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The March Edition contains listings for the month ahead, a film review, news of proposed changes to the Fraudulent Mediums Act, a book review and a letter from 009, who recounts his impressions of early RILKO meetings during the 1960's. We also welcome Megalithic Tours who are based in Lancashire to the network.

The latest addition to the on-line article archive is the Great Invocation – its use and significance. New additions to the on-line digital lecture archive include the Golden Thread; Hidden Spiritual Themes in Literature by John Howard and the Significance of Leys and Power Centres by David Furlong.

## ***Cycles of the Earth - Spring Equinox*** by Maria Viner

Those of us who suffer with SAD are no doubt very much looking forward to Spring Equinox and those of us who relish the dark, cosy evenings are making the most of them as Spring Equinox approaches.

In the Northern hemisphere the Sun is at its lowest path in the sky on the Winter Solstice. After that day the Sun follows a higher and higher path through the sky each day until it is in the sky for exactly 12 hours. On the Spring Equinox the Sun rises exactly in the east travels through the sky for 12 hours and sets exactly in the west. On the Equinox this is the motion of the Sun through the sky for everyone on earth. Every place on earth experiences a 12 hour day twice a year on the spring and Autumn Equinox. After the Spring Equinox, the Sun still continues to follow a higher and higher path through the sky, with the days growing longer and longer, until it reaches its highest point in the sky on the Summer Solstice.

This 12 hour day, equal day and equal night in both hemispheres, has led to this being a time of celebration throughout the world, a time of renewed life and new birth for many cultures and religions, when it is believed that all worlds are balanced and equal. Many holy days occur at this time of year, linked to the date when Spring Equinox occurs. Traditionally the Goddess of fertility and new beginnings, Oestre/Eostre, was worshipped with the ritual lighting of dawn fires as a protection for the crops. She symbolizes springtime, new growth, and rebirth. Once, when the Goddess was late in coming, a little girl found a bird close to death from the cold and turned to the Goddess for help. A rainbow bridge appeared and Eostre came, clothed in her red robe of warm, vibrant sunlight which melted the snows. Spring arrived.



Because the little bird was wounded beyond repair, Eostre changed it into a snow hare who then brought rainbow eggs. As a sign of spring, Eostre instructed the little girl to watch for the snow hare to come to the woods. This is also the beginning of the astrological year as the Sun enters Aries. Earth's energies are now at a time of balance which brings fertility on all levels. After its long winter sleep nature is showing signs of activity and the power of the sun is increasing. Traditionally it is a time when seeds are planted, and fertility and new life celebrated. At this time we can begin to reconnect with the Earth, and create opportunities for positive changes in our life and in the world. Ideas and plans we have made have now had time to develop and can be shared with others. It is a time for personal growth and development.

Symbolism associated with this time includes eggs, rabbits/hares and spring flowers. These symbols are all representative of fertility and new life. The idea that the Earth was hatched from an egg is widespread throughout the world. The Celts believed that the egg was from a snake, symbol of regeneration. Rabbits/hares are a natural symbol of fertility due to their prolific reproduction and also show a deep connection with the Earth because of their underground burrows. Traditionally, rabbits/hares are linked to the moon and therefore the goddess.

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**Avalon Rising**  
[www.avalonrising.co.uk](http://www.avalonrising.co.uk)

**Weymouth & Dorchester**  
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**Yeovil Psychic Society**  
[www.yeovilpsychics.org.uk](http://www.yeovilpsychics.org.uk)

**Dorset Earth Mysteries  
Group**  
[www.dorsetmysteries.org](http://www.dorsetmysteries.org)

**School of Energy  
Healing Educational Trust**  
[www.energyhealing.co.uk](http://www.energyhealing.co.uk)

**New Dimensions  
Group Bristol**  
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**Centre of Awareness at  
Ashburton**  
[awarenesscentre.ashburton.co.uk](http://awarenesscentre.ashburton.co.uk)

**Bristol Dowzers**  
Jason 0117 9498933

**Joyous Isle workshops  
Dorset**  
[www.joyousisle.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.joyousisle.fsnet.co.uk)

