



# Wessex Research Group Network Newsletter

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November and we welcome Carol Fraser from India. Carol will be speaking and facilitating workshops at Elworthy and Sherborne during the month ahead.

The latest addition to the on-line article archive [www.wessexresearchgroup.org/literary\\_resources.html](http://www.wessexresearchgroup.org/literary_resources.html) is *Compassionate Communities: End-of-life Care as Everyone's Responsibility* by Professor Allan Kellehear.

The latest additions to the on-line digital lecture archive are *Revelation upon Revelation* by Jean Smythe and *The Secret Garden. The Way of the Heart* by Patricia Davis. These are located in the archives at [www.wessexresearchgroup.org/digital\\_21.html](http://www.wessexresearchgroup.org/digital_21.html)

## Community Engagement in Death, Bereavement and Palliative Care

By Julian Abel

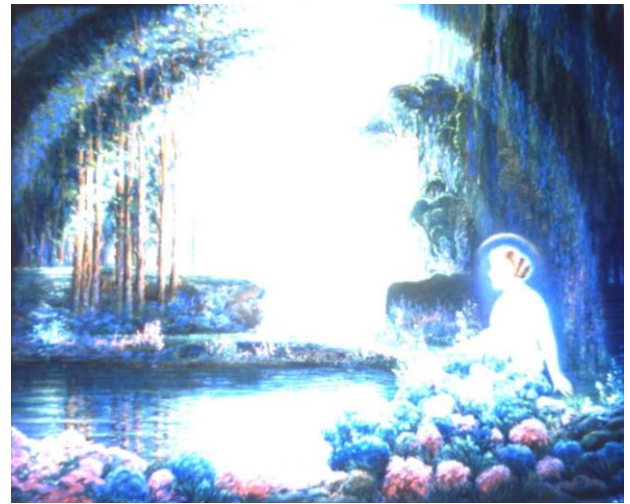
***"Compassion is the map, the vehicle, the fuel and limitless compassion the destination"***

Although it seems like death, dying and bereavement are topics that people are reluctant to discuss there is evidence to say that the opposite is true. We have seen nationwide debates, which have been at times highly emotional and have been prolonged over a number of years, on euthanasia and use of the Liverpool Care Pathway. When a public consultation in the UK in 2005 took place about what was important to people about the NHS, having good quality end of life care was one of the top eight themes.

The reason for this is probably straightforward. Whatever we do, we are all going to have to face death and dying, whether it be ourselves, our families or our friends. It is all part of our lifetime experience, an aspect of which is recognising that our bodies are merely temporary vessels.

We would all want the last phase of our life to be as peaceful as possible, safe in the care and company of the people who know and care for us, as we care for them. Supporting our family, friends and neighbours is a way of easing the burden of care, both physical and emotional.

Over the last 50 years, with the increasing development of palliative care, end of life care has become increasingly institutionalised and professionalised. The work of many researchers



suggests that hospitals don't do death well, and there is high presume on the services of hospices. A new level of emotional, psychological and spiritual support for people who are dying, and their families is needed something that could empower individuals and society.

Death and dying is about more than medicine. In the Western world there is a sense that we are losing our way in terms of empowering individuals and communities to sit with the dying, to talk about death, how to grieve and how to live authentically. Very few doctors or nurses feel comfortable enough to enter the emotional or spiritual terrain required to engage people in preparation for death, or to help create the best conditions possible for a good death. We have seen, along with the rise of science and increasing levels of knowledge and skill, a divergence of medicine and spirituality.

