

SHAMANIC COURSES OPEN TO ALL - LEVEL A TRAINING

FOUNDATION COURSE IN CELTIC & ANCESTRAL SHAMANISM:

This course begins the Level A training. We are delighted to be able to offer the Foundation Course in 3 locations again this year. Completion of the Foundation Course – which must be completed at one location - enables students to proceed to the Intermediate level of the *Walkers Between Worlds Shamanic Training Programme* with Caitlín Matthews and other teachers. To view the full curriculum, go to:

<https://hallowquest.org.uk/resources/curriculumtraining2026-7.pdf>



Part One, **THE TREE OF TRADITION:** Walking Between Worlds, concentrates on acquiring journey skills, learning the basics in a supportive and friendly environment.

Part Two, **SACRED COMPANIONS** Deepening Our Spiritual Connection with Allies, which builds upon the relationship with our spirits, and helps balance our shamanizing. We explore the beginning of healing skills & deepen our journeying.

Applicants are asked to fill in a questionnaire to assess their background and suitability for each Foundation Course, so that we can best teach you. Both parts must be taken to qualify for Intermediate Level courses

20-21 March and 11-12 Sept 2027 WALKERS BETWEEN THE WORLDS 37th UK Foundation Course in Celtic & Ancestral Shamanism with John Matthews and Jonathon Huet. This course teaches students to journey, heal, quest and arbitrate along the ancient paths of wisdom, gathering spirit allies. We ground in the ancient mysteries of our native shamanic tradition, gathering as a clan of the sacred earth. Held in North Moreton, Oxon. *Take both weekends to qualify for Level B courses.* Total fee £550. (£275 for each weekend). Please bring a packed lunch for each day: you can heat food in the kitchen. Tea, coffee & biscuits are available for the breaks. Send a deposit of £170 payable to 'John Matthews' to Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680.) Contact Jane May for bank transfers or course details: janedmay@btinternet.com **PLEASE NOTE THAT PLACES ARE LIMITED TO 12 students only.**



John Matthews



*Jonathon Huet & Dr Tish Marrable
- our South Coast Teachers*

2-4 October 2026 & 26-28 February 2027 WALKERS BETWEEN THE WORLDS 3rd Irish Foundation Course with Margot Harrison and Kait Curtis. This two-part course teaches students to journey, heal, quest and arbitrate along the ancient paths of wisdom, gathering spirit allies. We ground in the ancient mysteries of our native shamanic tradition, gathering as a clan of the sacred earth. Held at Danu Lodge in Co. Wexford, Ireland. <http://www.danulodge.com/> Fees: Residential sharing is 480 Euros, non-residential 340 Euros, including vegetarian and gluten-free options. Booking: Non-returnable deposit of 150 Euros to Kate Curtis kaitcurtis@icloud.com Phone +353 (0) 872325383.

14-15 November 2026 and the 20-21 February 2027. WALKERS BETWEEN THE WORLDS 3rd South Coast Foundation Course with Dr. Tish Marrable & Jonathon Huet.

This non-residential course teaches students to journey, heal, quest and arbitrate along the ancient paths of wisdom, gathering spirit allies. We ground in the ancient mysteries of our native shamanic tradition, gathering as a clan of the sacred earth. Held at the Sustainability Centre in East Meon, Hampshire. *Take both weekends to qualify for Level B courses.* Total fee £490 (£245 for each weekend). Food is £25 per weekend extra, including a substantial lunch, tea, coffee and biscuits throughout the day. Or for those who wish to self-cater, £8 per weekend for tea, coffee and biscuits. While this is a non-residential course, accommodation is available at the centre and locally, please contact Tish for further details. £150 deposit can be paid by cheque, made out to L. F. Marrable and sent to 16 Ravenswood Drive, Brighton BN2 6WN. Email Tish at ravenswoodshamanics@gmail.com for further details or to pay by bank transfer.

A NOTE FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE TRAINED SHAMANICALLY ELSEWHERE

If you are journeying fluently, have a good and trusting relationship with your allies and can conduct yourself with grace, focus and compassion, let us know the nature of your training and its duration: we will assess your response and, if we feel it appropriate, ask such students to start with the Intermediate Courses first, so that we are all on the same page! We do not join you to later courses, under no matter what persuasion! We require you to please inform us honestly about your background on our application form.

€780 full-board
€720 camping
€660 non-residential.

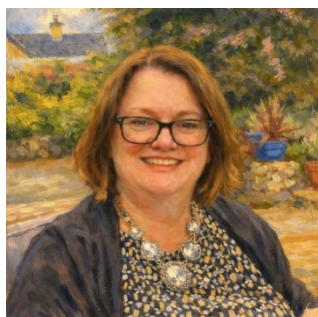


INTERMEDIATE LEVEL SHAMANIC PRACTITIONER TRAINING: LEVEL B

For those who've completed the Foundation Course.

