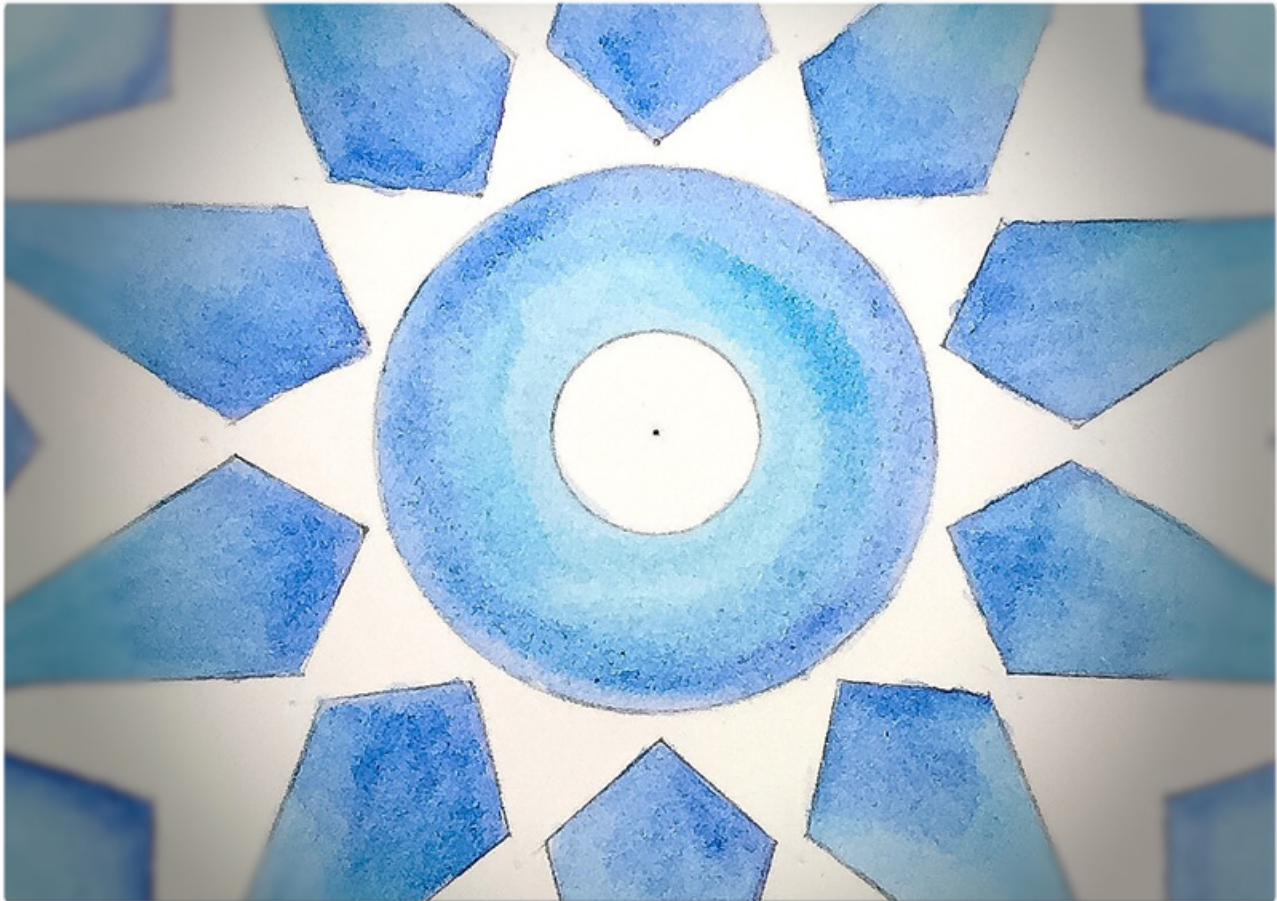

Circles of Transformation

Exploring Crop Circles & Consciousness - Retreat 2017

The Martinsell Centre, Oare, Wiltshire, UK - 4th, 5th & 6th August 2017



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Introduction



Ever wanted to do something a little deeper with the crop circles, something a little more involved?

For over a quarter of a century and since the beginning of modern-day interest in the unexplained crop circle phenomenon it has been known that there exists a curious link between crop circles and human consciousness. This relationship often manifests itself through meaningful coincidences, dates, locations, shapes, people, dreams or sightings of strange luminosities. For those fortunate enough to have spent any time with circles, or those who have taken the time to contemplate their flow, shapes and geometry, this sense of personal connection to the formations is tangible, even vitalising, leaving many feeling drawn to the phenomenon in ways and for reasons that are hard to fully articulate.

So what happens when you've read the books, seen the films, attended the lectures and conferences and perhaps even visited the fields? You might be asking yourself "Great, but what comes next?" This retreat is designed exactly for those asking this very knowing question.

"The first time I saw the crop circles I felt I instantly recognised them, recognised what they were. But the answer I had was like a million words on the end of my tongue that my mouth just couldn't form. I instinctively felt as if I knew something about them, but it was not on the level of the intellect it was much, much deeper. In the 25 years I have been involved first-hand with this phenomenon it has been my continuing task to slowly articulate that knowing and to understand what it is and where it came from" - Karen Alexander

This new three-day/two-night programme hopes to create a conducive space in which to further explore the crop circles and their relationship to human consciousness. We'll be looking at different ways in which we can focus our consciousness and engage more intensely with the formations. Through drawing them, contemplating them, visioning them, dreaming them and responding to them on a personal conscious and unconscious level we hope to delve deeply into the ways the circles speak to our psyche.

We'll use regular facilitated groups over the weekend to allow participants to access, observe and share their responses to the crop circles, while searching for commonalities, connections and insights. We will be working throughout the weekend to generate a truly collaborative, creative, open exploration of the crop circles, where everyone can bring something to the process and where new insight and the transformative potential of phenomenon is allowed to unfold.

