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June and we welcome the Tamar Dowzers [www.tamar-dowzers.co.uk](http://www.tamar-dowzers.co.uk) and Nigel Twinn (dowser and author) to the Wessex Research Group Network.

Author and researcher Rajat Chaudhuri would like to hear from any practicing druids in the UK. Rajat who is currently the Charles Wallace Creative Writing Fellow 2014 at the University of Chichester will be in England till early June and is conducting research on druids for his forthcoming book. For further information email Rajat at [rajat.chaudhuri@gmail.com](mailto:rajat.chaudhuri@gmail.com) or log on to [www.rajatchaudhuri.net](http://www.rajatchaudhuri.net)

*Scientific and Occult Evidence for the Existence of Atlantis* by Geoffrey Hodson and *The Druids* by Dr Mary Martin-Bacon are the latest additions to the Wessex Research Group on-line digital lecture archive [www.wessexresearchgroup.org/digital.html](http://www.wessexresearchgroup.org/digital.html)

## **Ten Years After. Beltane 2014** **By Nigel Twinn**

It's a bit difficult to grasp that a decade to the day has passed since Hamish Miller assisted Caroline Keane to breathe life into the Merrivale Beltane celebrations. It is, perhaps, even more startling to realise that the late Cornish Scot himself passed over more than four years ago - many of us are carrying forward different aspects of the insights that he brought into the public domain.

The Dawn Chorus itself started out as a collaboration between Tavistock Sings, the annual music and arts festival in Tavistock, Devon, UK, and the Sacred Footprints series of talks, hosted by Plymouth University - in which both Caroline and Hamish participated.

Welcoming in the sun on May Day is always a bit problematical here on Dartmoor. On a couple of occasions, we have indeed seen it rise, which is actually quite exciting! This year, however, was rather more typical. We were promised heavy rain, but got away with persistent drizzle. So, on balance, not a bad result. Given the forecast, a surprisingly large contingent of local and localish celebrants turned out at 05:00, on a decidedly murky moorland morning, to acknowledge the start of summer.

As in previous years, those attending were a mixture of singers, dancers, musicians and their friends, a couple of dog walkers, a small herd of rather bemused cattle, several joyous skylarks, a cuckoo - and a dowser.

Dowsing during the April eclipses of the moon and the sun, I had found that the earth energy lines in our home (and, by extrapolation, just about anywhere else



*Above: An Emblem of Atlantis*

in the area) changed by around 20-30%. Similar types of line crossing the Merrivale circle more than doubled in width from a base reading taken before the start of the Beltane activities. On the basis of this small and not very scientific sample, the implication is that the activity and intent of the May Day participants had a greater impact on everyday earth energies than the combined efforts of the sun and moon put together! Clearly, life is rather more complex than that!

However, the actions and intentions of people do have a remarkably large (and perfectly measurable) impact on the natural world - and, by inference, on one another.

Following quite literally in Hamish's footsteps, each year I have measured the radial lines of force entering and emanating from the circle, before and during the performance. This year the radial count on my arrival at about 04.45 was thirty four. By the time the event was winding down, around 06.30, it had risen to 82.

Even after all these years, I still find the scale and speed of the energy shift quite astonishing. In 2004, Hamish and I both noted a significant shift, and in similar proportions to one another, but every year it is different. Given the hopeless task of isolating variables, when dowsing in the damp and the dark on open moorland, all I can conclude is that while the base reading (the one taken before the start) varies from one occasion to another, the intent of the dancers, singers and musicians always doubles, even quadruples the ambient energy of the site - at least, for a short while. Since 2002 Nigel has been co-ordinator of the Tamar Dowzers. FFI log on to [www.nigeltwinn.org](http://www.nigeltwinn.org) or email Nigel at [tavistocktwinn@btinternet.com](mailto:tavistocktwinn@btinternet.com)

Sherborne & Yeovil  
Jennie 01935 817685

Frome WRG  
Marina 01373 465848

Totnes Astrology Group  
David 01803 867145

Glastonbury WRG  
Mike 01458 835620

Weymouth & Dorchester  
Roma 01305 816644

Yeovil Psychic Society  
[www.yeovilpsychics.org.uk](http://www.yeovilpsychics.org.uk)

