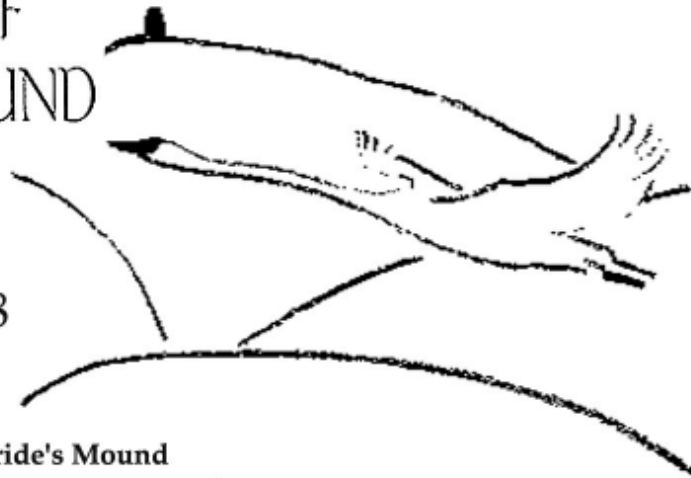


FRIENDS OF BRIDE'S MOUND

Newsletter
January 2008



Imbolc with Friends of Bride's Mound

Again this year we invite our Friends and all who would to join us for our Annual Pilgrimage Walk to Bride's Mound on Friday February 1st 2008.

Imbolc in Glastonbury may start with Druids on the Tor at sunrise. It certainly will start in the morning in Well House Lane between the Red and the White springs, where people will gather to enter the White Spring at 9.30 am for a small ceremony and music.

Then we will proceed to Chalice Well for ceremony, singing and poetry.

At 12 noon Friends of Bride's Mound will be ready by the main gate to Chalice Well to lead the pilgrimage down through the town and out to Bride's Mound via the old processional route, where we will arrive around 1 pm. We will hold a circle and make blessings for the new seeds in our lives.

Annual General Meeting

We will be meeting on 3 March at 7.30 pm in the small hall at Glastonbury Town Hall. We will be discussing the future of the Friends, the Ridgefields land that we own and our continuing efforts to gain public access to the summit of the Mound. We would be grateful to hear your views and ideas and hope to see some of you there. Refreshments available.

Volunteers Required

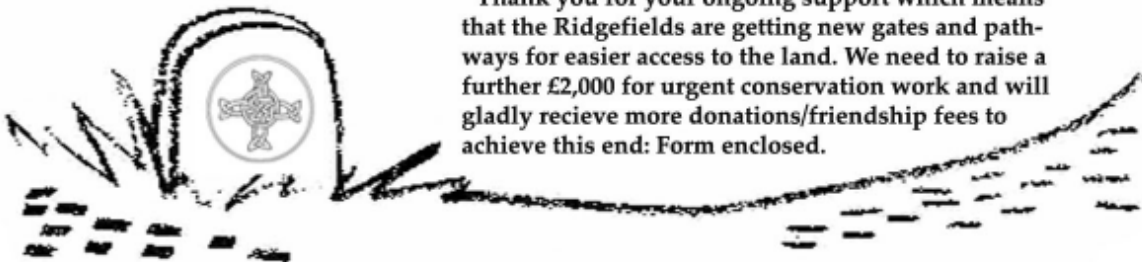
Friendly, easygoing support required for the committee to take minutes, secretarial duties, fundraising, and an outdoor groundsperson. Also we are looking for office space for the Friends of Brides Mound archives. Please drop us a line or come to the AGM.

