



Yooooooo Hooooooooo!

The Sun blesses the land, Spring is in full flow and the heartland of Avalon calls the faeries home!! 10 days of sacred communal magic awaits us at Paddington Farm, Glastonbury. Beltane is fast approaching, the time of year that we celebrate fertility, creativity, sensuality, sexuality and the abundance of Spring. This year we have a few changes to our usual programming, so please read the entire call to find out how this gathering will be held and our intentions behind it.

Paddington Farm and Access

We gather at Paddington Farm in Glastonbury from 8th-18th of May. Paddington is a working farm that houses up to 30 guests indoors. There are additional spaces for faeries to camp or stay in vehicles onsite.

This year we do not have access to the classroom and so have hired the barn instead. We strongly encourage you to bring extra things that will make the space more comfortable, if you are able. We are also hoping to source a marquee this year to put at the top of the camping field, if you have one you can bring to the gathering, please let us know!

Click [here](#) for more detailed farm access info.

Paying for the Gathering

We want anyone to be able to come, regardless of money, and in order for people to be able to come while paying less, we need the people who can pay more to pay more. If you genuinely cannot afford to pay the break-even amount, you are encouraged to pay what you can; using the principle of GAYABAGS (Give As You're Able But Always Give Something). But NOTAFLOF (No one turned away for lack of funds) always applies, there is more info underneath about fundraising, which is one of the ways we are hoping to alleviate financial pressures on individuals.

Pricing Info

The break-even cost for this gathering is £20 per-faerie per-night, so £200 for the entire gathering.

NOTAFLOF, GAYABAGS and ADAFAE have been wonderful pillars of our radical approach to financial disparity within our community. We value these a lot, and hope that the following table can better help us locate ourselves in terms of our contributions for this gathering. We hope by including these guidelines - which we've adapted from other radical organisations - that we will be able to feel into our integrity around what we're able to contribute. Above all, we hold NOTAFLOF dearly, and wish for this sacred, radical tenet of our community to remain abundant and shameless - we will never pressure those surviving at the margins to pay anything, and we hope that those thriving will help us create radical resource justice to keep us in alignment with this value.

| NOTAFLOF Contribution £5-150 |

- + Bursary places are available. If your personal or organisational economic situation doesn't allow you to pay any contribution, please let us know on your registration form
- + I struggle to find stable employment due to discrimination: Are you an unpaid community organiser?

| Solidarity Contribution £150-200 |

- + I am comfortably able to meet all of my basic needs. I can afford public transport.
- + I am able to buy some new items.

| Comfortable Contribution £200-250 |

- + Do you have a safe and stable place to live, such as a rented flat or house?
- + I do not have to rely on temporary accommodation like hotels or hostels; I have a regular income of less than £25,000/year.

| Redistribution Contribution £250-300 (and above) |

- + Do you own your home or rent a higher-end property?
- + Do you have investments, retirement accounts, or inherited money?
- + Can you comfortably go on holiday?
- + Do you have access to family money and resources in times of need?
- + Do you receive a total income above the minimum living wage or work part-time by choice?

Substances

We intend 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 consciously, discreetly and mindfully- this might look like drinking from mugs rather than glasses and not obviously displaying alcohol bottles, staying mindful of how much you consume and taking personal responsibility for the collective care we strive for. This is for the safety and wellbeing of everyone and is core to how we honour and respect each other.

Welfare

While gatherings can be wonderful and healing, they can also take us to emotional places that might feel tender, vulnerable and dark. Bringing these feelings into the shared space of the gathering is a beautiful offering, and many faeries have felt supported to bring deeply personal journeys into our co-created spaces.

As faeries we care for each other in every aspect of the gathering, especially during times of distress and struggle. As with substance use, however, we want to remind faeries that each of us is ultimately responsible for our own wellbeing. This does not mean that we expect you not to ask for help at a gathering - rather, that we want you to be in charge of the help you get, if and when you need it.

If you feel you might be at risk of severe distress, a mental health crisis or any other kind of serious health emergency during the gathering, we strongly encourage you to think about whether it is appropriate for you to join the gathering this time. If you do decide to come, please have a think about what you might need in such a scenario and let us know before the gathering. We are not professionals, but a community full of loving, compassionate individuals who try to do their best.

Fundraising

The Albion faeries have had many discussions about finances and how to keep gatherings financially viable whilst honouring our principles of NOTAFLOF.

At this gathering, we want to try something new. We will be collating submissions for a faerie zine that we can print and sell, to help bolster to funds of the gathering! We want your poems, drawings & short stories that we will put together (and hopefully print) at the gathering, to be made available to purchase both at the gathering and beyond- a little piece of our history to be archived and distributed to all.