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

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

Bristol Dowzers  
[www.bristoldowzers.co.uk](http://www.bristoldowzers.co.uk)

Joyous Isle workshops  
[www.joyousisle.com](http://www.joyousisle.com)

[www.awarenesscentre.org.uk](http://www.awarenesscentre.org.uk)

[www.stoneseeker.net](http://www.stoneseeker.net)

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

Centre for Pure Sound  
[www.centreforpuresound.org](http://www.centreforpuresound.org)

The Martinsey Isle Trust  
[www.martinsey.org.uk](http://www.martinsey.org.uk)

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

Wellington Pagan Moot  
Tel. 01823 665868

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

Taunton Association for  
Psychotherapy  
[www.taplimited.org.uk](http://www.taplimited.org.uk)

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

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

Theosophical Society in Scotland  
[www.findhorn.org](http://www.findhorn.org)

West Somerset Dowzers  
[westsomersetdowzers.org](http://westsomersetdowzers.org)

[www.theswa.org.uk](http://www.theswa.org.uk)

[www.unicorn-at-rainbows-end.org](http://www.unicorn-at-rainbows-end.org)

Totnes WRG  
Jeffrey 01803 866349

[www.angelmagic.biz](http://www.angelmagic.biz)

Aquarian Age Community  
[www.aquaac.org](http://www.aquaac.org)

Totnes Astrology Group  
David 01803 867145

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

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

[www.tamar-dowzers.co.uk](http://www.tamar-dowzers.co.uk)

## EVENTS

**Glastonbury** 7 June  
Companions Day  
Celebrating the Intelligence  
of Nature  
[www.chalicewell.org.uk](http://www.chalicewell.org.uk)

**Reading** 7 June  
Pagan Federation Conference  
South Central District  
[www.paganfed.org](http://www.paganfed.org)

**Chelmsford** 7 June  
Mind Body Spirit Festival  
[www.angellight.co.uk](http://www.angellight.co.uk)

**Wookey** 13 June  
This Earth Gathering  
[www.thisearthgathering.com](http://www.thisearthgathering.com)

**Glastonbury** 13 June  
Chalice Well Healing Weekend  
[www.chalicewell.org.uk](http://www.chalicewell.org.uk)

**Chard** 14 June  
Spirit of Awareness Day  
[http://anacolourastro.wordpress.com](http://http://anacolourastro.wordpress.com)

**Cornwall** 20 June  
3 Wishes Faery Festival  
[www.fairyevents.com](http://www.fairyevents.com)

**Buckland Rings** 21 June  
Solstice Celebration  
Tel. Lorna 01590 642994

**Norwich** 21 June  
Solstice Spiritual  
Companions Day  
[www.angellight.co.uk](http://www.angellight.co.uk)

**Glastonbury** 21 June  
Summer Solstice Celebration  
[www.chalicewell.org.uk](http://www.chalicewell.org.uk)

**London** 28 June  
Spirit in Action  
Moving Forward with a  
One Spirit Alliance  
[www.onespiritalliance.net](http://www.onespiritalliance.net)

## TALKS

**London (TS)** 1 June  
Unlocking the Mystery of the  
Number 7  
Finian Heavey  
Tel. 0207 563 9817

**Monkton Heathfield** 2 June  
Walking the Leys  
Laurence Main  
Tel. Mike 01460 281450

**Poole PLG** 3 June  
Archangel Metatron  
and Colour Healing Sprays  
Amanda Ellis  
Tel. Sarah 07919343613

**London (CPS)** 3 June  
the Gene Keys  
Richard Rudd  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Glastonbury PLG** 4 June  
Change Your Mind to Change  
Your Life. The Power of NLP  
Ben Grassby  
Tel. Glen 01458 833950