Examples of holistic practice are rare, but over the last 15 years, there has been an increasing international interest in using community development approaches to enable people to be cared for and to die in their own homes and communities. During May 2015 there will be a weeklong conference and festival about how communities approach death and dying. The 4<sup>th</sup> International Public Health and Palliative Care Conference: Community Resilience in Practice, will be held in Bristol. The conference will hear from examples from all over the world of community responses to end of life care. The main focus is going to be community resilience, with practical examples of how caring communities can look after their dying and how professional organisations can support and help develop these communities. We have an innovative programme that we hope will provide inspiration and sharing of ideas from an international perspective, so that people will be able to take away and use in their localities. For more information about the conference contact Julian at [Julian.abel@nhs.net](mailto:Julian.abel@nhs.net)

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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)

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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)

## EVENTS

**London** 15 Nov  
Origins 2014 Conference  
[www.megalithomania.co.uk](http://www.megalithomania.co.uk)

**Pewsey** 29 Nov  
Urban Pilgrim  
Conference of the  
Gatekeeper Trust  
[www.gatekeeper.org.uk](http://www.gatekeeper.org.uk)

**Beaconsfield** 30 Nov  
Annual General Meeting  
and Christmas Lunch  
[www.thamesvalleydowzers.org.uk](http://www.thamesvalleydowzers.org.uk)

## TALKS

**London** (TS) 2 Nov  
Music, Mathematics,  
Healing Sound, Spirituality  
Lawrence Ball  
Tel. 0207 563 9817

**Poole PLG** 4 Nov  
the Everyday Magic of Alchemy  
Pam Gregory  
Tel. Sarah 07919343613

**London** (CPS) 4 Nov  
the Amazing Incredible Wand  
Edwin Courtenay  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Glastonbury PLG** 5 Nov  
There Will Be No Money  
Jacqueline Hobbs  
Tel. Glen 01458 833950

**Bransford** 5 Nov  
Speaking from the Heart  
Miguel Smith  
Tel. 01452 840033

**Glastonbury** 5 Nov  
Meeting of the Pagan Moot  
Tel. Tim 07747 897 621

**Yeovil** 5 Nov  
An Evening of Mediumship  
Helen Van Hooff  
Tel. John 01963 220306

**Frome** 6 Nov  
the Manifestation of the Sons  
of God. The Next Stage of  
our Cosmic Evolution  
Hugh Le Provost  
Tel. Marina 01373 465848

**Bridport** 6 Nov  
Meeting of the Pagan Moot  
Tel. 07539316595

**DEMG at Stapehill** 6 Nov  
An Introduction to Sheela Na  
Gigs and the Theories of their  
Meaning and Origins  
John Harding  
Tel. Dave 07977 144147

**Elworthy** 7 Nov  
Creating true spiritual  
Community- an urgent need  
of our times, and a modern  
path of initiation  
Carol Fraser  
Tel. Jill 01984 656236

**Chichester** 9 Nov  
the Cerne Giant  
Landscape Gods  
and the Stargate  
Peter Knight  
Tel 01249 823287

**North Hill** 9 Nov  
Animal Communication  
Ann Lodygowski  
Tel. 01566 774902

**Stroud** 9 Nov  
Hedd Wyn and the  
Bardic Chair of Hawkwood  
Kevan Manwaring  
Tel. 01453 759034

**London** (TS) 9 Nov  
the Secrets of Life Revealed  
Through the Esoteric  
Properties of Light  
Colin Price  
Tel. 0207 563 9817

**London** (CPS) 11 Nov  
Evening of Soul Portraits  
and Clairvoyance  
Angela Watkins &  
June Elleni Laine  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Godalming** 11 Nov  
Dowsing the Dragon  
Forces of England  
Gary Biltcliffe & Caroline Hoare  
Tel. 01252 541639

**Glastonbury PLG** 12 Nov  
Bring Your Rainbow with You  
Kim Cullen Moore  
Tel. Glen 01458 833950

**London** (CPS) 14 Nov  
Psychic Sensing  
Our New Age Social Media  
James Philip  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Taunton** 14 Nov  
Shell Shocked Britain  
the Great War's Legacy  
for Mental Health  
Suzie Grogan  
Tel. 01278 663215

**London** (TS) 16 Nov  
Soul Centered Astrology  
Wanda Sellar  
Tel. 0207 563 9817

**Beaconsfield** 16 Nov  
Dowsing the Dragons of Albion  
Gary Biltcliffe & Caroline Hoare  
Tel. Susan 01494 813214

**Crewkerne** 17 Nov  
Understanding  
Astrological Charts  
Terrie Birch  
[collingridge1@sky.com](mailto:collingridge1@sky.com)