Taking a leaf from the faerienisers of the Transcendence Gathering, we are also hoping to host some fundraising events in regional faerie communities! A local faerie auction, K(no)w Talent Show, maybe a stitch-and-bitch in various faerie hubs around the country - and we would love you to get involved! If you want to host your own event for fae in your part of the country and need help or inspiration, please get in touch at beltane@albionfaeries.org.uk

The Red Tent

Beltane is a time of year that celebrates birth and fertility. The lambs are being born, the pollen is high in the air, nature is demonstrating the peak of the uterine power. As our

community grows in its diversity and understanding, we want to honour that energy in the bodies of faeries for whom this power has been historically decentered by having our first Red Tent.

Red Tents are typically a space for people who are menstruating to be comfortable and are welcoming and supportive of the physical, emotional and spiritual process that this time in their cycle brings. To bleed can be an enormously energetically overwhelming process and the Red Tent is intended to be a retreat space for those that need to undergo that in peace. This is not a bioessentialist space; many of our transfem sisters have similar cycles they experience on HRT or their own spiritual journeys, and this is absolutely a space for them too. With this space, we honour the spirit of Beltane and show reverence and respect for our bodies and our lunar/reproductive dignities.

Co-Creation

Every faerie gathering is co-created, meaning that every single thing that happens is offered by you! Every day we hold a morning circle to allow faeries to volunteer for daily tasks, from cooking to woodcutting to making the bathrooms sparkly – as well as for faeries to ask questions, share news and offer workshops, walks, dance parties, cuddle puddles, whatever you feel called to offer.

We have taken responsibility for making the gathering happen, but there are lots of jobs to be done once the gathering starts.

Consent & The Love Temple

Consent

- Consent is an agreement to engage in physical or sexual touch between two or more Faeries.

- Consent is something that you give or get, before the touch happens.

- Examples of touch might be: a hug, stroking someone's shoulder, a kiss or sex.

- Getting consent should be done in a way that the other Faerie doesn't feel under pressure to say yes.

- Consent is something that is given enthusiastically and clearly.

If you received a 'maybe' from another Faerie, or you're not sure about the answer, treat it as a 'no'.

- Every Faerie has the right to say "no", or to say "no, but would you like to do _____ instead?"

Feeling empowered to state your boundaries is encouraged in Faerie space!

- Be grateful if you receive a 'no'. It is not a rejection, it is a gift. A Faerie has shared their boundaries with you. You now know how to act in a way that makes them feel happy and safe.

- Remember that consent can change at any point! If in doubt ask, and always get consent for sexual interactions, no matter who they are with.

The Love Temple

The Love Temple is a space for intimate connections. It is a play space that welcomes Faeries regardless of age, gender-identity, sexuality or anatomy. It is usually opened with

a ceremony to raise sacred sexual energy, gently introduce the concept of boundaries & consent, and help break the ice if you're feeling timid or nervous. The Love Temple often hosts rituals and workshops throughout the week.

Boycott, Divest, Sanction (BDS)

As faerinisers, we want to honour the discussion had in previous moots about how our community can better follow the principles of the BDS movement, to avoid supporting companies associated with the ongoing genocide in Palestine. To this end, we have decided not to use google services and will be taking a look at how we source our groceries for the gathering, to make sure we aren't supporting any companies on the BDS campaign's list of targets. Please do get in touch with us if you have any questions or further ideas about how we can honour this intention. You can find out more about the BDS movement [here](#).

Inclusivity

Although our community has diversified considerably since its inception in the 1970s, and is a place where we help each other feel free and loved, we are aware of the importance of improving racial diversity within Faerie community space and as an organiser team, we are committed to contributing to this diversity where possible.

Children

At the Imbolc Gathering 2025 moot, the subject of children at gatherings was discussed at length and working groups were formed to think about and feel into how to make the presence of children at gatherings possible and safe for all. We still feel like there is a way to go before we are ready to have children at gatherings. So the faeriniser team has decided that children will not be allowed at this gathering. However, we commit to ensuring that this topic of discussion is continued, including adding it to the agenda at the moot.

Dogs

As has been mentioned, Paddington Farm is a working farm with various animals on site. As such, all dogs must be kept on leads at all times whilst moving around the farm. The farm adds a surcharge for each dog (an extra £2 per night). Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee you will be able to bring your dog with you to the gathering.

How to book

Bookings will go live at 12pm on Sunday March 30th. Please find the booking form [here](#). If you are having issues loading the form, please try a different web browser or a different device. If this still does not work, please contact us by email.

Thank you for reading this far! We are excited to welcome you home to faerie space soon!

All our love,

Greenheart of Avalon, Carnelian & Earth Dragon