

Meeting notes Geomancy Group Autumn 2014

Warm Autumn greetings to you all.

I've been incredibly busy since our Derbyshire weekend, so it has taken me until now to find a decent enough space in time to sit down and write a few words.

Our October weekend in the Peak District was absolutely wonderful! We were blessed by golden sunny weather and the energies and sites felt very special indeed. We stayed at Burton Manor Farm near Bakewell and were well placed there - thank you Ros!

Sites visited included Arbor Low henge and nearby Gib Hill Barrow. The morning swirling mist at Arbor Low was gradually dispersed by the sunshine and after a good look and tuning in within the henge we sang to the stones and the energetic grid between this site and sites near to each of us and beyond. A short walk across the field over to Gib Hill Barrow (a bronze age burial mound built on top of a stone age long barrow), and a completely different feel to the henge. The barrow was topped by a flat recumbent stone, which we all managed to stand on at once - here we tuned in and sang to our ancestors, which felt very good indeed. After a fine lunch sitting in the sunshine at Youlgreave, we went to Nine Ladies stone circle on Stanton Moor, taking a lovely walk through birch woods and bracken to the circle. Whilst we were there, which was for about an hour and a half, the circle was visited by quite a variety of people- walkers, families, a group of campers, and each were coming into the circle and spending some time, touching stones, hanging out, sitting against them, meditating - this is definitely a circle which is on the beaten track and with which people still connect today.....

On Sunday, we decided to visit wells and to visit Dove Holes -which is where my paternal grandmother's family came from, to carry out some ancestral healing. My great grandfather had committed suicide in a rather violent way at the age of 35 (something my grandmother, then aged 6, never knew the truth about) and this not surprisingly affected his parents and siblings (we had a newspaper report on the events to go on), not to mention his wife (my great grandmother) and young children, who left Dove Holes and moved to the south of the county to try to put the traumatic events behind them.

We arrived in Buxton to visit St Ann's Well and to partake of its warm waters, and were pleasantly diverted by the warmth and sunshine to spend a bit of time at the Annual Great Peak District Fair in the Pavilion and park grounds, before heading up to Dove Holes, where we tracked down the Ebb and Flow spring, before finding the house and then the gravestone of my great grandfather, who, despite his suicide, was buried in the churchyard with 2 of his siblings who had passed away in infancy. Here we carried out a lovely soft, heartfelt (for me) ancestral healing ceremony. We then moved on to the Bull Ring henge at the back of the sports field and as with Arbor Low, discovered a barrow nearby. On to tea and cakes (well, we thought we had to try Bakewell tart) in Ashford on the Water, before a rather fruitless search for the wells reported to be there, and a look at

the River Wye (where farmers used to wash the sheep's fleeces to make them silky) and home to Burton Manor Farm.

Beautiful scenery, friendly people and fabulous weather! (although I am biased!)

We held a rather informal AGM over the weekend. Ros has now contacted everyone to ask for subs.

We discussed dates and places for our meetings next year. Although we had earmarked the Scilly Isles for next autumn, we felt that we had not left enough time to book this for a week, so agreed to postpone this until Spring 2016.

So we agreed that next year's schedule will be:

Spring in Dorset 24-27th April (cancelled)

Autumn in South Pembrokeshire 16-19 October

We shall soon start looking for accommodation in Dorset, so can you let Ros and I know whether you can be there please? Also are there particular places you are keen to visit in Dorset and South Pembrokeshire?

That's all for now,

Blessings and Blissings to everyone,

Sara x