**Woodshaw** 17 Nov  
Crystals, Cycles and  
Good Vibrations  
Barbara Withers  
[www.wyverndowsing.freemove.co.uk](http://www.wyverndowsing.freemove.co.uk)

**Bath** 17 Nov  
Bath Storytelling Circle  
Tel. David 01225 482170

**Poole PLG** 18 Nov  
Angelic Lifestyle  
Beverley Densham  
Tel. Sarah 07919343613

**London** (CPS) 18 Nov  
How Lucid Dreaming  
can change your Life  
Charlie Morley  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Glastonbury WRG** 18 Nov  
the Mystical Inner Life  
of Carl Jung  
Gordon Strong  
Tel. Jacqui 07516816915

**Newport IoW** 18 Nov  
Orbs? No El Aeons  
Lorna Heath  
Tel. Dana 01983 874645

**Yeovil** 19 Nov  
Evening of Clairvoyance  
Mark De Ville  
Tel. John 01963 220306

**Glastonbury PLG** 19 Nov  
An Evening with Hugh  
Hugh Newman  
Tel. Glen 01458 833950

**Bristol** 21 Nov  
the Spine of Albion  
Gary Biltcliffe & Caroline Hoare  
Tel. Lea 01749 678834

**London** (CPS) 21 Nov  
Talking about Death and Dying  
Felicity Warner  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Bristol PLG** 23 Nov  
What Near Death Experience  
Can Tell Us About Life  
Penny Sartori  
Tel. Lea 01749 678834

**London** (TS) 23 Nov  
Mystical Mandala  
Lessons in Becoming Human  
Wayne Garfield  
Tel. 0207 563 9817

**Sherborne** 24 Nov  
Electrosensitivity  
A Significant and Increasing  
Health Problem  
Peter Gane  
Tel. Jennie 01935 817685

**London** (CPS) 25 Nov  
the Extraordinary Power of  
Connection and Intention  
Lynne McTaggart  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Glastonbury PLG** 26 Nov  
Conspiracy History of the World  
Andy Thomas  
Tel. Glen 01458 833950

**London (CPS)** 26 Nov  
Demonstration of Trance  
Mediumship  
Elizabeth Roberts  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**London (RILKO)** 28 Nov  
High Weirdness and the  
Function of the Obscure in the  
Western Esoteric Tradition  
Philip Carr-Gomm  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Glastonbury PLG** 29 Nov  
Paco Andino – A Film  
Jeffrey Wium  
Tel. Glen 01458 833950

**London (TS)** 30 Nov  
the Truth about Reincarnation  
Greg Branson  
Tel. 0207 563 9817

## WORKSHOPS & COURSES

**Clevedon** 1 Nov  
BSD Dowsing  
Foundation Course  
David Lockwood  
Tel. 01566 86024

**London (CPS)** 1 Nov  
Paranormal Photography  
Harry Oldfield  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Cranborne** 1 Nov  
How to Lift the Winter Blues  
Tim Swanson  
Tel. 01202 885294

**New York** 1 Nov  
Divinicus Workshop  
Chris Bourne  
Tel. 01458 830443

**London (CPS)** 1 Nov  
Improve the Energy  
of Your Home  
Dowsing Stage 2  
Christopher Strong  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Forres** 1 Nov  
Singing in Community  
Bill Henderson & Kate O'Connell  
Tel. 01309 690311

**Middle Piccadilly** 1 Nov  
Rites and Rituals  
Sarah Browne and  
Seesha O'Sullivan  
Tel. 01963 23468

**London (TS)** 2 Nov  
the Esoteric Wisdom of the  
Mahatma Letters  
Tony Maddock  
Tel. 0207 563 9817

**London (CPS)** 2 Nov  
Psychic Art to Develop  
Spiritual and Psychic Expansion  
June Elleni Laine  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Glastonbury** 2 Nov  
Shekinashram  
Divine Union Soundbath  
Dean Carter  
Tel. Dean 01935 389655