**Yeovil** 4 June  
Evening of Mediumship  
Nicky Gard  
Tel. John 01963 220306

**Glastonbury** 4 June  
Meeting of the Pagan Moot  
Tel. Tim 07747 897 621

**Bridport** 5 June  
Working Intuitively with Plants  
Maggie Haworth  
Tel. 07539316595

**London (TS)** 5 June  
the Forgotten Vegetarian  
Beginnings of Christianity and  
its Theosophical Significance  
Petra Meyer  
Tel. 0207 563 9817

**Herefordshire** 5 June  
the Cerne Giant. Landscape,  
Gods and the Stargate  
Peter Knight  
Tel. 07754 082691

**Frome** 5 June  
A New World in the Making  
Victoria Gater  
Tel. Marina 01373 465848

**DEMG at Stapehill** 5 June  
A Conspiracy History  
of the World  
Andy Thomas  
Tel. Dave 07977 144147

**London (CPS)** 6 June  
Crystal Interaction  
with the Human Energy Field  
Harry Oldfield  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Bristol** 6 June  
Introduction to Dowsing  
Bristol Mapping Project Update  
Bristol Dowzers  
Tel. Lea 01749 678834

**London (TS)** 8 June  
An Enlightened Approach  
to Money  
Simon Yates  
Tel. 0207 563 9817

**Glastonbury WRG** 10 June  
J.R.R. Tolkien Teller  
of Tales Man of Faith  
Gordon Strong  
Tel. Mick 01458 835620

**London (CPS)** 10 June  
the Animal Communicator  
Sharing Animal Viewpoints  
Pea Horsley  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Glastonbury PLG** 11 June  
Angels and Animals  
Diana Cooper  
Tel. Glen 01458 833950

**London (CPS)** 12 June  
Spirituality Beyond Religion  
Pierre Pradevande  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**London (CPS)** 13 June  
Symbol Magick  
Edwin Courtenay  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Axminster** 13 June  
Healing Yourself  
Healing the World  
Julie Soskin  
Tel. 01297 32331

**Taunton** 13 June  
Past Life Therapy  
Juanita Puddifoot  
Tel. Ian 01278 663215

**Brentwood** 14 June  
Transform Your Life - Meditate  
Rajesh Ananda  
Tel. 0208 523 3133

**London (TS)** 15 June  
Heaven or Hell. Shifting  
Definitions of the Unconscious  
and its Impact upon Psychic Life  
Carol North  
Tel. 0207 563 9817

**Crewkerne** 16 June  
Soul Mates  
Sheila Beck Reynolds  
[collingridge1@sky.com](mailto:collingridge1@sky.com)

**Woodshaw** 16 June  
the Interconnection of all Things  
and the Perpetual Choirs  
Trish Mills  
[www.wyverndowsing.freemove.co.uk](http://www.wyverndowsing.freemove.co.uk)

**Bath** 16 June  
Bath Storytelling Circle  
Tel. David 01225 482170

**London (CPS)** 17 June  
Crystals, Ancient Civilisations  
and Past Lives  
Judy Hall  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Poole PLG** 17 June  
Vision Boards. A Map  
for Our Subconscious  
Victoria Kate  
Tel. Sarah 07919343613

**Yeovil** 18 June  
Moon Signs  
Sasha Fenton  
Tel. John 01963 220306

**Glastonbury PLG** 18 June  
An Eco-Spiritual Journey into the  
Heart of Consciousness  
Jeffery Wuim  
Tel. Glen 01458 833950

**Bristol** 19 June  
How Energy Lines Move, How  
they Change Over Time  
and How They Affect Us  
Rory Duff  
Tel. Lea 01749 678834

**London (CPS)** 20 June  
Summer Solstice  
Awakening the Fire Within  
Barbara Miclejohn Free &  
Flavia Peters  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Bristol PLG** 22 June  
Use the Enneagram  
to Explore Relationships  
Veronica Croft  
Tel. Lea 01749 678834

**London (TS)** 22 June  
Dragons and Initiates  
Janet Hoult  
Tel. 0207 563 9817

**Sherborne** 26 June  
the Word in Your Heart  
Faith Tait  
Tel. Jennie 01935 817685

**London (CPS)** 27 June  
Relax and Rejuvenate  
Diana Vernon  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**London (TS)** 29 June  
In the Beginning. The  
Story of Creation in Hindu Art  
Alistair Shearer  
Tel. 0207 563 9817

