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FRIENDS OF
BRIDES MOUND



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Bright Goddess Bridget

Bright Goddess Bridget, bringer of Light,
The Muse whose Poetry sings the world to life.
I call upon You as Goddess of Poetry
And Guardian of the Mirror that brings true sight.
To help us all to see the power of words to heal
And bring light to all people and all countries
Torn apart by strife.

Bright Goddess Bridget, bringer of Light,
Keeper of the Eternal Sacred Flame.
I call upon You as Goddess of Smithcraft
And of the Hearth fire,

So recognition of this within each one of us
Will engender love and peace to reign.

Bright Goddess Bridget, bringer of Light,
I call upon You as Goddess of Healing
At the Sacred Well
To cast upon us Your Magical Spell.
As you weave your web of alchemy,
Transmuting dying Winter's lethargy,
As you spread your green mantle o'er the Earth
May you Healing Waters and Fiery Flame
Bring all that is good and healing to birth.

To rekindle the Divine Spark within our hearts once again.

(By Jane Marshall)

Chair's Report January 2016

The search for the original position of Brides Well is now waiting for permission to be granted for an archaeological study of the Mound, including the Ridge in our field and down to the river, which we hope will take place this summer. We are also waiting to see what the relocation of the County Councils newly negotiated entrance into the Chapel Field will look like when the proposed industrial units are built. At present no work has been carried out.

In a fabulous turn of events, the number of stewards in our team at Glastonbury Festival this coming year has increased to 15 which will mean we will be given almost £2,000 for their work at the Festival this year. Thank you to all those who worked there in 2015. We are truly grateful. If you are interested in stewarding this year, please contact us to be put on a waiting list.

I must say a big thank you to all of you who support Friends of Brides Mound financially with your friendship fees, standing orders and donations. If you would like to renew your Friendship, make a donation or set up a standing order please fill in the enclosed form or go to <http://friendsofbridesmound.com/friends.html>

I for one am very much looking forward to Imbolc, the traditional walk and gathering around the Bridies Fire on the Mound. Imbolc is the time of the Bridie Fire; poetry, cooking, herbal medicine, midwifery and metalwork (all things that require boiling water); creativity that keeps us going until springtime. And then it is our AGM to which you are all invited, this year on St Patrick's Day.

(Jaine Raine)





(Photo taken by Miranda on our land)

A funeral celebration was held on the mound on 16/01/16 for a good friend of our land, Cath Hope. I spent several days working with Cath over the years. She liked to do the small pottering type jobs. She was one of those people who do things quietly and modestly, the kind of energy that invites fairies. She was a compassionate person always there to listen, barely letting on that she had problems of her own. I shall miss her and the land will miss her peaceful presence.

(Miranda Bruce)

IMBOLC – Monday 1st February, 2016

The Friends of Brides Mound invite you to join us for the day, traditionally known as Imbolc, The feast day of St. Brigid.

9.30am White Spring opens (tbc)

10.00am Ceremony at the White Spring (tbc)

12 noon Meditation at the Well Head at Chalice Well

10.00 – 1.00pm Refreshments available at Chalice Well

1.00pm Walk to Bride's Mound with Serena Roney-Dougal;

Meet outside the White Spring, where the White and the Red springs join.

Wear clothing and footwear suitable for wet and muddy conditions!

2.30pm Gathering around the fire on Bride's Mound.

The gathering at the fire gives the opportunity for individuals to make their own contributions if they like. Last year one of the contributions was this poem by Qweaver.

Between darkness and dawn, there is love:
Between silence and singing, there is love:
Between laughter and crying, there is love:
Between love and love, we awaken.

Blessed be.

**Our AGM will be on March 17th, St Patrick's Day, at the Library of Avalon, at 7.30pm.
All are welcome.**

