treatment of different religions, showing how they all are very similar and how devotees are all nourished by similar symbols.

3.15-3.45: ~ BREAK ~

3.45-4.45: "Walk in Newness of Life" - Peter Owen-Jones

We walk to know the present better than before. When we walk, we walk through an exterior landscape of trees, seas, cities, mountains and fields but we also follow the paths that lead into our own interior landscape. Peter will share some of his experiences of walking the same daily path that is each time different.

SUNDAY, 29th NOVEMBER

10.00-10.15: Introduction

10.15-11.15: "The Gatekeeper?" - Peter Dawkins

What or who is the Gatekeeper? Thresholds are the inbetween places connecting one space to another, one realm to another, one timespan to another. At the threshold we can find the Gatekeeper. How can we do this and why is it important when entering into pilgrimage and seeking to meet the spirit of place?

11.15-11.45: ~ BREAK ~

11.45-12.45: "The Role of the Culdees in the Burren, West of Ireland" - Jackie Queally

An account of the places and pilgrimage routes of the early saints who were geomancers and spiritual idealists. In the Burren, in the west of Ireland, these saints were part of a movement known as the Culdees, and their sanctuaries bear testimony to the earth wisdom they attuned to. This talk will be layered with the sacred geometry formed by a couple of earth grids that exist over the Burren, one of Europe's most mysterious and sacred landscapes.

12.45-1.00: Discussion

1.00-2.15: ~ LUNCH ~

2.15-3.15: "The Barefoot Pilgrim" - Philip Wells

From the ancient bards to Saint Francis of Assisi, barefoot walking has always been a direct way of reconnecting with cosmic wisdom and self-initiating into the shining landscapes of the soul. Philip relates this living, breathing metaphor to his record-breaking 1000 mile barefoot walk for charity last summer around England and Wales, via ancient pathways, schools, sacred sites, and spaces sanctified by poetry.

3.15-3.45: ~ BREAK ~

3.45-4.45: "Think Global, Act Local - A Druid's Perspective on the Land" - Penny Billington

Druids have no received wisdom; they 'learn from the book of nature.' But what exactly does that mean, and what is the reality and practice of making connection and imbibing wisdom from the earth? We will explore possible differences between personal and internationally recognized sacred space as we look at how Druids, in particular, view the land. What might we gain from adopting a mythopoetic view of landscape? And what gifts of understanding might result from practices that will be relevant, wherever we happen to be?

4.45-5.00: Concluding Discussion



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