

Faeries of Albion

Comms Circle

3 December 2025

Agenda :

1. Summary of recommendations for Albion faerie mailing list
2. Agree plan for future mailings
3. How do we maintain an active faerie list
4. Video conferencing
5. Albion fae website maintenance

Miqxe, Paris, Sparkles, Sparkling Water, Epiphany, Disco

1. Summary of recommendations for Albion faerie mailing list/ 2. Agree plan for future mailings/ 3. How do we maintain an active faerie list

- MailChimp costs have increased to £50/mo
- Will expire in January and not renew
- We have approx. 2000 subscribers, but we think many of these are inactive or spam/bots
- General consensus is that we need to maintain an email mailing list, as this is more universal than any other means of communication
- Conversations have already taken place with FaeNet team around using platform for email. With this approach we can:
 - o Import existing subscriber list (FaeNet sign-up not required)
 - o Utilise a platform which is already active with the community
 - o Reduce costs
- We may or may not be able to embed email sign-ups on website, but can link off if this is not possible

- **Actions:**

- o **Epiphany** to cleanse mailing list and export as .csv file
- o **Paris** to check-in with Epiphany by 14 December!
- o **Sparkling Water/Miqxe** to work with FaeNet team on process and costs for setting up as main Albion Fae email platform from January
- o **Sparling Water** to look at how we can reduce spam sign ups on website (e.g. via CAPTCHA)
- o **Sparkles** to add question to gathering application form on consenting to be added to Albion Fae mailing list

4. Videoconferencing

- Generally our meetings aren't that large (5-20 people)
- But, it can be tricky to book meetings due to recurring meetings on many evenings
- Zoom pro is £155pa. It's reliable but not ethical in any way, and most competitors are owned by large tech companies.
- We discussed several options (Jitsi, NextCloud, Discord)
- Also to note that Signal (widely used by Faeries) carries video calls of up to 40 people
- Agreement to trial [Meet.Co-Op](#):
 - o Currently used by Radical Routes
 - o Reliable (though possibly less so with larger/international calls)
 - o Co-operative developed for schools, transparent
 - o Slightly more expensive than Zoom (£216 pa) but can pay monthly and trial
- We will trial this from January and discuss feedback in March/April

Actions:

- **Paris** to look at cancelling Zoom and subscribing to Meet.Co-Op before January
- **Disco** to schedule comms circle in March/April to feedback on performance

- Disco to draft update with new videoconference/email processes to be shared in next newsletter

5. Albion fae website maintenance

- Website functionality generally doing what we need it to
- Maintenance requirements are low and can be covered by existing editors
- However, wider conversation raised about how we engage in discussion as a community online particularly for those who don't find group chats accessible
 - o We already encourage blog posting in newsletters but uptake is low
 - o FaeNet may be better able to meet community/discussion functionality (following imminent restructure and plan to reinstate app)

AOB

- Discussion around accessibility of comms
 - o Group chats can be inaccessible
 - o There are also accessibility issues with newsletter formatting
 - o Agreement that we need to be meeting high standards of accessibility and pushing to make our comms more accessible wherever possible
 - Longer-term thoughts to include audio and video as well as written news
- Agreement that per existing guidelines newsletter should not be used to promote events which are not radically inclusive (e.g. NOTAFLOF)

Actions:

- Revisit accessibility of emails when we have moved to FaeNet and understand new functionality
- Sparkling Water/Miqxe to update group when this has happened
- Then Disco to review email processes and explore options for improving accessibility