



# **\*Imbolc Gathering 2026**

## **\*Hearth , Heart , Earth**

**\*Where: Paddington Farm, near Glastonbury, Somerset**

**\*When: 29th January to 8th February 2025**

**\*Bookings Open:15th December6pm**

**\*Contact organisers:[imbolc@albionfaeries.org.uk](mailto:imbolc@albionfaeries.org.uk)**

## **\*Yoo-Hoo Faeries!**

This is your call to the Imbolc gathering, to set mutual intentions with us for a new coming-together, and to put the date in your diaries for registration.

## **\*Imbolc is here!**

Greetings Faeries , Imbolc is on the way , and we'd like to warmly invite you back to the Hearth , to embrace the season and the sacred earth with the warmth of our beloved community, a community which this year will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the first Albion Radical faerie gathering, which took place at Featherstone castle in January 2006! We will have been gathering at Paddington farm itself for Imbolc for 12 of those years

The new year's Dreams and Plans are germinating in our conscious light bodies  
—

the Mother , Earth makes her first turnings back towards the sun.

Moving with the turning of the wheel ,

life prepares to regenerate once more.

As we move through the the winter darkness together

we meet each other in community with our Hearts in conscious connection.

This is a call to come together for Imbolc.

Imbolc represents the halfway point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox .

We invite ourselves to gather together in celebration of the year's passing  
and to set intentions for our year to come.

Listen for the resonance in your Heart : if you too feel the pull of queer  
community connection and the urge to nurture our potential ; be that in your  
winter cocoon of hibernation or frolicking in fields; we come together. This is your

invitation to toss your name and your desires for Imbolc into the Radical Faerie cauldron!

Join us in weaving a conscious, heart-led container of community nourishment ,

Holding each other in the dark days as we look toward the coming light of the year ...

[REGISTRATION LINK HERE](#)

## **REGISTRATIONS OPEN**

**Monday 15th December 6pm**

A note on sobriety – In recent years Imbolc has tended towards being a more sober space. In order to promote healing and reduce harm, we are trying something new and having this gathering centre sobriety. More info on this further down\*.

### **\*Paddington Farm – location and access**

We gather at Paddington Farm in Glastonbury from 29th January until 8th February. Paddington is a working farm that houses up to 30 guests. There is a large living room, an upstairs loft space, and a smaller longhouse living room you go outside to get it. Imbolc can be a more intimate cosy gathering, however the main living room with 30 faeries often in, can get overstimulating for many, so we are hoping it make more use of all the spaces this year, discuss this at the start of the gathering. bedrooms are mostly in shared dormitories with bunkbeds, plus a few twin rooms on the ground floor which we prioritise for faeries with access needs.

there is also a beautiful garden behind the house that we have access to, and a woodland that belongs to the farm, it has a public footpath running through it but is quite private, and we can have fires in there.

The accessibility of the farm leaves a lot to be desired- however, the organisers will do our best to make it work for you, so get in touch and we can give you full low-down.

## **\*Sobriety & substances**

For a connected, present, and heart-centred Gathering, we are asking people not to use mind- and behaviour-altering substances. This a call for consideration of how our behaviours impact on those around us, with the intention of promoting libération and expansion for all beings. It's also important to remember that sober doesn't mean boring, dull or serious, it can be even more fun!

we ask that if anyone really feels the need to personally work with/use substances such as alcohol and cannabis, that such use is discreet/ private and they are not displayed / offered to others, as this can be problematic for some, especially those in recovery.

If you think you'd have difficulty with this, or are looking for a space to intentionally use substances please consider whether this gathering is the one for you. If have any issues with the gathering being intentionally "substance free", then please contact one of the organisers to discuss this further, as we are aware that this is very nuanced, and we do not want to perpetuate the exclusion of the most marginalised.

Although all of our Albion faerie gatherings tend to ask for discretion around substance use, we have Also the decision to not fund the supply of certain foodstuffs such as coffee and processed sugars from the communal pot of money for ethical reasons. We recognise that for some fae these items may be a

staple part of your lives, and we simply ask that you treat them with the same consideration and care as you would anything else aforementioned.

## **\*Co-creation**

Every faerie gathering is co-created, meaning that every single thing that happens is offered by you!