**Axminster Awareness  
Centre**  
[www.awarenesscentre.org.uk](http://www.awarenesscentre.org.uk)

**World in our Hands**  
[WorldinourHands.org](http://WorldinourHands.org)

**Stoneseeker Tours**  
[www.stoneseeker.net](http://www.stoneseeker.net)

**Centre for Pure Sound**  
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**London Earth Mysteries  
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**The Martinsey Isle Trust**  
[www.martinsey.org.uk](http://www.martinsey.org.uk)

**Natures Way, Exmoor**  
Tel. 01984 640147

**Hawkwood College**  
[www.hawkwoodcollege.co.uk](http://www.hawkwoodcollege.co.uk)

**Taunton Pagan Moot**  
Tel. 01823 283742

[www.angellight.co.uk](http://www.angellight.co.uk)

**GATHERINGS**

**The University of Wales,  
Lampeter** 25-28 Feb  
the Body Programme Spring  
Residential.  
[j.robinson@lamp.ac.uk](mailto:j.robinson@lamp.ac.uk)

**Global Meditation Event**  
1 Mar at 9pm  
[www.networkoflight.org](http://www.networkoflight.org)

**Axminster** 8-9 Mar  
Awareness Weekend  
Tel. 01297 32331

**Chard** 15 Mar  
Angel Day  
Tel. Margaret 01460 66151

**Chard** 16 Mar  
Unicorn Day  
Tel. Margaret 01460 66151

**Winchester** 28 Mar  
Mystics and Scientists 31.  
Rhythms of the Cosmos.  
Cycles in Biological and  
Spiritual Life  
[www.scimednet.org](http://www.scimednet.org)

**TALKS**

**Stroud** (Matara Centre) 2 Mar  
the Fall  
Steve Taylor  
Tel. 01453 861050

**London** (TS) 2 Mar  
Gnosis the Mystical Death  
Andy Maybe  
Tel. 0207 563 9815

**Bournemouth PLG** 3 Mar  
Negative Energy Release  
Heather Smith & Denise  
Stoneham  
Tel. Sue 01202 581898

**Ashburton** 3 Mar  
the Knights Templar  
Marilyn Hopkins  
[Lynda@centreofawareness.co.uk](mailto:Lynda@centreofawareness.co.uk)

**Axminster** 3 Mar  
Signature Readings  
Sue Hudd  
Tel. 01297 32331

**Bournemouth** 3 Mar  
the Way of Intuition  
Jeraldine Lovell Cole  
Tel. Paul 08704280934

**Brighton** 4 Mar  
Astronomy of the Ancients  
James Mitchell  
[info@theantiquariansociety.com](mailto:info@theantiquariansociety.com)

**Frome** 5 Mar  
the Secret World of Tolkiens  
Middle Earth  
Hugh Le Provost  
Tel. Marina 01373 466391

**Yeovil** 5 Mar  
Clairvoyance  
John Winfield  
Tel. Jan 01935 421161

**Boscombe** 6 Mar  
the Etruscans and their  
Influence on Modern Day  
Civilisation.  
Gary Biltcliffe  
Tel. Dave 07977 144147  
or Peter 01258 489798

**Ashburton** 7 Mar  
Survival of Consciousness  
[Lynda@centreofawareness.co.uk](mailto:Lynda@centreofawareness.co.uk)

**London** (TS) 9 Mar  
the Ancient Art of Chinese  
Medicine  
Diana Kempster  
Tel. 0207 563 9815

**London** (TS) 9 Mar  
the Philosophers Stone, the  
Pentram and the Mysteries of  
Existence. Sylvia Francke  
Tel. 0207 563 9815

**Ashburton** 10 Mar  
Astrology  
[Lynda@centreofawareness.co.uk](mailto:Lynda@centreofawareness.co.uk)

**Taunton** 10 Mar  
How to see the Human Aura  
Amanda Walder  
Tel. 01823 283742

**Bournemouth PLG** 10 Mar  
You Are the Cosmos  
Jude Currihan  
Tel: Sue 01202 581898

**London** (LEMC) 11 Mar  
the Measure of a Man: the Human  
Body in Relation to the Landscape  
Jeremy Morgan  
[lemc@ic24.net](mailto:lemc@ic24.net)