### WORKSHOPS & COURSES

**London (CPS)** 1 June  
Introduction to Shamanism  
Davina MacKail  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Stroud** 1 June  
Observing Nature with  
Creative Imagination Day  
Lucy Voelcker  
Tel. 01453 759034

**Milford on Sea** 4 June  
Vocal and Tibetan and  
Crystal Bowls Soundbath  
Lorna Heath  
Tel. 01590 642994

**St Just** 6 June  
Living and Dying  
Consciously  
Archa  
Tel 01736 799231

**Cullompton** 6 June  
Enneagram Foundation  
Course Part 1  
Chris & Veronica Croft  
Tel. 01884 855759

**Wimborne** 6 June  
Transormational Weekend  
Endarkenment  
Jay Ramsey, Nick Clements  
& Melissa Roussopoulos  
Tel. 01202 841522

**London (CPS)** 7 June  
Crystal Interaction with  
the Human Energy Field  
Harry Oldfield  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Bury St Edmunds** 7 June  
Healing Your Home  
Part 2. Geopathic Stress  
Adrian Incedon Webber  
Tel. 01249 818807

**London (CPS)** 7 June  
Healing Through the Family Soul  
Philippa Lubbock  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Forres** 7 June  
Children of the Elements  
Caretakers of the Earth  
Astrid Gude  
Tel. 01309 690311

**London (CPS)** 8 June  
Enhance Business and  
Workplace Relationships  
through Tarot  
Avril Price  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Glastonbury** 8 June  
Dance of the Butterflies  
Erik Pelham  
Tel. 01458 835506

**London (TS)** 8 June  
A New Perspective on  
the Theory of Relativity  
Olivia Stefanino  
Tel. 0207 563 9817

**Glastonbury** 8 June  
Shekinashram  
Divine Union Soundbath  
Dean Carter  
Tel. Dean 01935 389655

**Alweston** 10 June  
Munay-Ki Foundation Rites  
Pauline Elsworth  
Tel. 01963 23705

**Glastonbury** 10 June  
Fairy Art  
Tiana Marie & Gwyn Ardyth  
Tel. 07599 336623

**Flaxley** 14 June  
Healing Through Being  
FIEH Foundation Course  
Tel. 01823 664500

**Forres** 14 June  
Source Sounding  
the Source of You  
Dennie Dingenotto  
Tel. 01309 690311

**Thakeham** 14 June  
Spiritual Painting Retreat  
Justine van de Weg  
[Justine@angeldivinity.com](mailto:Justine@angeldivinity.com)

**Millom, Cumbria** 14 June  
Healing Your Home  
Part 1. Geopathic Stress  
Adrian Incedon Webber  
Tel. 01249 818807

**London (CPS)** 14 June  
Dowsing – Clearing  
Past Life Energies  
Christopher Strong  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**London (CPS)** 14 June  
Spirits Apprentice  
Daniel Pitt  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Axminster** 14 June  
Healing Yourself  
Healing the World  
Julie Soskin  
Tel. 01297 32331

**London (CPS)** 14 June  
Everyday Spirituality  
the Art of Blessing  
Pierre Pradevande  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Glastonbury** 14 June  
Group Gong Bath  
Phil Leah  
Tel. 01458 835506

**London (CPS)** 15 June  
Advanced Dowsing  
Christopher Strong  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**London (CPS)** 15 June  
the Gene Keys  
Richard Rudd  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Alweston** 16 June  
Reiki First Degree Training  
Pauline Elsworth  
Tel. 01963 23705

