



Newsletter January 2020

FRIENDS OF BRIDE'S MOUND

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IMBOLC – Saturday 1st February, 2020

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

10am Ceremony at the White Spring

12 noon Meditation at the Well Head at Chalice Well

10.00 – 1.00pm Refreshments available at Chalice Well

1pm 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.



Photo credit: Richard Mudhar

Everyone is very welcome to join us either for the whole walk or just for the gathering on Brides Mound, where there will be a fire and a drink.

Serena

Friendships

We warmly invite you to renew your membership of Friends of Bride's Mound now (if you don't already pay your contribution with a standing order).

To renew your membership via Paypal, or to download a membership form to renew by post, please visit our website here: <https://www.friendsofbridesmound.com/friends.html>

If you set up a new standing order can you please e-mail us (friendsofbridesnew@yahoo.co.uk) so that we know your details and can send you newsletters.

Your membership fees are a vital resource in our work to care for, and protect the land we purchased 14 years ago, when this precious and special site was threatened with industrial development. Back then the land cost us £82,000, and since then, thanks to your support, the loan has been reduced to under £20,000, a significant achievement! Of course, our aim is to pay the entire loan off, and to do this we count on your continued support.

As a group of volunteers, we make very careful use of all funds raised, and our wonderful volunteer Land Manager Miranda Bruce secures government support for our significant environmental work on the land, as well as renting the land out for grazing, which not only maintains the special traditional quality of the land, but also brings in vital revenue. We also extend our sincere thanks to the stewards who volunteer each year at Glastonbury Festival to bring in vital financial support for the Friends of Bride's Mound. For information re stewarding contact Serena friendsofbridesnew@yahoo.co.uk

Joanne Mudhar

The Friends of Brides' Mound AGM

You are invited to the Friends of Brides' Mound AGM on Thursday 19th March 2020 at 7.00pm at The Library of Avalon, Glastonbury Experience back courtyard, 2 – 4 High St. Glastonbury, BA6 9DU.



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Find out how you can get come and help us look after Bride's Mound, whether you only have a little time you can spare, or are looking for a bigger project to get involved.

Followed by drinks and nibbles and general chat. Everyone is welcome. Please do join us!

Serena

Bride's Mound Forest Garden Progress

Perhaps you remember our very early plans for a Permaculture Forest Garden on a part of Bride's Mound from our last newsletter? As a quick reminder, a forest garden consists of several "layers" of food producing plants. Fruit and nut trees form the canopy layer, productive bushes grow between and beneath the trees, and the "forest floor" consists of self-seeding and perennial productive plants. Climbing plants rise through all these layers, providing yet another source of food.

We are delighted to be talking with Morgana West and Vicki Steward of the Glaston Centre about the possibility of working together on the Bride's Mound Forest Garden project. Morgana and Vicki are well known, and much-loved, characters in Glastonbury, and we would work together with the local community to get everyone who wants to be involved in the project.

We are also very happy to hear that Bob Croft of the South West Heritage Trust, who manages the chapel field on behalf of the County Council, supports the Bride's Mound Forest Garden project too!

The project remains at a very early stage, and tree planting won't begin until winter 2020-2021 at the earliest, but we wanted to share our progress over the past few months with you.

Joanne Mudhar

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell

Bless every fireside, every wall and door

Bless every heart that beats beneath the roof

Bless every hand that toils to bring it joy

Bless every foot that walks its portals through

May Brigid bless the house that shelters you.

Anon