**West Yelland** 2 Nov  
Awakening Your Spiritual Truth  
Valerie Coburn  
Tel. 01271 860317

**London (CPS)** 2 Nov  
the Elvern Folk  
Edwin Courtenay  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Wimborne** 6 Nov  
Acorn to Oak  
Pennie Quaile Pearce  
Tel. 01202 841522

**St Leonards on Sea** 7 Nov  
Enhancing Your Mediumship  
Michael Kingscote  
Tel. 01424 729518

**Glastonbury** 7 Nov  
In the Heart of the Well  
Jo Laxton, Philomena  
Houlihan-Wood &  
Paul Fletcher  
Tel. 01458 831154

**Cape Town** 8 Nov  
Divinicus Workshop  
Chris Bourne  
Tel. 01458 830443

**London (CPS)** 8 Nov  
the Soul Alchemy Experience  
Retrieve, Transform and Heal  
Barbara Meiklejohn Free &  
David Wells  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Elworthy** 8 Nov  
Creating true spiritual  
Community- an urgent need  
of our times, and a modern  
path of initiation  
Carol Fraser  
Tel. Jill 01984 656236

**Thakeham** 8 Nov  
Spiritual Painting Retreat  
Justine van de Weg  
[Justine@angeldivinity.com](mailto:Justine@angeldivinity.com)

**Forres** 8 Nov  
Opening the Sacred Heart  
Isabella Guerrini  
& Joshua Nicolosi  
Tel. 01309 690311

**Middle Piccadilly** 8 Nov  
Rites and Rituals  
Sarah Browne and  
Seesha O'Sullivan  
Tel. 01963 23468

**Sherborne** 15 Nov  
Swara Yoga for a Peaceful  
and Harmonious state and a  
Dance for World Peace  
Carol Fraser  
Tel. Carol 01747 833737

**London (CPS)** 15 Nov  
Finding Your Wings  
James Philip  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Forres** 15 Nov  
Incarnational Spirituality  
Subtle Activism  
Freya Secrest , Mary Inglis  
& David Spangler  
Tel. 01309 690311

**London (CPS)** 15 Nov  
Archangel Metatron  
Amanda Roberts  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Forres** 15 Nov  
Sojourns into the Desert  
of the Heart  
Caroline Myss  
Tel. 01309 690311

**Cranborne** 15 Nov  
Songs of Season  
Peace and Harmony  
Gilo and Sarah  
Tel. 01202 885294

**London (CPS)** 16 Nov  
Healing and Connecting  
with the Angels  
of the Essenes  
Chrissie Astell  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**South Devon** 16 Nov  
Dowsing  
Aaron Bray  
Tel. 07973120244

**Wimborne** 16 Nov  
Divine Union Soundbath  
Dean Carter  
Tel. Dean 01935 389655

**London (CPS)** 16 Nov  
Dowsing with Crystals  
Valerie Pitts  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Wimborne** 21 Nov  
Opening the Road  
(Uvulu Indleia)  
John Lockley  
Tel. 01202 841522

**London (CPS)** 22 Nov  
Spirit Speaks  
Inspirational to Trance  
Sarah Tyler Walters  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Cullompton** 22 Nov  
Enneagram Foundation  
Course Part 2  
Chris and Veronica Croft  
Tel. 01884 855759

**London (CPS)** 22 Nov  
Holistic and Spiritual  
Companionship to  
the Dying  
Felicity Warner  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

## Wessex Research Group Network

[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

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.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.brsls.org](http://www.brsls.org)

[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)

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

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

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

**London (TS)** 23 Nov  
Self-empowerment from the  
Esoteric Perspective  
Joseph McKeaney  
Tel. 0207 563 9817

**Glastonbury** 24 Nov  
Path Between Worlds  
Chris Bourne  
Tel. 01458 830443

**Stroud** 28 Nov  
Authenticity and the  
Journey of the Soul  
Peter Owen Jones  
Tel. 01453 759034

**Gillingham** 28 Nov  
Living and Dying  
Consciously  
Archa  
Tel. 01736 799231

**Glastonbury** 28 Nov  
the Template  
Sacred Geometry  
Claudie Planche  
Tel. 01458 835506

**London (CPS)** 29 Nov  
Dowsing Earth Energies  
Geopathic Stress and  
Environmental Energies  
Vicky Sweetlove  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Forres** 29 Nov  
Incarnational Spirituality  
Manifestation  
Freya Secrest, Mary Inglis  
& Judy McAllister  
Tel. 01309 690311