**Wimborne** 19 June  
Inka Traditions  
Don Juan Nunez del Prado  
& Ivan Nunez del Prado  
Tel. 01202 841522

**Glastonbury** 20 June  
Transfiguration  
Chris Bourne  
Tel. 01458 830443

**Middle Piccadilly** 20 June  
Vision Quest  
Celina Marshall with  
Fiona and Maggie  
Tel. 01963 23468

**Stroud** 20 June  
From Atlantis to Avalon  
Mike Harris  
Tel. 01453 759034

**Wimborne** 20 June  
International Gong  
Master Training  
Don Conreaux &  
Aidan McIntyre  
Tel. 01202 841522

**Isle of Man** 20 June  
Past Life Regression  
Maria Wheatley  
Tel. 01672 511427

**Iona** 21 June  
Close to God on Iona  
Neils Paulsen  
Tel. 01309 690311

**London (CPS)** 21 June  
Summer Solstice Rise  
of the Pheonix  
Barbara Meiklejohn Free  
& Flavia Peters  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

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

Bath Storytelling Circle.  
Tel. 01225 482170

the London Forum.

[www.londoncircles.net](http://www.londoncircles.net)

[www.body-spirit.co.uk](http://www.body-spirit.co.uk)

[www.fire-in-the-head.co.uk](http://www.fire-in-the-head.co.uk)

[www.chalicewell.org.uk](http://www.chalicewell.org.uk)

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

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

[www.thamesvalleydowsers.org.uk](http://www.thamesvalleydowsers.org.uk)

[www.libraryofavalon.org.uk](http://www.libraryofavalon.org.uk)

Glastonbury PLG

Poole PLG

Bristol PLG - New Dimensions

Milford on Sea PLG

Newport Isle of Wight PLG

[www.positivelivinggroups.org.uk](http://www.positivelivinggroups.org.uk)

[www.theosophical-society.org.uk](http://www.theosophical-society.org.uk)

[www.fisu.org/en](http://www.fisu.org/en)

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

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

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

[www.white-elk-woman.com](http://www.white-elk-woman.com)

[www.RILKO.net](http://www.RILKO.net)

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

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

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

[www.revolutionof2012.net](http://www.revolutionof2012.net)

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

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

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

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

[www.educationaid.net](http://www.educationaid.net)

Sea Spirit Centre

<http://spiritual-courses.co.uk>

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

[www.wyverndowsing@freeserve.co.uk](http://www.wyverndowsing@freeserve.co.uk)

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

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

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

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

[www.caduceus.info](http://www.caduceus.info)

[www.ihs.ac](http://www.ihs.ac)

**Dublin** 21 June  
Journey Intensive  
Debra Billet  
Tel. 01656 890400

**Cranborne** 21 June  
Solstice Sing  
Susie Prater  
Tel. 01202 885294

**Oborne** 22 June  
Sounding the Solstice  
Find Your Soul-note, Toning  
the Cakras, Overtoning  
Dean Carter  
Tel. Dean 01935 389655

**Alweston** 22 June  
Solstice Ceremony  
Workshop  
Pauline Elsworth  
Tel. 01963 23705

**Dartmoor** 22 June  
Dowsing Improvers Afternoon  
Nigel Twinn  
Tel. 01566 774902

**London** (CPS) 22 June  
the Animal Communicators  
Introductory Workshop  
Pea Horsley  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**London** (TS) 22 June  
the Esoteric Wisdom of the  
Mahatma Letters  
Tony Maddock  
Tel. 0207 563 9817

**Dublin** 23 June  
Advanced Skills  
Debra Billet  
Tel. 01656 890400

**Stroud** 27 June  
Colours - the  
Hauschka Process  
Liri Filippini  
Tel. 01453 759034

**Glastonbury** 27 June  
the Template: Sacred Geometry  
Claudie Planche  
Tel. 01458 835506

**Forres** 28 June  
Spiritual Practice - Nature  
Katharina Brocke  
Tel. 01309 690311

**London** (CPS) 28 June  
Crystals and Past Lives  
Judy Hall  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Cullompton** 28 June  
Enneagram Foundation  
Course Part 2  
Chris & Veronica Croft  
Tel. 01884 855759

**London** (CPS) 29 June  
through the Mists of Avalon  
Edwin Courtenay  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Milford on Sea** 29 June  
Vocal and Tibetan and Crystal  
bowls soundbath  
Lorna Heath  
Tel. 01590 642994