Every day we will have a pre-lunch 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.

It's important to say that rest is also a valued and beautiful offering, especially at this time of year. We encourage every faerie to ask for the help and care they need throughout the gathering, and to take on tasks together, not in isolation. This is your time to be held in community, as well as to help hold this sacred space however you can.

We, the organising team, have taken responsibility for making the gathering happen, but there are lots of jobs to be done once the gathering starts. You can sign up for different jobs on the booking form when you register.

(And if you'd like to learn how to organise a gathering of your own, get in touch to learn from or shadow us! [imbolc@albionfaeries.org.uk](mailto:imbolc@albionfaeries.org.uk))

## **\*Inclusivity**

The Radical Faeries of Albion is a widely gender-diverse group of radical queerdos, which has its roots in a historically white , gay community centred on men's sexual liberation , and the union of sexuality and spirituality.

you can read further notes about this at <https://albionfaeries.org.uk/radical-faerie-origins/>

Our community has diversified and expanded considerably since the 1970s, and is now a place where we help each other feel free and loved through earth-centred spiritual practices, queer intimacy, ritual, play and care. You can read a simple page on our website of how we now describe ourselves in Albion at <https://albionfaeries.org.uk/about-us/>

We know the Radical Faeries to be an identity that is available to claim by anyone, and in many ways cannot be defined. In the spirit of this, we are aware of the importance of improving racial diversity within Faerie community space and as an organiser team, we are committed to working towards a solution to this.

In order to promote diversity, a significant number of places at the gathering will be reserved for those who identify as marginalised. We respect the right to self-identify. More details will be shared on the booking form.

## **\*Looking after our health and wellbeing**

The heart-centred space of a gathering often calls faeries to go inward, to emotional places that might feel tender, vulnerable and possibly scary / challenging. 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. 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 ( because of potential exposure to triggers, or things that are happening in your life) we strongly encourage you to think about how you could access what you'd need in such a scenario and let us organisers know before the gathering. A mental health crisis plan is always a good thing to have prepared, regardless of whether you've been in crisis or not in the past. And know that your needs are perfectly normal, natural, and ok.

Lastly, don't forget to let us know your emergency contact is when you sign up on the booking form.

## **\*Love Temple and consent**

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. There are some written guidelines for the love temple and consent, drafted for our Gatherings at Featherstone Castle, but much of what has been written applies to our time at Paddington Farm (and in broader life-context too). <https://awesome-rabbit-3a1.notion.site/Love-Temple-Consent-26089481a69180d08707f137c2f19cb5>

## **\*BDS**

We faerinisers want to honour the discussion had in last moots (faerie-wide meeting) about how our community can better follow the principles of the BDS movement, to avoid supporting companies associated with the ongoing genocide of Palestinians. To this end, we have decided not to use google services to create our booking form this year, 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.

Find out more about BDS here, and get in touch with us organisers if you've got any questions or further ideas about how we can honour this intention.

## **\*How to book your place:**

<https://forms.fillout.com/t/k2ddghv6bbus>

**The booking link for this gathering will go live on Monday 15th December at 6pm.**

Places are limited so we recommend you book as soon as possible, and encourage you to come for the whole gathering. We know how powerful a gathering can be when we come together for the full journey, and will prioritise those who intend to stay the full duration.

Divided by 30 faeries who stay for the whole gathering, **the breakeven cost each is £222.08 for all ten nights**. The cost to the community of booking Paddington Farm stays the same, no matter how many of us stay for fewer nights than the full gathering.

**Please read the important information** in this link: [IMBOLC 26 MONEY STUFF.docx](#)

To help keep our gatherings financially accessible we work on the three principles of...

**NOTAFLOF**(No-one turned away for lack of funds) is **£5 to £225**.

**GAYABAGS**(Give as you're able but always give something)

**ADAFAE**(Additional donations and finance accepted enthusiastically) is **£230 and above**.

Find out more about these principles in the document linked above.

**With love from your Imbolc 2026 organisers**

*Mama Bear, Wondering fox, Earth Dragon, Shiny Happy Pussy, Frog, Billie, Hello Nebula and Dormouse.*

**See you in the Green Green land of Avalon**