



Opening the Ways of the Wise

An Exploration of the English Craft and its Magic

With

Dolores Ashcroft-Nowicki

and

Steven Critchley

Hawkwood College, Stroud, UK

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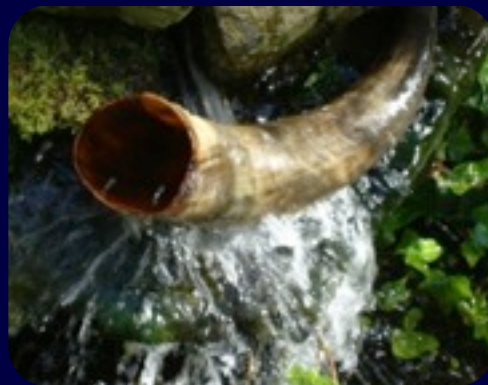
This weekend promises to be a memorable time between the worlds where old ways will meet new ways and ways will be opened. It will be a time of learning and of practical experience through teaching, prayer, meditation, pathworking, dance and ritual. We will hear, songs, chants and stories of old as we gather around the Cauldron of Wisdom before the fire of the hearth - which has always been sacred to the Lady.



Modern Wicca is very different to Traditional British Craft - yet there are similarities and both are connected to the Mysteries of the Great Goddess and the Horned God. There are many traditions within the Craft as a whole - some of which are very old, some new and others that have receded until the time is right for them to emerge again through the devotion of those who dance in the light of the Sun and Moon and the in-between places wherein lies true Magic.



The Craft is a vibrant living tradition. The Old Ones move among us and there is a need of their great truth, wisdom and light as we seek to walk in the Ways of the Wise. The Old Ones have always taught those who seek truly with an open heart - with dedication and devotion.



This residential and fully-catered weekend workshop will be a valuable, enriching and potent experience for those who are already practitioners of the Craft. Applications to attend the event are welcome from those who already have a degree of ritual experience - it is not suitable for absolute beginners. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Dolores Ashcroft-Nowicki is one of the most respected and experienced esoteric practitioners currently at work in the British Isles. Dolores was born in Channel Island of Jersey off the coast of France. She was trained in the Fraternity of the Inner Light and worked as a Cosmic Mediator with Walter Ernest Butler with whom she was one of the co-founders of the Servants of the Light School of Occult Science. Dolores is a third degree adept, Qabbalist, noted author and devoted practitioner of Traditional English Craft - she is also a Wiccan High Priestess.



In the 1980's Dolores trained within a village community in the north of England where an English Craft Tradition had been practised for centuries. She was appointed the last Walker of the Village Tradition and has transmitted its teachings to a select few. In this workshop Dolores will be sharing elements of the Village Tradition and passing on some of the wisdom and teachings of its Elders - all now deceased - who shared their magic with her so generously in the past.

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Dr Steven Critchley is the current leader and High Priest of Seven Stars Coven in Sheffield, which he founded, he is also a member of The Servants of the Light School of Occult Science. He was trained and initiated through all of the Wiccan degrees by Patricia C. Crowther in the Sheffield Coven in the 1990's. He is an experienced occultist and ritualist who studies many aspects of the Western Mystery Tradition in both ancient and modern contexts. He holds a PhD in English from the University of York where he researched the influence of Thomas Taylor the Platonist (1758-1835) on English Romanticism. Steven teaches, writes, creates and performs personalised funeral services and also practises hypnotherapy in the local community

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Both Dolores Ashcroft-Nowicki and Steven Critchley will be teaching during the course of the weekend. On Saturday evening there will be a robed ritual - the intent of which shall be to deepen personal contact with the Old Ones - who are the true teachers and maintainers of the initiatory mysteries of the Craft.

In the later evenings there will be time to relax with light refreshments in the Library Room at Hawkwood - where, before an open log-fire and small hearth-shrine, Dolores will teach informally, old stories will be told and traditional chants will be heard and passed on.

During this event there will be many rare opportunities to explore the Craft in terms of its history, mythos and practical application as a rich spirituality in daily life. This will prove to be a time of Opening the Ways of the Wise.

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Booking Form

Evening Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th November 2010

At Hawkwood College - Painswick Old Road, Stroud, GL6 7QW, United Kingdom

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NAME

Address

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Telephone

Email.....

Please give brief details of previous ritual experience

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Vegetarian? YES/NO

Special requests?.....NOTE: No places will be reserved without a deposit

Please Send completed form with Full -Payment or a Non-refundable deposit of £100 to:

Dr Steven Critchley, PO BOX 4701, SHEFFIELD, S5 5BB, UK

(Cheques Payable To Dr Steven Critchley please)

Full Weekend Residential (Per Person): Shared Room = £230, Single Room £270.

Full Weekend Non-Residential = £170

If you wish to pay securely through PAYPAL please email your request for an invoice.

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