**Alton Barnes** 12 Mar  
Psychic Children, Dolphins,  
DNA and the Planetary Grid  
Hugh Newman  
Tel. 01672 563831

**Weymouth & Dorchester**  
12 Mar  
So What is Holistic Health?  
Maureen Dennis  
Tel. Pat 01305 767242

**Roadwater** 13 Mar  
Angels. Julia Day  
Tel. Carolynn 01984 640147

**Glastonbury** 13 Mar  
Sacred Geometry  
Claudie Planche  
Tel. 01458 835506

**Axminster** 14 Mar  
the Way of Magic  
Gordon Strong  
Tel. 01297 32331

**Bristol** (NDG) 16 Mar  
Preparing for the Revolution  
of 2012. Andrew Smith  
Tel. Ghislaine 01225 333825

**Totnes** 16 Mar  
Psychic Children, Dolphins,  
DNA and the Planetary Grid

Hugh Newman  
Tel. Jeffrey 01803868744

**London** (TS) 16 Mar  
Astrology the Path of Return  
Wendi Sellar  
Tel. 0207 563 9815

**London** (TS) 16 Mar  
Zohar and the Awakening of  
Consciousness  
Mark Wright  
Tel. 0207 563 9815

**Bath** 17 Mar  
Bath Story Telling Circle  
Tel. Kevan 01225 334204

**Bournemouth PLG** 17 Mar  
the Light of Vibration Energy  
Dee Hartley  
Tel. Sue 01202 581898

**Ashburton** 17 Mar  
Mysteries and Cover Ups  
Andy Thomas  
[Lynda@centreofawareness.co.uk](mailto:Lynda@centreofawareness.co.uk)

**Yeovil** 19 Mar  
Colour in Your Life  
Lin Law  
Tel. Jan 01935 421161

**Glastonbury** 20 Mar  
Spring Equinox Gathering  
Astroarchaeological Alignments,  
Ancient Sites and the Druid Way  
Tel. Hugh 01458 835211

**London** (Forum) 20 Mar  
Contact, Meaning,  
Preparation. Alan Foster  
Tel. Margaret 02086715417

**Glastonbury** 21 Mar  
Spring Equinox Mayan  
Evening. Claudie Planche  
Tel. 01458 835506

**Bristol** (Dowzers) 21 Mar  
Clairvoyance and Dowzing  
Toni  
Tel. Jason 0117 9498933

**Axminster** 21 Mar  
Abott of the Hartridge Buddhist  
Monastery. Jutindharo  
Tel. 01297 32331

**Sherborne** 24 Mar  
Chambered Tombs of Europe  
Peter Knight  
Tel. Jean 01963 220323

**London** (LEMC) 25 Mar  
the Glastonbury Enigma  
Jack Gale  
[lemc@ic24.net](mailto:lemc@ic24.net)

**London** (RILKO) 28 Mar  
the Platonic City: Sacred  
Geometry and Zodiacal  
Symbolism in Ancient Greece  
Christine Rhone  
[lemc@operamail.com](mailto:lemc@operamail.com)

**Axminster** 28 Mar  
Love. Simon Price  
Tel. 01297 32331

**Bournemouth** (PLG) 31 Mar  
Climate Change and  
Consciousness  
Peter Taylor  
Tel. Sue 01202 581898

### WORKSHOPS & COURSES

**Chard** 1 Mar  
Angel Healing Practitioner  
Course (Foundation Module)  
Margaret Merrison  
Tel. Margaret 01460 66151

**Birmingham** 1 Mar  
the Journey Intensive  
Tel. 01656 890400

**Stanstead** 1 Mar  
Spiritual Development Course  
(module 2). Chrissie Astell  
[www.angellight.co.uk](http://www.angellight.co.uk)