Please take Thresholds of Power First and then Midwifing the Soul: as these are the two hands of healing. We've opened another two Thresholds and Midwifing courses in Ireland and on the South Coast of England. This still enables you to join Advanced courses which are currently only taught in England in 2027/8.

PART ONE OF INTERMEDIATE COURSES



Margot Harrison & Kait Curtis – our teachers in Ireland

4-7 April 2027 THRESHOLDS OF POWER & HEALING with Caitlín Matthews & Tish Marrable at Main Centre, Earthspirit, Compton Dundon Somerset. This three day residential course teaches a full range of shamanic healing ways including plant-spirit healing, extraction of intrusions, embodiment of personal allies and includes the shamanic ceremony of The Mare Mother's Dream-Dance. This course is an essential next component for shamanic practitioner training and is opened to all who have completed the Foundation Course in Celtic and Ancestral Shamanism. **FEE:** Cordwood suite £622, Ensuite £613, Standard £529, Camping £490, Non-res £430 **EXTRAS:** Single supplement

£70, Spec.Diet Suppl £20, Gluten/Vegan Suppl. £9. **BOOKING:** Non-returnable deposit of £190 to Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680) janedmay@btinternet.com
6-9 May 2027. THRESHOLDS OF POWER & HEALING, (Ireland), with Margot Harrison & Kait Curtis. This three day residential course teaches a full range of shamanic healing ways including plant-spirit healing, extraction of intrusions, embodiment of personal allies and includes the shamanic ceremony of Weaving the Web with Grandmother Spider. In addition, there is an optional *teach an allais* or sweat house ritual. This course is an essential next component for shamanic practitioner training and *is open to all who have completed the Foundation Course in Celtic and Ancestral Shamanism*. Held at Danu Lodge in Co. Wexford, Ireland. <http://www.danulodge.com/> Fees: Residential sharing is €780 full-board €720 camping €660 non-residential, including vegetarian and gluten-free options. Booking: Non-returnable deposit of 150 Euros to Kate Curtis kaitcurtis@icloud.com Phone +353 (0) 872325383.

PART TWO OF INTERMEDIATE COURSES

29 October - 1st November 2026. MIDWIFING the SOUL (Ireland) with Margot Harrison & Kait Curtis. This residential course teaches the essential skills of shamanic soul healing, exploring the nature of the soul, soul-loss, soul retrieval, and how intrusions are removed for soul to return. We also explore how healing can be brought by the Reconsecration Ritual. *Only for those who completed Thresholds of Power: we do not accept students trained elsewhere on this course.* Held at Danu Lodge in Co. Wexford, Ireland. <http://www.danulodge.com/> Fees: Residential sharing is €780 full-board €720 camping €660 non-residential, , including vegetarian and gluten-free options. Booking: Non-returnable deposit of 150 Euros to Kate Curtis kaitcurtis@icloud.com Phone +353 (0) 872325383.

13-15 February 2027 MIDWIFING THE SOUL (South Coast) with Dr Tish Marrible & Jonathan Huet. This non-residential course teaches the essential skills of shamanic soul healing, exploring the nature of the soul, soul-loss, soul retrieval, and how intrusions are removed for soul to return. We also explore how healing can be brought by the Reconsecration Ritual. At the Sustainability Centre near Petersfield. Cost is £390 including lunches, hot drinks and biscuits! While this is a non-residential course, accommodation is available at the centre and locally, please contact Tish for further details. £150 deposit can be paid by cheque, made out to L. F. Marrable and sent to 16 Ravenswood Drive, Brighton BN2 6WN. Email Tish at ravenswoodshamanics@gmail.com for further details or to pay by bank transfer.

24-27 October 2027 MIDWIFING the SOUL (Sunday-Wednesday) with Caitlín Matthews & Dr. Angela Cotter. This residential course teaches the essential skills of shamanic soul healing, exploring the nature of the soul, soul-loss, soul retrieval, and how intrusions are removed for soul to return. We also explore how healing can be brought by the Reconsecration Ritual. *Only for those who completed Thresholds of Power: we do not accept students trained elsewhere on this course.* Held at EarthSpirit's Main Course centre, Compton Dundon, Somerset. FEES: Cordwood suite £622, Ensuite £613, Standard £529, Camping £490, Non-res £430 EXTRAS: Single supplement £70, Spec.Diet Suppl £20, Gluten/Vegan Suppl. £9. Non- returnable deposit of £190 to Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680) janedmay@btinternet.com



Dr. Angela Cotter & Caitlín

ADVANCED LEVEL SHAMANIC PRACTITIONER TRAINING: LEVEL C
for those who've completed Intermediate Level B.

