

# The Geomancy Group

## Meeting notes 15 April 2018 *(notes by Grahame)*

Mennabroom Cottages, Warleggan, Bodmin

*Present: Patrick & Giulia, Ros, Grahame, Brannie, Barry, John & Jill Moss, Jon A, Sara G, Susie.*

*Surprise Guest: Diana Griffiths*

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Ros reported that everyone's subs were up to date with the exception of Shaun and Fay. Fay has not paid her subscription for the present year or paid for last autumn's Northumberland trip, which she withdrew from at the last minute despite her stated intention to attend. Ros has sent an email requesting payment to which Fay has not responded.

Shaun paid in full for Northumberland trip although he too withdrew at the last minute. Shaun has not paid his subscription for two years and has not attended a meeting since September 2013. *(In accordance with Group policy, he is now officially classed as a dormant member - GG)*

**Action** - Committee to compose a letter to Shaun and a second letter to Fay requesting payment and seeking clarification on their intentions regarding their Group membership *(Done)*. As Full Members, the Group offers support and holds space for them in our circle indefinitely unless they declare their intention to withdraw from the Group, *(If they have not paid subs for 2 years and/or missed 4 consecutive meetings, they will be classed as 'dormant' members until situation is resolved. Members who withdraw from the Group should return any Group Relics or other property, including medicine pouches - GG.)*

### **Guest policy:**

The Group guest policy was not adhered to on this occasion, but the Core members present were delighted to welcome Diana Griffiths, visiting from Vermont, as a surprise guest. Diana made the original medicine pouches for the Group and so has a strong energetic connection with us.

Suggestions for the rolling 'guest/probationer list' for future meetings were:

- Gary Biltcliffe & Caroline Hoare, who were invited to this meeting but were unable to attend. It was proposed to invite them to the Scotland trip if space is available.
- Peter Knight & Sue Wallace
- David Leesley (now back on Isle of Man)

### **Meetings:**

The next meeting is in the Loch Tay area of Scotland 5-8 October. It was proposed and enthusiastically accepted that Grahame should hire a minibus for the Group, as we did on Orkney. Suggest that everyone intending to fly to Scotland should endeavour to arrive at Glasgow airport around 14:00 on Friday 5 October, and we would aim to return there around 13:00 on Monday 8. Exact schedule TBC - everyone attending please coordinate their travel arrangements with Grahame, who shall arrange the minibus accordingly.

Subsequent to the Bodmin weekend, Ros has found (and booked!) this amazing property near Kinloch Rannoch, which sleeps 16 people:

<https://www.character-cottages.co.uk/all-properties/the-highlands/bunrannoch-house>

**Diary dates 2019:**

22-25 March - North Wales

20-30 September - Ireland. Grahame recommended Tony & Fionnuala Christie, labyrinth facilitators based in Cork, as guests/ local guides.

*(Subsequent to the meeting, Ros has done some preliminary research and now suggests dates of Friday 20 - Monday 30 September 2019. She proposes this rough schedule: 20-23 September - Newgrange area, 23-27 September - Cork, 27-30 September - Sligo )*

**Grahame's account of the weekend:**

We were based at Mennabroom Cottages, Warleggan, which was a fantastic old farmstead and fortuitously managed to accommodate all 12 of us, although the rooms were quite small.

Saturday - we visited St Neot's church (on the Michael current), which had some lovely early sculptured Christian stones in the churchyard. The tower had an interesting collection of branches sticking out from the top, which apparently is a local custom to scare off evil spirits. There was also a lovely willow 'Greenwitch' in the garden of a neighbouring house - another local custom. We then walked round to the Holy Well, which is built into the hillside with a substantial housing and door, where Grahame sang an Ojibwemowin water blessing song and we all sent blessings.

Next stop was at King Donniert's stones, a pair of fine sculpted cross-bases housed in a lovely well-tended semi-circular grassed enclosure with lots of daffodils by the side of the road. Passing through St Cleer, we were drawn to stop on passing the St Cleer holy well (on the Mary current), which has a substantial housing at the side of the road and another sculptured cross beside it: (<http://www.visitliskeard.co.uk/venue/st-cleer-holy-well/>) The water flows freely but is covered by a chained grill so we couldn't actually access the water to remove the cans and plastic bottle littering it. We sang the water blessing and toned for a bit.

The magnificent Trevethy Quoit was next; this is probably the best dolmen in Cornwall, despite the back stone having fallen inwards. The Mary current felt quite strong here.

Lunch was at the Cheesewring Hotel in Minions, followed by boggy explorations of the Hurlers on the moor. Some of us then struck out northwards with the intention of climbing up to Stowe's Pound and the Cheesewring, but only Grahame, Patrick & Giulia eventually made it to the top of the hill. The Michael current was particularly strong on the very top of Stowe's Pound.

Sunday - The weather was wetter today with intermittent heavy showers. After our morning meeting, we explored at the splendid but small St Catherine's church in Temple, a former Knights Templar site. Some of the original Templar sculpted stones have been built into the wall of a small external storehouse, giving it much more significance than it probably deserved; but a lovely atmosphere pervades the church. It had some nice stained glass windows depicting St Catherine, and one showing a Knight on horseback. Then it was on to Trezance holy well, however Jon's car completely died on the way (alternator failure) and Grahame stayed with him during the recovery process so missed this site (by all accounts it was very wet). The rest of the group briefly visited the Trippet Stones, before we reunited in the Old Inn at St Breward for a great Sunday lunch. Grahame, Ros, Patrick & Giulia returned to the Trippet stones after lunch, but as John, Jill and Diana had to leave early, everyone else returned to base camp for a relaxed evening.

*Grahame Gardner*

*Secretary*

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