

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!
£511, Shared 457, Non-Res £369 after that time!

Full Price: Single
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.

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