Note: The Advanced Level courses run over a 3-4 year cycle and are not all available every year. When sufficient students stay on to activate it, we also open up Level D courses every five years or so, which happened earlier this year. The nature of this training takes into account that people need to stop or assimilate teachings for a while between courses. Work your way through the levels in order. We do not take apprentices, but we do expect consistency in, and dedication to, the work.

***24-27 September 2026 THE ART OF THE HEALING VOICE IN CELTIC SHAMANISM With Cáit Branigan and Caitlín Matthews.** The healing voice speaks directly to the soul, bypassing all barriers. In this course, we shall explore the use of the voice in shamanic practice, using toning and keening to access our inner worlds, and exploring the use of chant to heal and unblock our energetic bodies. Based upon the three musical strains or modes of ancient Ireland, and upon the traditional gifts of the three cauldrons. This course is also open to people who can journey fluently.



Cáit Branigan & Caitlín Matthews

Based upon the simple practices and wisdom of the Sister Islands of Ireland and Britain, we find the ancestral path that has always been *Earlybirds*: Single £675, Shared £600, Non-Res £480. *Full Price*: Single £729, Shared £648, Non-Res £ 516. Quote course: 26-392. Please send your non-returnable deposit of £150 payable to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW (01453 759034)

CÁIT BRANIGAN is a *Bean Feasa* (Shamanic Practitioner) and healer working within the Irish tradition. She teaches groups and conducts ceremonies, teaching internationally. She teaches regularly on the Walkers Between Worlds curriculum.

31 January-3 February 2027 VOYAGES OF THE SOUL with Caitlín Matthews & Dr Angela Cotter



I cut a turf from the grey-green land of my ancestors;
a sea-breeze blew me to the place I am in now. Then
did the star-strong King make broad an island from
the little wondrous sod, of sea-gull's hue its shore-line.
Each year was another foot added to the island; and
best of all, a tree grew over the cresting wave.
A pure well fountained for me with eternal
sustenance; by the protection of angels, sweet food, a
sacred celebration.

From *Maelduin's Voyage* – an 8th century Irish text
trans. Caitlín Matthews

This course explores the shamanic wisdom of death; the help that can be brought to the dying; the healing available around bereavement, hauntings, unfinished business and ancestral bequests. We will find allies, rituals and passports to our own living and dying, exploring how we pass through death's labyrinth to emerge as living souls. We will learn how to make soul-houses for our kindred. *The Soul Friends Moon Boat Ritual* offers initiation to all participants so that they may be consecrated as an Anam-Cara or Soul Friend, a soul-midwife to the dying, wherever that service is required. We will discuss Celtic death-customs and seek new personal allies to help us in our work. The beautiful surroundings of EarthSpirit, under the shelter of Dundon Beacon and the guardian wisdom of the ancient yew, will cradle our gathering in its secure embrace. *Unsuitable for the recently bereaved.* At EarthSpirit, Somerton, Somerset. PRICES: Cordwood suite £622, Ensuite £613, Standard £529, Camping £490, Non-res £430 EXTRAS: Single room supplement £70, Special Diet Suppl £20, Gluten/Vegan Suppl. £9. Send a £190 non-returnable deposit payable to **Caitlín Matthews** to Jane May, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxon OX14 4QW (01865 407680) janedmay@btinternet.com

16-19 September 2027 TENDING THE HEARTH: HOUSE CLEARING IN THE CELTIC TRADITION Led by **Cáit Branigan and Caitlín Matthews.**



The tradition of house-clearing in Ireland and Britain is ancient and still holds a strong place in the spiritual traditions of those lands. We will explore the core elements of house-clearing, focusing on work with ley/dragon lines and underground streams; clearing of negative/blocked energies; communication with spirits and the 'hauntings' and the blessing of the home. Learn how to apply these skills from an experienced *bean feasa* who clears houses professionally. *This course is for those who can journey fluently: it is **not** suitable for beginners. Participants require a strong access to inner guidance as experienced through, for example, journeying, spiritualism, or deep meditational practice.*

Early Birds: Single £585, Shared £522, Non-Res £422

Full price: Single £630, Shared £562.50, Non-Res £452.50

Please send your non-returnable deposit of £150 payable to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW (01453 759034) quoting course: **27- 372**

INTRODUCING OUR SHAMANIC CO-TEACHERS in 2026-7

Dr. ANGELA COTTER is a Jungian analyst who integrates constellations work, **systemic ritual**, energy psychotherapy and shamanic approaches into her practice. Born in Northern Ireland, of Welsh and Irish descent, she worked with older people for many years as a nurse, a psychotherapist and researcher. She has a special interest in people with dementia. Her current practice contains people of all ages.