**Middle Piccadilly** 2 Mar  
New Year (old style) Sound  
Bath. Dean Carter  
Tel. Dean 01935 389655

**Chard** 3 Mar  
Angel Healing Practitioner  
Course (Angel Healing  
Module). Margaret Merrison  
Tel. Margaret 01460 66151

**Birmingham** 3 Mar  
the Journey: Advanced Skills  
Tel. 01656 890400

**Sturminster Newton** 5 Mar  
Reiki Share Group  
Jane Williams  
Tel. Jane 01258 471152

**Ashburton** 6 Mar  
Healer Support Group for  
West Country Healers  
Ivor and Sheila Hutchings  
[Lynda@centrefawareness.co.uk](mailto:Lynda@centrefawareness.co.uk)

**Cullompton** 8 Mar  
the Enneagram Programme  
(part 2).  
Veronica & Chris Croft  
01884 855759

**Middle Piccadilly** 8 Mar  
Overtone Intensive follow up  
course. Dean Carter  
Tel. Dean 01935 389655

**Sturminster Newton** 8 Mar  
Magic Reiki Day  
Jane Williams  
Tel. Jane 01258 471152

**Wimborne** 8 Mar  
Heaven in my Heart

Nick Prater  
Tel. Jackie 01202885294

**Glastonbury** 8-9 Mar  
Reiki Levels I and II  
Claudie Planche  
Tel. 01458 835506

**Stroud** (Hawkwood) 9 Mar  
Your Lives Journey  
Larry Leighton  
Tel. 01453 759034

**Axminster** 15 Mar  
Everyday Magic  
Gordon Strong  
Tel. 01297 32331

**Axminster** 16 Mar  
Shamanic Awareness  
Donna Nunn  
Tel. 01297 32331

**Weymouth** 16 Mar  
Handling and Enjoying  
Relationships (mirrors for our  
growth). Ruth  
Tel. Pat 01305 767242

**Sturminster Newton** 18 Mar  
Meditation Group  
Jane Williams  
Tel. Jane 01258 471152

**Ashburton** 20 Mar  
Healer Support Group for  
West Country Healers  
Ivor and Sheila Hutchings  
[Lynda@centrefawareness.co.uk](mailto:Lynda@centrefawareness.co.uk)

**Dorchester** 22 Mar  
Ancient Stones of Dorset  
Peter Knight  
Tel. Peter 01258 489798

**Chard** 25 Mar  
Reiki Share Group  
Margaret Merrison  
Tel. Margaret 01460 66151

**Glastonbury** 21 Mar  
the Magdalene Grail  
Teachings: Manifesting  
Alchemy Consciousness with  
the Alchemical  
Empowerments of the Four  
Elements of Nature  
Tel. Mano 01458 833114

**Glastonbury** 21-24 Mar  
Way of the Heart (level 2)  
Openhand  
Tel. 01458 830443

**Glastonbury** 22-24 Mar  
the Template: Ceremonies of

Original Innocence  
Tel. 01458 835506

**Middle Piccadilly** 23 Mar  
Mega Sound Bath.  
Dean Carter, Roz Crampton,  
Ant Sauchella  
Tel. Dean 01935 389655

**Stoke Trister** 28-30 Mar  
Psychic Art – The Power to  
Create. June-Ellen Laine  
Tel. 0208 395 2140

**Reading** 29 Mar  
Self Healing Course  
School of Energy Healing  
Tel. 08708007060

**Axminster** 29-30 Mar  
Past Lives Future Lives  
Mary Hykel Hunt  
Tel. 01297 32331

**University of Exeter**  
MA in Western Esotericism; a  
part-time, distance learning  
programme.

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**The University of Wales,  
Lampeter**  
Home Study Masters  
Programme

The Body: Eastern and  
Western Perspectives.  
[bodyprogramme@lamp.ac.uk](mailto:bodyprogramme@lamp.ac.uk)

**The University of Bath**  
MSc in Death and Society  
[hss-pgr-coordinator@bath.ac.uk](mailto:hss-pgr-coordinator@bath.ac.uk)

