

Newsletter Jan 2024

FRIENDS OF BRIDE'S MOUND



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Dear Friends,

We hope this newsletter finds you well, we all send warm wishes from Glastonbury, and hope you enjoy this latest news from Bride's Mound.

IMBOLC - Thursday 1st February, 2024



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

1pm Walk to Bride's Mound with the Friends of Brides Mound; 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.

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, drink and nibbles.

The Mound can be accessed via the Friends track.

Serena

The Friends of Brides Mound AGM



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The Friends of Brides Mound AGM is on Thursday 21st March 2024 at 7.00pm at The Library of Avalon, Glastonbury Experience back courtyard, 2 – 4 High St. Glastonbury, BA6 9DU.

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

Serena

Friendships

We warmly invite you to renew your friendship of the Friends of Bride's Mound now (if you don't already pay your contribution with a standing order). To renew via Paypal, or to download a friendship 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 email us (friendsofbridesnew@yahoo.co.uk) so that we know your details and can send you newsletters.

While the loan to purchase the land is now paid off, our friendship fees are a vital resource in our work to continue to care for, and protect the land we purchased 19 years ago, when this precious and special site was threatened with industrial development. As a group of volunteers, we make very careful use of all funds raised. 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



Land Management report

Following my recent in depth mailing about the land management, I just wanted to add that if anyone is interested in land based volunteering with our new project then please keep an eye out for the website I am creating: "glastonburyland volunteering"

Miranda, Land Manager

Town Deal Fund - Brides Mound Centre



We have bought the small portion of land just south of the orchard and Brides Mound chapel field. We once again signed the Grant funding Agreement in July. The money arrived at our Solicitor's on Friday 28th July, and by Thursday 3rd August we became the rightful owners. The Planning Application for the construction of the roundhouse, the disabled path up to the chapel site and the nature reserve on our fields went in about the same time, and we are still waiting to hear if it is successful.

The plans for the roundhouse are now more or less in their final form and the specs have been sent out for tender to six potential companies to build it. We have had a positive response so far from three companies, with one choosing not to do it, and one saying that they could do the roundhouse building but not the groundworks. We are still waiting to hear from one company. So, at last, we have some positive movement. The decision as to which company will do it is nearly complete.

There is going to initially be a fence around the site, whilst the building work happens. Then we will plant a hedge which will eventually hide the fence, plant some trees, and have a wildflower area for picnic bench etc. The aim is to make a really beautiful entrance to the chapel site.