CAIT BRANIGAN is a Bean Feasa and healer working within the traditions of Ireland. She teaches worldwide. Listen to her being interviewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WusbNPoKLsk>

MARGOT HARRISON is an experienced healer, shamanic practitioner and systemic ritualist working within the traditions of Ireland and Britain. Her practice *Hinterlands* is in Sligo.

KATE CURTIS works as an acupuncturist and herbalist and a Grof breathwork teacher/facilitator. She runs a small retreat centre near Gorey in County Wexford.

Dr TISH MARRABLE is a well-being educator and researcher with a background in counselling and griefwork. She has been working shamanically for over 20 years. She has a shamanic practice on the South Downs and a deep love of Welsh and Irish mythology and the land from which it emerges.

JONATHON HUET is a professional storyteller and environmental educator with extensive experience of running events, especially working with trauma, mental health and wellbeing. He has a shamanic practice in Brighton informed by a deep connection to the land and especially Celtic traditions and lore.

MAGICAL AND MYTHIC COURSES & OTHER EVENTS

These courses, events and signings are open to all who are on their spiritual path.

FIOS MASTERCLASSES offer opportunities to deepen spiritual practice with a living exemplars of traditional wisdom.

*Courses marked * give £20 member's discount.*

4-6 December 2026 MERLIN IN THE TIDE OF TIME: Portrait of a Poet, Prophet and Guardian with John & Caitlín Matthews and special guest, Ian Rees



Merlin is regarded as one of the most enigmatic characters in the gallery of myth and legend, yet he remains mysteriously present in every era. Like many other inspirational and sacred figures, he lives on in the Otherworld, watching over human affairs. This course explores the role of Merlin, cosmology and prophecy in the Celtic tradition, the role of Mabon as sacred liberator, and the transformative myths of our land's native guardian. This magical weekend includes a group ritual, *The Voice of Merlin* where new prophecies may be uttered. Join us for our 42nd open mystery school event at Hawkwood.

We urge you to get your booking in as soon as possible for this course which is filling fast!

JOHN MATTHEWS is the author of the *Prophecies of Merlin*, a new translation of a previously overlooked 13th century French text published in Venice in 1498, and *The Book of Merlin*. <https://graal.substack.com/>

CAITLÍN MATTHEWS is the author of *Lost Book of the Grail* and *The Original Petit*

Etteilla. www.hallowquest.org.uk <https://hallowquest.substack.com/> **IAN REES** is a psycho-spiritual psychotherapist practising in Glastonbury Somerset UK. He has been a therapist for 40 years. He is the author of *Keys to the Temple* (with Penny Billington), *The Tree of Life and Death* and *The Way of Deep Magic*. <https://www.annwnfoundation.com>

Earlybirds: Single £475, Shared £425, Non-Res £345. Limited places until 9 Oct 26! Full Price: Single £511, Shared 457, Non-Res £369 after that time! Please send your non-returnable deposit of £150 payable to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW (01453 759034)

3-5 December 2027 THE SECRET COMMONWEALTH OF ELVES & FAERIES: Restoring Our Kinship with the Deep Land With John and Caitlín Matthews and special guest, Kevan Manwaring.



Aberfoyle & Kevan Manwaring

The Secret Commonwealth of Elves and Faeries by the Scottish minister Robert Kirk in 1691 is one of the earliest books to explore the folk tradition of the Realm of Faerie, recorded from the experiences and pre-industrial lore of his Gaelic-speaking parishioners. Over this weekend we shall explore the realm of Faerie, walk the ways between the worlds, and celebrate the magical life together through meditation and ceremony. We will discover how we live changes our relationship to the deep land and its natural guardians, and how we may restore that exchange once again. We will seek the 'thrutopias' - stories that show us how to change our future in more respectful ways, where cooperation between species, seen and unseen, bringing us closer to connection to the deep land.

We are delighted to be joined by Kevan Manwaring who has not only has studied the original writings of Robert Kirk, but is a living practitioner of eco-bardism – where artists and writers respond to earth crisis in many creative ways. Welcoming back old friends and new, we open our 43rd annual Open Mystery School, with its specially-written ritual and ceilidh. Please bring notebook and pen, a robe or scarf/shawl for the ritual, and some nibbles and drink to share at the ceilidh.

Early Birds: Single £475 , Shared £425 , Non-Res £345

Full price: Single £511, Shared £457, Non-Res £369

Please send your non-returnable deposit of £150 payable to Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Rd., Stroud, Glos GL6 7QW (01453 759034) quoting course: **27-482**