### TOURS

**St Malo** 29 Feb-2 Mar  
Megalithic Tours Cruise to  
St Malo  
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**Chester** 8 Mar  
Tel. Neil 01772 728181

**Warwick Castle** 15 Mar  
Tel. Neil 01772 728181

**Israel** 18-25 Mar  
Sacred Waters Tour  
Tel. Sophie 01458 830293

**Southern England** 21 Mar  
Stonehenge, Avebury,  
Glastonbury Spring Equinox  
Tour. Tel. Neil 01772 728181

[www.Mindspiritnetwork.com](http://www.Mindspiritnetwork.com)

**Bath Storytelling Circle.**  
Tel. 01225 334204

**The London Forum.**  
Tel. 02086715417

**Bournemouth PLG**  
[www.powerofpositiveliving.com](http://www.powerofpositiveliving.com)

**Body, Mind, Spirit Centre,**  
Dorchester.  
[www.body-spirit.co.uk](http://www.body-spirit.co.uk)

**Academy of Spiritual  
Psychology**  
[www.spiritualpsychology.co.uk](http://www.spiritualpsychology.co.uk)

**Unicorn Centre, Chard.**  
[www.unicorncentre.co.uk](http://www.unicorncentre.co.uk)

[Mysticklight.com](http://Mysticklight.com)

**Thames Valley Dowzers**  
Tel. 01494 813 214  
[susan@scottpowell.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:susan@scottpowell.fsnet.co.uk)

**Library of Avalon (LoA)**  
[www.libraryofavalon.co.uk](http://www.libraryofavalon.co.uk)

**Theosophical Society,**  
London.  
[www.theosophical-society.org.uk](http://www.theosophical-society.org.uk)

**Foundation for International  
Spiritual Unfoldment**  
[www.fisu.org/en](http://www.fisu.org/en)

**Antiquarian Society:**  
[www.theantiquariansociety.com](http://www.theantiquariansociety.com)

**South Coast Dowzers**  
[www.healthyandwise.co.uk/south\\_coast\\_dowzers.htm](http://www.healthyandwise.co.uk/south_coast_dowzers.htm)  
[www.Loveandlight.co.uk](http://www.Loveandlight.co.uk)

**Hospice of the Heart**  
[www.hospiceoftheheart.org](http://www.hospiceoftheheart.org)

**Openhand**  
[www.openhandweb.org](http://www.openhandweb.org)

**Soliluna House**  
[www.soliluna.net](http://www.soliluna.net)

**White Elk Woman**  
[www.white-elk-woman.com](http://www.white-elk-woman.com)

**House of Life Mystery  
School**  
[www.thehouseoflife.co.uk](http://www.thehouseoflife.co.uk)

**R.I.L.K.O.**  
<http://members.aol.com/rilko/>

[Psychic-Sanctum.co.uk](http://Psychic-Sanctum.co.uk)

[www.Enneagram-uk.com](http://www.Enneagram-uk.com)  
[www.sacredconnections.co.uk](http://www.sacredconnections.co.uk)

**Serapis Bey Mystery School**  
[www.revolutionof2012.net](http://www.revolutionof2012.net)

[www.networkoflight.org](http://www.networkoflight.org)

[www.megalithictours.com](http://www.megalithictours.com)

### Film Review: The Order of the Alchemists: The Knights of Malta and

**Cagliostro** - Almost everybody is aware of the Knights Templar. But not everybody realizes that there was another Order from the same time and with the same roots. This Order still exists today and has incredible power. This film & audio book reveals the true history of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and in so doing, we discover occult and sinister forces at play. The story of the Knights of Malta is filled with mystery, intrigue and excitement. Described as a thought provoking masterpiece, this film unravels the military might and origins of this very human brotherhood, but also cleverly picks apart its deeper alchemical and occult leanings that as ever were right before our eyes. Email Michael at [Michael@real2can.com](mailto:Michael@real2can.com) for more information about the film.



