

Venue:

The Avalon Room
(Isle of Avalon Foundation)
2-4 High St, Glastonbury,
Somerset BA6 9DU

Cost:

£6.00 per talk
per person

LIMITED SPACES

Time:

7.30pm
(Doors open 7.00pm)

**BOOKING
ADVISED**

About Glaston Centre School of Learning

For millennia, Glastonbury has been known as a great place of learning. In the Middle Ages, Glastonbury Abbey was acknowledged as a powerful centre of academic and spiritual activity with a great library, a school and links with the universities and political power in London. With the dissolution of the monasteries and the closing of the Abbey all this activity ceased. In the early part of the 20th Century, interest in Glastonbury as a special spiritual place revived and well-known personalities such as Dion Fortune and Rutland Boughton established themselves in the town. The war disrupted these activities but the 1980s saw a renewed interest in Glastonbury as a spiritual place and a centre of learning.

Since the summer of 2011, Glastonbury Reception Centre has been offering a wide and varied programme of talks and presentations, all of them have been illuminating and insightful, offering those in attendance the opportunity to explore aspects of a spiritual journey.

Glaston Centre School of Learning has grown out of these talks. The School is not something in which one is required to enrol and instead aims to offer the opportunity for an individual to independently explore areas of interest on their own personal journey of discovery.

All our speakers are very experienced in their fields; presenting knowledge and wisdom that is not always easily accessible or available.

For more information email admin@glastonbury-pilgrim.co.uk

The Passing of the Flame

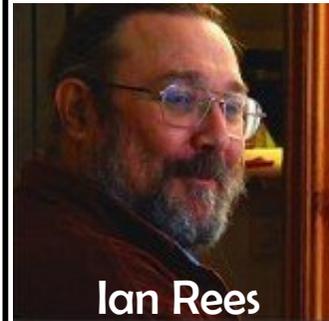
Dion Fortune,
W E Butler & the
Way of High Magic

With Ian Rees

This series of 8 themed but stand alone talks takes the major themes of **Dion Fortune's** work and explores them as expressed through the work of **W E Butler** and **Tom Oloman**.

The intention for those who follow the series is to give a grounding in the art of Qabalistic magic.

Each talk will include experiential and practical exercises.



Ian Rees

Ian lives in Glastonbury and has been working with the Western Mystery tradition for over 40 years and a student of W E Butler and his principal student Tom Oloman.

Ernest Butler was directly taught by Dion Fortune and carried forward her interest in the Qabalah and Arthurian tradition. Ian Rees is carrying forward this work under the aegis of the Annwn Foundation.

"Ian Rees is an excellent speaker on matters esoteric, very knowledgeable and talks with calm authority. He gets to the heart of the subject simply and incisively. His conducting of the experiential part of his presentation is always a revelation in terms of one's spiritual development." John Egan.

The Talks

7th October

Dion Fortune, Ernest Butler and the Way of High Magic

This is an introduction to the passing of the flame from Dion Fortune to Ernest (W E) Butler, Tom Oloman and finally to Ian Rees. We will explore the nature of the Tree of Life as Rosetta Stone translating between inner and outer experience. We will consider also the fundamentals of Qabalistic High Magic and the Inner Teacher behind the work.

4th November

Entering the Kingdom - Taking the first step

This talk addresses the movement between the world of fragmentation and disconnection and making the first steps in embodying the experience of the living Tree of Life. We will consider Ernest Butler's approach to the beginnings of occult training and the Sefirah Malkuth.

2nd December

Making a Foundation

Here the art of working with magical images is addressed and the alchemical practices of the Interwoven Light which weave a strong energetic basis for later work, are introduced. The Sefirah Yesod, the Foundation of the Tree, will be our focus.

13th January 2014

Passing through the Pillars

This talk will focus on the ancient image of the Pillars of the Temple and on working with opposites. The sephiroth Hod and Netzach the spheres of mind and feeling and their relationship to the body and the foundation will be contemplated. The nature of personality and the practice of the Magical Personality and its roots in the Golem operation will also be considered.

3rd February

Piercing the veil Paroketh

The Veil Paroketh is the filter between the deeper aspect of our nature and our outer personality. Here we address our relationship with intuition and inner guidance. We consider the alchemical path of the arrow, confronting the shadow and working with the energy of death as we part the veil.

3rd March

The Sphere of the Sun

This talk will consider the Qabalistic way of the Heart, the name YHVH and the Path of the Healing Name. The Sefer Yetzirah, the book of Creation and the process of Genesis will be considered as exemplars of this process.

7th April

The Way of the Sword and the Cup

Here we will contemplate the way of the sword and the cup, the Sefiroth Geburah and Chesed, the process of balancing unbalanced force and the art of mediating between the worlds.

5th May

Apotheosis- the passage through the Abyss and the path of the Fool

Here we will look at the sphere Da'at:- the knowing of unknowing and making the leap into the Abyss. We will contemplate the archetypes of the Fool, the Juggler and the High Priestess.

Each talk stands alone but naturally, greater benefit is obtained by attending as many as possible

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