**Blandford** 29 Nov  
Accupressure for Self Care  
Jackie May  
Tel. 01202 885294

**London (CPS)** 29 Nov  
Reclaiming the Sleeps  
Mindfulness for Insomnia  
Charley Morley  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**Osborne** 30 Nov  
Divine Union Soundbath  
Dean Carter  
Tel. Dean 01935 389655

**Omagh** 30 Nov  
Stepping into the Light  
Chrissie Astell  
Tel. 01223 969858

### LIGHTWORKER GROUPS

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

**Alweston** 6 Nov  
Full Moon Ceremony  
Meditation & Healing  
Tel. 01963 23705

**New York** 6 Nov  
UN Meditation as  
Planetary Service  
[UN@aquaac.org](mailto:UN@aquaac.org)

**Thakeham** 28 Nov  
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

**Weymouth**  
Earthbound Bug or Butterfly  
Spiritual Development  
Tricia Davis  
Tel. 0783 3164615

**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

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

### TRIPS, TOURS & VISITS

**Wiltshire** 1 Nov  
Samhain Gathering  
West Kennet Longbarrow  
Peter Knight  
Tel 01249 823287

**Malta** 6 Nov  
Magical Malta  
Megalithic Tours  
Tel 01772 728181

**London** 16 Nov  
British Museum Tour  
[www.andrewcollins.com](http://www.andrewcollins.com)

**Wiltshire** 22 Nov  
the Dark of the Moon Gathering  
West Kennet Longbarrow  
Peter Knight  
Tel 01249 823287

## Book Review: The Story of Light By Hannah Spencer

It is a visionary /metaphysical story set over 2000 years from the Iron Age to present day, exploring themes including earth mysteries, mythology and spirituality from different cultural viewpoints and their link to 21st century scientific discoveries.

The first step of the journey is to understand the most pondered enigma of all time life. Bridget's purpose is to find that spiritual talisman sought by people of all ages, the Philosopher's Stone or Holy Grail. Dependent on her success is her own salvation and that of the world.

Using the accumulated wisdom of five millennia of human thought, together with 21st-century science, Bridget must learn the true nature of herself, life, and that vast being known by scientists as the Cosmos and the religious as deity, reconciling the fundamental paradoxes of life and death, good and evil, science and God.

She undertook the quest before, as an Iron Age priestess. A faint echo of the past, a memory crossing the mists of time, was Bridget's first clue of a life she once lived. Now, history is repeating itself. The world again descends into chaos and Bridget must walk The Path once more. Visit <http://hannahspencer.webs.com> FFI.

## Book Review: Defenders of Mai-dun A Story of the Roman Assault on Maiden Castle

### By David Macpherson

Defenders of Mai-dun is a novel about the invasion of Dorset by Vespasian and the Second Legion in the first century AD. The story follows the fortunes of a young orphan boy called Conn who lives on Maiden Castle and an inexperienced Tribune in the Roman army called Julius. As Vespasian's soldiers sweep through the land of the Durotriges, Julius and Conn's lives are intertwined with a compelling inevitability.

Historical and archaeological evidence is woven into the story, giving a sense of realism. The adventure concludes with the destruction of the Celtic settlement on Maiden Castle and the establishment of the Roman settlement at Dorchester (Durnovaria).

David is a retired history and Head teacher and has published many articles on local history. Defenders of Mai-dun, his first novel, was inspired by frequent visits to Maiden Castle to walk his dog and to the Dorset County Museum. He and is writing more novels set in the county. FFI log on to [www.rovingpress.co.uk](http://www.rovingpress.co.uk)

To promote an event or submit a contribution to the newsletter email Robert at [robertmulliss@btinternet.com](mailto:robertmulliss@btinternet.com)  
or log on to [www.wessexresearchgroup.org](http://www.wessexresearchgroup.org)