

GG Minutes.....17.10.15.

Present: Sara Greenwood, Jewels Rocka, Richard Creightmore, Ros Briagha.

Dates for the next meetings:

We started by discussing the next few meetings, and Jewels suggested that we hold a **Major Meeting** in the autumn of 2017, for all those who wish to be in the group, to attend. It seemed a good idea to a] have such a meeting, and b] to hold it in 2 years time so everyone has a chance to arrange things so they can be there. We all agreed to this idea, and then discussed where to hold it. Sara suggested we go to the area of **Stonehenge, which is vaguely central [sorry, Grahame!] and this was agreed, in September 2017.**

Other areas suggested for future meetings were the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley, the Scillies, and the Orkneys.

After more discussion, and a consultation with the dates and info sent in by folk about this, we agreed to going to the **Orkneys next spring, for the Bank Holiday long weekend of the 29th April - 2nd May.**, with travel being done on the Thursday before and the Tuesday after, so that we get a decent amount of time there, without it being too much time off work.

We then agreed to the **Forest of Dean for the following autumn, 7- 9th October,** which we hope is early enough for everyone.

The Scillies are very popular with bird watchers, and both Brannie and Sarah Birrell would love to come along, so the spring of 2017 was decided on for this trip. We are suggesting two possible dates, with both being for a weeks stay. **They are April 22nd- 29th, or April 29th - May 6th.**

Feedback on these dates PLEASE!

The other date we discussed is **July 8th - 10th, 2016. Richard and Jewels are hosting a Geomancy Event,** with around 150 to 400 folk attending, at their place in Sussex. They would like to have a GG presence there, perhaps an area where folk can come and do workshops and hear talks.

Ros would like to go and focus on Rituals and a talk about stone circles. Sara would like to go and do a workshop on mindfulness and one on Toning with Ros.

We then went to the election of Officers:

Grahame was voted in to stay as Secretary and Web Master, where he does an excellent job.

Ros was voted in to stay as Treasurer, and thanked for her efforts.

Sara resigned as Chair, after 5 years of excellent efforts, for which she was given a big Thank you!!

Ros proposed Jewels as the new chair, which was seconded by Richard. So our new Chair is Jewels Rocka! Hurrah!

Ros then gave a Treasurers Report:

We have £770 in the bank. This is a bit low as we had some last minute cancellations for this weekend, so the house was booked for 9, and only 4 came. Grahame gave an extra £40 towards it all, as he only got an offer of work in September, which he could not turn down.

This accentuates the need for everyone to make their decision on attending a.s.a.p!!!and then send the non-refundable £20 deposit, which on bigger stays such as the Scillies may need to be £50, so that the burden of extra costs is not too heavy if some have to cancel again.

Subs:

Plus we need folk to pay their subs! I am attaching an invoice to these minutes, so please if you have not yet paid for 2014-2015, can you do so, before I start to ask for the next lot! Those who have not paid will receive this info on their invoice.

New Members:

We talked about what it means to be in the Geomancy Group, and all felt that the most important and major part of it is to go along to meetings, and thus share with others in the group. This sharing may be professional or not, to do with cases, or simply about visiting ancient sites together and seeing what we find, plus of course, the pleasure we gain from relaxing and enjoying time together. So for us to take on new members who can never attend a meeting seems pretty pointless. This is not a professional body, and we do not give endorsements of members in an official way, such as the BSD might. We agreed that David Leesley could come along as guest of the Mosses, next year, so we can all meet him and see if he and we get on together. However, we see no point in Susan Collins joining, as Grahame says she will not be able to come along to meetings. We tried this with, for example, Robert the racing driver, and he never came to any meetings, and has no contact with us at all, so there was no point in him joining.

We also agreed that it would be good to have a Secret Ballot about any new members, with the decision not being made at the third meeting they come to, but afterwards, so no-one feels under pressure to agree. We could do the same after their first Guest weekend too, so we are clear as to whether to bother with inviting them again.

Facebook:

We discussed getting a closed Facebook page together, so we can share photos, {for those who are inept on Instagram etc} and Jewels suggested that she and Grahame and Ros are the scrutinisers, or whatever it is called!

A.O.B.

Ros was asked to check through the bank statements to see why our funds are so low. This could be due to non-payment of subs and a generous subsidy of each rental...

Finally, all members are asked to make a REAL EFFORT to get to the Stonehenge meeting. This will be a chance to assess the group, and see where we are going

next!!!

Love and Blessings to all!