

The Geomancy Group



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Dear

With a 'thud' of such magnitude on your doorstep, it's clearly Geomancy Group update time again! And to think that when I started drafting this letter, it was with an apology in mind for not producing a Newsletter, due to lack of items to include. However Samhain, the designated date for the Group AGM, is nigh and we need to prepare.

It's always a calculated risk sending out a pack such as this when Mercury is retrograde but it's either that or loose our turn-around time before the meet, so please bear this in mind in reading through the material.

We seem to have had some difficulty reaching decisions over the past six months and hence the schedule for next year has still not been set. It is imperative that this be done immediately to ensure that everyone can schedule other events around ours. Enclosed you will find a suggested schedule, extracted from such information as we currently have to hand. **Please look at this closely and advise me immediately of any clashes with your own diary**, assuming you wish to attend our event. We have previously asked members to notify us of dates when they will be unavailable but have had little response to this. If no one has advised me to the contrary by Friday 11 September, this provisional schedule will be adopted. Confirmation of this will be circulated to the group. For the moment, the key dates to note are our Annual Gathering at Samhain 2002 and the following meet, scheduled for Imbolc with Ros. I am awaiting further details of the Imbolc weekend but would be grateful if you could indicate if you would like to attend this event.

If there are any events coming up next year that you feel might be of interest to the group, please notify me of the dates, theme, contact details etc as soon as possible.

I am pleased to say that over half the group has now subscribed to the new forum. It is rather unfortunate, therefore, that the software company has now decided to charge for this facility. Having considered the options, it seemed that, while Community Zero certainly has a lot to offer in terms of functionality and presentation, it is a costly service, especially given the access difficulties that we have experienced. Although we have had little advance notice of the changes, Barry has stepped into the breach to ensure that we can still communicate. Further down through the pack, you will see that we hoped that he would be able to set up a new MEG-style forum for us. I just received notification last night that this has now been done. We envisage that this will be password protected. For the moment, however, simply please note the URL for the new forum:

<http://www.toriffic.co.uk/forums/meg/private/index.html>

We will send an online notification to current users regarding the password situation as soon as Barry has sorted it out for us. Access information will be sent to all other members in due course. Thank you, Barry, for making such an effort to arrange all of this for us.

As I mentioned above, the AGM will take place at Samhain. There is a confirmation sheet enclosed and we would appreciate it if you could all complete and **return it to** me so that we know who is or isn't coming, how many can make it for dinner etc. The meeting will take place on the afternoon of **Friday 25 October**

2002, from 2.00pm to 6.00pm and will be held at Moulton College, Moulton, Northampton.

Anyone who is attending the EEG weekend should have received directions etc with the EEG confirmation sheet. If you need directions, please contact me and I will be happy to send them to you. Please also check the proposed Agenda in case there is anything that you would like to add. Amendments should be sent to me by 11 October so that a final Agenda may be circulated in advance of the meeting. As regards accommodation, a number of us plan on staying on a B&B basis at Moulton College. This is available on Friday and Saturday nights only at a cost of £25 per person. This should be booked directly through Jo Cartmale (01604-646472) by **4 October** at the latest.

The Contact List has been updated quite considerably so please destroy any old versions that you may have. I currently have only a mobile number and email address for Brannie. She has sold her apartment and has retired from BA and is currently based in Midhurst. I will circulate her new details when I have them. Unfortunately Brannie will have left for New Zealand by Samhain so we will not have the opportunity of seeing her until the end of March. We wish her good fortune in her new role (as landlady) and happiness in both her new homes.

Nicola has also moved recently but I do not currently have her new address. The telephone number has been updated however. In case you don't all know this yet, Nicola is due to have her first baby at Samhain. We send her our love and good wishes and hope that everything will go really well.

One final point that we would like to bring to your attention is that Patrick is closer to the point where he can take on more apprentices. As you might imagine, he has rather a lot going on his life at the moment (I assume everyone knows that Patrick's first baby is due at the weekend – our love to Patrick and good wishes to Heather, who probably needs them more than Patrick right now). He has asked me to give him an idea of how many people might be interested in this. He is still working on timing, cost of these sessions for apprentices etc but has indicated that consultations will only be available in Vermont or Scotland, rather than in England. This is simply because he has to move so fast between clients down here that he would not have the time to spend enough time working it through with an apprentice. **If you are interested, please notify me as soon as possible.** Clearly the way the programme works will depend to some extent on numbers involved, as well as their experience, though Patrick hopes that everyone who wishes to participate will have had an opportunity to do so within roughly two years.

That's about it, I think, apart from the material itself of course. If you have any queries, please contact me.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Samhain.

Love and light,

Maria Hayden

Enc: Provisional Schedule 2003
Revised Contact List
Minutes from 10-12 September
Membership and Subscription Management Proposal
Chair and Vice-Chair's Report
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Samhain Confirmation Form
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