**Oborne** 29 June  
Divine Union Soundbath  
Dean Carter  
Tel. Dean 01935 389655

### LIGHTWORKER GROUPS

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

**New York** 12 June  
UN Meditation as  
Planetary Service  
[UN@aquaac.org](mailto:UN@aquaac.org)

**Thakeham** 27 June  
Meditation Evening  
Justine van de Weg  
[Justine@angeldivinity.com](mailto:Justine@angeldivinity.com)

**Bournemouth** (Alt thursdays)  
The Spiritual Exchange  
[www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com)

**Poole** (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)  
Dialogues of the Heart  
Tara Divina Brown  
Tel. 01202 604340

**Glastonbury** (Saturdays)  
Shamanic Bowl Sound Bath  
& Guided Visualisations  
Corrina Thorby & Cara  
Tel. 07763 343612

**Alweston**  
Meditation Group  
Pauline Elsworth  
Tel. 01963 23705

**Backwell** (Tuesdays)  
Conscious Awareness  
Spiritual Development Group  
Channelled wisdom  
from 'Altheris'  
[info@vibrantsouls.com](mailto:info@vibrantsouls.com)

**Bournemouth**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month)  
Universal Law of Attraction  
monthly meet up  
[sallyehallum@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sallyehallum@yahoo.co.uk)

**Ringwood** (weds)  
Yoga & Meditation  
Tel. 07976547606

**Totnes** (fridays)  
Astrology Group Meeting  
Tel. David 01803 867145

**Sturminster Newton**  
Safe Journey Resource  
and Drop in Centre  
Martinsey Isle Trust  
Tel. Judith 01258 475125

**Bournemouth** (tuesdays)  
Channelling & Meditation  
Tel. Gary 01202 418291

**Glastonbury** (1<sup>st</sup> Tues)  
Ascension Exchanges  
Meditation Group  
Tel. 01458 830443

### TRIPS, TOURS & VISITS

**Lancashire** 7 June  
Piel Isle and Furness Abbey  
Megalithic Tours  
Tel 01772 728181

**Wiltshire** 13 June  
West Kennet  
Full Moon Gathering  
Peter Knight  
Tel 01249 823287

**France** 14 June  
Cathar Country Tour I  
Megalithic Tours  
Tel 01772 728181

**Berkshire** (CPS) 15 June  
A Day Trip to the White Horse of  
Uffington and Wayland Smithy  
Avril Price  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Wales** 18 June  
Wonders of Wales Tour  
[www.megalithomania.co.uk](http://www.megalithomania.co.uk)

**Shropshire** 19 June  
Long Weekend  
Wyvern Dowsers  
[www.wyverndowsing.freeserve.co.uk](http://www.wyverndowsing.freeserve.co.uk)

**Gloucestershire** 22 June  
In the Footsteps of Laurie Lee  
Kevan Manwaring  
Tel 01772 728181

**France** 28 June  
Cathar Country Tour II  
Megalithic Tours  
Tel 01772 728181

**Stanton Drew** 29 June  
Stanton Drew Stone Circles  
Tony Hathway  
Tel. Mike 01460 281450

## Book Review: Desiring Dragons

By Kevan Manwaring

Author of The Hobbit, JRR Tolkien, talked of 'desiring dragons'; that he would prefer 'a wilderness of dragons' to the bleak territory of the unimaginative critic. The genre of Fantasy (including Science Fiction and its various sub-genres in TV, film & computer games) has never been more popular. This book seeks to examine why this might be and why so many are tempted to write Fantasy fiction. Tolkien suggested how 'consolation' is an important criteria of the Fairy Tale: we look at how writing Fantasy can be consoling in itself, as well as a portal to Fantastic Realms for the reader. Along the way famous dragons of myth, legend and fiction will be encountered - from Grendel to Smaug. The riddles of dragons will be tackled and their hoard unlocked. For further information about the book visit [www.compass-books.net/books/desiring-dragons](http://www.compass-books.net/books/desiring-dragons)

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