

The Radical Faeries of Albion present the Spring Love Awakening Gathering at Paddington farm, Glastonbury, UK - 2nd May to 13th May 2022

Calling faeries, queer spirits, gay witches, faggot farmers, drag druids, walkers between worlds,

Ritual queens, tricksters, heart circlers, faerie newbies, wild womxn, hippies, new age enbies, pagans, lesbian lightworkers, femmes, activists, transgender priestesses, ecofeminists, genderqueers, shapeshifters, and whoever else you are!

We gather the day after Beltane to co-create in nature at the height of spring. We have the use of a beautiful meadow for camping, a farmhouse for indoor accommodation, work/playshop spaces, a small woodland and two fire pits, and a large kitchen for feeding everyone!

We wish to create a safer space together to open our hearts, feel connected to each other and the land and love around us. The intentions behind previous S.L.A.G. gatherings have been to co-create a space where we feel safe and trusting to open our hearts that bit more, a space to be as we are, where Love can grow and support our personal and collective development. A place to feel more whole, held and connected, to bathe in the Joy and Strength of Being Together. We stoke the fire of Love in the Spring energies, nourish ourselves and each other so that we may radiate and shine brightly in the wider world.

In the spirit of co-creation and previous gatherings here, we wish to have a ritual to change the organising of the gathering from just the faeries who set the stage to get us there, to teams including everyone at the gathering, so it is all held collectively. What you bring and offer, adds to what you get.

For many, this may be your first time, or it may be your 100th gathering! Either way, we welcome you home. We think our recent gathering was the most wonderfully diverse ever and we really would like this to continue and grow. We know the Radical Faeries to be an identity that is available to claim by anyone, and in many ways can not be defined. In the spirit of this diversity we wish to again hold a quarter of places to welcome people who identify as being from marginalised genders and identities. They will be held for individuals who self-identify as such on the booking form. We embrace and encourage diverse expression and recognition of gender including through use and awareness of pronouns.

Faerie means family and we want SLAG 2022 to include you and welcome you home. Please get in touch if you have any disabilities or health conditions so that we can discuss and make adjustments.

For this gathering we want to invite you to manifest playfulness, experimentation, creation, diversity, acceptance, wildness, joyfulness, dancing, sensuality, connection, inclusion, family, care, co-creation, co-operation, magic, boundary-setting, self care, recognising needs, question-asking, vulnerability, beauty, kindness, love, and humour!

We are all organisers and creators of the event in our own ways. To this end if you feel able to get involved, or feel to offer any workshops that can be planned in advance then please get in contact.

The email address for the gathering is... info@albionfaeries.org.uk

The venue is Paddington Farm, about 20 min walk from Glastonbury and accessible by bus and driving. To arrive by train, the easiest way is to Bristol Temple Meads and then onward bus to Glastonbury. We encourage you to get in touch with your fellow faerie family for lift-sharing where possible, www.faenet.org is a good place to make connections. There will possibly be a signal group set up later to help with getting in touch with each other.

We intend to accommodate a maximum of around 70 people. There are a small number of twin & double rooms available as well as spaces in two dorms in the farm house.. The rest of the accommodation is camping. The gathering is intended as a journey best experienced for the duration so we ask that people come for the full 12 days where possible.

As has been at faerie gatherings, we will order lots of amazing wholefoods, ingredients and vegetables, we hope to have meals be mainly plant-based/vegan, and always to have a plant- based/vegan option.

Sex positivity

We aspire to embrace sex positivity in the gathering. This doesn't mean that there is any expectation around sex. It primarily means working towards a positive attitude about sex and embracing all aspects of sexuality, placing an importance on consent. On a practical level this means that, in the private areas of the venue any consensual sexual expression is welcome.

Celebrating our diversity

We welcome all to our gathering who come in a spirit of acceptance and community growth. We hold an intention that the gathering is a safe space for the exploration of our differences as well as the celebration of our shared love.

Alcohol & Mind-altering substances

We would like to keep an atmosphere conducive to the joy and work of coming home to the heart and where we can be sensitive to one another and feel safe enough to be vulnerable. It is important that the gathering remains accessible to those that may have a difficult relationship or bad reactions to alcohol or substances. To this end, we ask that if anyone chooses to use alcohol / substances, it is done in a way that is low-key and with awareness of others – this might look like drinking from cups rather than glasses and not obviously displaying alcohol bottles. It might also look like ensuring that you are able to remain loving and awake and avoid any substance induced distractions that might lead you away from the intentions of the event.

How can you contribute to Spring Love awakening?

- Kitchen deities
- Welfare
- Safe space
- Finances & Fundraising
- Sex positivity & Love temple
- Hot tent
- Wood and fires
- Site décor
- Heart Circle organising
- Recycling and composting
- Entertainment including Music, performance, DJ, Cabaret

If you would consider helping to take a lead or co-coordinate one or more these teams then please get in touch. Any other offers of time, support, skills or assistance of any kind are greatly appreciated. Feedback from previous years Spring Love Awakening gatherings is also welcome.

Email:...info@albionfaeries.org.uk

TO BOOK, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING BOOKING

FORM: <https://office.faenet.org/index.php/apps/forms/zRSHxMEfHK4KzExJ>

Some things you might like to bring...

decorations (fabric, lights, art etc), musical instrument, a flash-light, book to read, games to play, Walking boots/wellies, Waterproof clothing, Warm clothing!, Summer clothing, your comfiest clothes, If you feel like dressing up bring some fancy clothes and wigs or whatever else inspires you, A towel and soap, There will be an altar for any items of special meaning you wish to bring, Hot water bottle, Lube and condoms for the Love Temple, Art supplies, If you plan performances, the music that needs

How to pay:

For the whole gathering, we ask each faerie to contribute £250-300 for hire of the farm, food and firewood.

As faeries we are radical in our approach of No One Turned Away For Lack Of Funds (NOTAFLOF) – we want you to come and we don't want financial hierarchies to prevent your spirit from joining us! This means that if you genuinely cannot afford to pay the full contribution, you are encouraged to pay what you can; the deficit will be made up by the generosity of other faeries – a wonderful initiative that we must treat with the utmost respect. We encourage the principle of GAYABAGS (Give As You're Able But Always Give Something). We also have the ADAFAE policy (Additional Donations And Finance Accepted Enthusiastically): if you can give more than the suggested contribution, please do, and share your love!

Please pay in advance via PayPal or bank transfer, using the reference in the format SLAG22 [your name], e.g., SLAG22 J.SMITH. If you want to pay in instalments, add "1st", "2nd" etc to your reference.

Paypal link: www.paypal.me/albionfaeries – please select "Paying Friends or Family" rather than "Goods or Services", so that we don't get charged a fee.

Bank: The Co-operative Bank

Account name: FaerieUK

Sort code: 089299

Account number: 65488214

IBAN: GB75 CPBK 08929965 4882 14

Bank Identification code: CPBK GB22

Much

love and faeriness,

Unicorn, Custard Cream, Mackerel Sky, Puck, Epiphany, Blossom, Bridge and Still Water xx