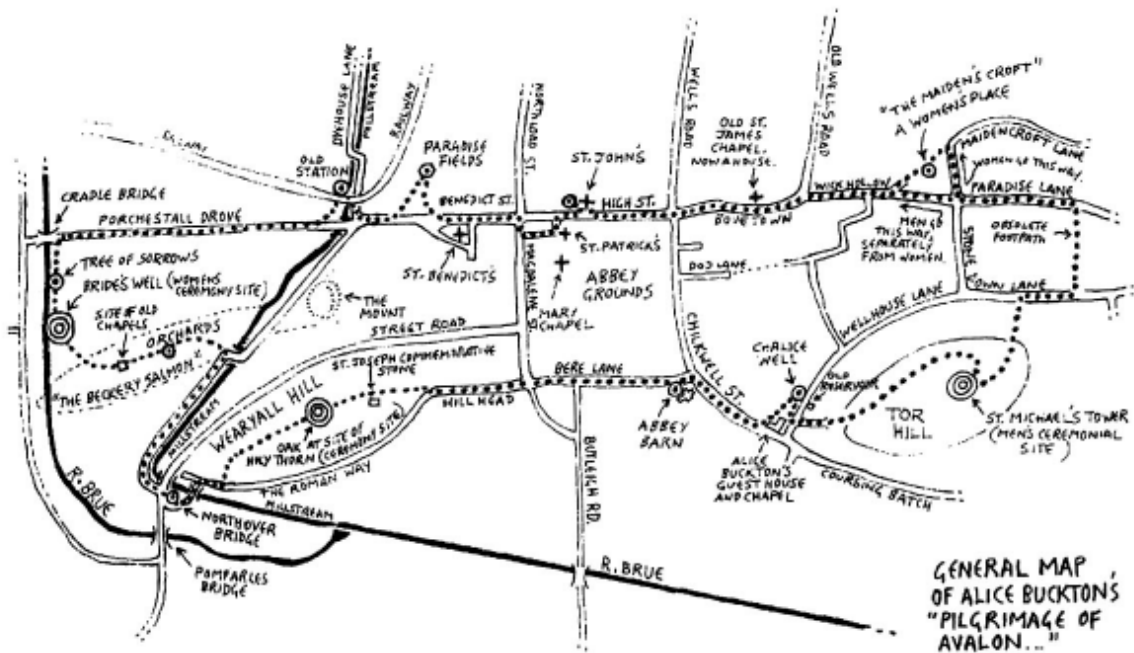
Standing Orders

We have enclosed a standing order form and ask that you consider making a regular donation because we hope to be able to cover the mortgage every month in this way.

Friendship donations

Thank you for your ongoing support which means that the Ridgefields are getting new gates and pathways for easier access to the land. We need to raise a further £2,000 for urgent conservation work and will gladly receive more donations/friendship fees to achieve this end: Form enclosed.





The Brideswell Pilgrimage

This route was used circa 1900 as a means to "open spiritual channels" to empower the Blue Bowl, which was in the "Brideswell" culvert at Beckery at this time. After the removal of the Bowl to Bristol it was re-employed as part of the rites used in the "Order of the Table Round", in which the candidate passed through all the elements while circling the town. The present form of the route was devised by Alice Buckton, who modified it slightly to support a more "feminine" view of its function. The route passes through several of the most attractive locations of the town and can be completed in roughly four hours. It is particularly attractive if you time your trip to reach the Tor top around sunset, when the Golden Road to the Isles of the Dead can be witnessed.

The full article can be found in Avalon Magazine Summer 1998 and a follow up can be read in the current issue, autumn/winter 2007. Alan Royce.

Wellesley Tudor Pole's father, Thomas, at St. Bride's Well 1910.



Imbolc Events in Glastonbury

Bardic Showcase 7 pm, Georges Room, Glastonbury Experience, High St. £8/£6 01458 833933

Imbolc Ceremony 7.30 pm, Goddess Temple, Glastonbury Experience, High St. Donation.

Imbolc Celebration at Bridies Yard, Old Beckery Road. 8pm. Fireside, DJs and food. Releasing a peace lantern at about 10pm. Donation on the door. 01458 830577

Frederico Garcia Lorca, Keith James and Rick Foot live music 8pm Assembly Rooms 01458 834677

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