## Cycles of the Earth - Spring Equinox (cont)

In our home we celebrate Spring Equinox with a long walk, enjoying the elements and taking time to notice nature coming alive. We visit our family's sacred space and leave painted eggs as offerings symbolising new life and new beginnings. Our spring clean will have taken place a few days before hand, removing the negative energy accumulated in winter and preparing our home for the positive growing energy of the spring. We then decorate the house with early spring growth and flowers. We spend time sitting around a fire talking about our hopes for the future and planning positive steps to take. Finally jumping over the dying embers of the fire is believed to assure fertility of people and crops.

In today's world it is important that we try to make time to connect with the Earth. The Earth needs to hear our voice and we are a voice for the Earth. Try to use Spring Equinox as a focus for your future plans for the year and this will help you to embrace the coming of the summer. Take this opportunity to embrace Eostre's passion for new life and let our own lives take the new directions we have wanted for so long.

Some people believe that it is possible to balance an egg on its end within a few hours before and after the exact time of the equinox. If anyone manages to do this please take a photo and send it to me, Maria Viner, at Bristol Dowzers. Email: mariaviner@blueyonder.co.uk

Wishing you all a wonderful Spring Equinox.

## Book Review: The Art of Being Psychic by June Elleni Laine

A brilliant book for anyone wishing to develop their intuition, creativity and psychic ability. It is truly wonderful, one of the best books on psychic development currently available. Fascinating and thought provoking exercises abound and open one up to an awareness of the right/left brain functions and how to balance them. Readers are shown how to access their creative right brain and so tap into their intuitive knowledge and psychic ability, this in turn opens the door to spirit communication. June-Elleni Laine uses examples of her own spiritual awakening to encourage readers to explore their own potential. For further information about the book contact June-Elleni Laine at [info@psychicartworks.com](mailto:info@psychicartworks.com) or log on to [www.psychicartworks.com](http://www.psychicartworks.com)

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[www.wessexresearchgroup.org](http://www.wessexresearchgroup.org)

## Repeal of the Fraudulent Mediums Act

The 1951 Fraudulent Mediums Act is due to be repealed in April 2008 and replaced by Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading 2007 (CPR's) which implement the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive (UCPD). Importantly the emphasis of the new legislation is on the Medium or healer to prove that they aren't fraudulent whereas the original Act required proof that the medium or healer was fraudulent. The changes will mean that a complainant can say they believe the medium or healer was fraudulent and it will be up to the medium to prove otherwise. For more information about these changes and their possible implications log on to [www.spiritualworkersassociation.org.uk](http://www.spiritualworkersassociation.org.uk) or [www.saahera-centre.org](http://www.saahera-centre.org) where there are on-line petitions or email the Saahera Centre at [saahera@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:saahera@tiscali.co.uk)

## Early Memories of R.I.L.K.O

Dear Robert, further to your article about R.I.L.K.O in last month's newsletter, I thought I might write and tell you about my early and enjoyable experiences of the organisation, dating back to the 1960's. My RILKO membership number is 009, so I was one of the earliest members. In the late 60s we used to meet in Kensington Town Hall, filling the main hall. Magnificent buffets were laid on and I suspect a lot of people came mostly for the food.

John Williams, the great Welsh dowser gave a talk. As I was living near him at the time, I got to know him and he taught me to dowse, an early step on The Path. He took me up a lane above Crickhowel (Hywel's Stone). We stopped and got out of the car and he handed me his dowsing rods and said "Where is it?" The rods pointed to a high stone wall and when we climbed over, there was Hywel's stone on the other side. *M. Pawson (Street)*

## A to Z of the Esoteric Being

**Thought Form** - An astral ent created as a result of concentrated thought. Thought is not merely an intellectual operation but a form of energy that leaves a definite impression on the ether. Most thought forms disintegrate very quickly but those charged with emotion have a longer term of life.

**TransPowering** - An ancient technique for the transmission of spiritual or occult insight from one person to another. It might not mean the communication of theoretical knowledge but rather the bestowal of a secret teaching or mystic illumination.