Our retreat title Circles of Transformation, is not just about the transcendent nature of crop circle phenomenon itself, but about equally about the transformative circle of friends we hope to bring together.

Our programme at a glance

Friday Programme

9.00am - 11.00am	Arrival and settling in accommodation.
11.00am - 12.00pm	<i>Refreshments and...</i> Welcome Orientation Overview
12.00pm - 1.00pm	A short introduction to the crop circle phenomenon and the role of consciousness in it's evolution and investigation
1.00pm - 2.00pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2.00pm - 3.00pm	The nature of the paranormal, the liminal and consciousness
3.00pm - 3.15pm	<i>Short Break</i>
3.15pm - 4.30pm	Responding to the Crop Circles
4.30pm - 5.00pm	<i>Afternoon Tea (outside if weather is nice)</i>
5.00pm - 5.30pm	Group Mediation
5.30pm - 6.30pm	<i>Free Time</i>
6.30pm - 7.30pm	Integration Group 1
7.30pm - 8.30pm	<i>Evening Meal</i>
8.30pm - 9.30pm	Dream Incubation Group 1 A brief history & theory of Dream Incubation
9.30 - late...	Discussion around the outside fire (if weather is fine)

Saturday Programme

8.30am - 9.30am	<i>Breakfast</i>
9.30pm - 10.00pm	<i>Free Time</i>
10.00am - 12.00pm	Dream Processing Group 1
12.00pm - 1.00pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1.00pm - 2.00pm	Drawing the Crop Circles 1 The role of Sacred Geometry
3.00pm - 4.30pm	Drawing the Crop Circles 2 Crop Circle from start to finish
4.30pm - 5.00pm	<i>Afternoon tea (outside if it's nice)</i>
5.00pm - 6.00pm	Drawing the Crop Circles 3 Crop Circles as Mandala



6.00pm - 7.00pm	Integration Group 2
7.00pm - 7.30pm	Free Time
7.30pm - 8.30pm	Evening Dinner
8.30pm - 9.30pm	Dream Incubation Group 2
9.30pm - Late	Discussion around the outside fire (if weather is fine)

Sunday Programme

8.30am - 9.30am	Breakfast
10.00am - 12.00pm	Dream Processing Group 2
12.00pm - 1.00pm	Lunch
1.00pm - 2.00pm	Drawing the Crop Circles 4 Advanced Explorations
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Integration Group 3 Endings
4.00pm	Close

Programme Notes:

We will send you a more detailed programme upon booking.

Note: in addition to the programme above, we will be offering an online follow-up group 6 -10 weeks after the retreat. This will be an opportunity to reconnect and discuss anything that may have come up after the weekend. This session is included the price.

As you can see from the programme above we will be working with several key methods over the weekend to help us get intimate with the crop circles and there are a few important things you will need to bring with you.

- ❖ Notebook/s pens and pencils for jotting down notes, recording responses and for journaling
- ❖ A large bow compass, with a pen holder - for the drawing sessions

We recommend this inexpensive compass set for £10.00/\$12.00:

Amazon UK

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Helix-Precision-Plus-Drawing-A33002/dp/B0013N6WIC/ref=sr_1_fkmr2_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1473776858&sr=8-1-fkmr2&keywords=large+bow+compass+pen+holder

Amazon US

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- ❖ A fine-liner drawing pen 0.5mm in black - for the drawing sessions
- ❖ Your own paints and brushes, or crayons for the Circles as Mandala session

We will provide all other drawing equipment, including paper.



The Martinsell Centre



We have chosen the beautiful and peaceful Martinsell Centre as the venue for our retreat. It is nestled away below the rolling hills at the heart of the Pewsey Vale in magical Wiltshire and is the perfect location for working with the crop circles - many magnificent and important formations have appeared in the nearby fields over the years. The centre has access to nearby underground spring water and a ley-line crosses the grounds.

The Martinsell Centre offers the perfect and complete retreat package - generous accommodation, delicious vegetarian catering (utilising fresh produce from the gardens), a bright, yet intimate workshop room and extensive grounds, including a meditation garden. If the summer is kind we can dine outside on the terrace and at night we can talk into the small hours beside an outdoor fire under the stars. The centre has its own well from which you drink and which also supplies the showers!



Accommodation



The centre offers two types of accommodation, they have several twin rooms, one double room and the crow's nest. The double and twin rooms each have their own loo, shower room, kitchenette and living space, as well as bedrooms. The double rooms can be made up into triple rooms with the addition of a folding bed if you are travelling as a group. We hope you're going to make new friends and colleagues and part of the weekend will be about group consciousness building, so anticipate some fascinating late night conversations with whomever you share with. Please note we will not be offering any room for single occupancy unless we absolutely need to and we will always place you with other members of your own sex.



The crow's nest is for those travelling on a budget and don't mind sharing, its a loft space above our main workshop room, you get a made up mattress, pillows, a nightstand and night light, plus somewhere to plug-in all your devices! You share two bathrooms, a kitchenette and living space below. This is a great, fun space and conducive to some fascinating late night group conversation. Accommodation will be allocated on a first come first served basis and if you are attending with a friend or wish to be accommodated with someone else during your stay please let us know then we can arrange that for you.

A note about catering: All the food served at the Martinsell centre is vegetarian or vegan and no alcohol is served on the premises. Please let us know if you have any particular dietary requirements so that we can accommodate you.

Finding the Martinsell Centre

The Stables, Pound Lane, Oare, Marlborough, Wiltshire SN8 4JA

The Martinsell Centre is located in the village of Oare two miles north of Pewsey and 4 miles west of Marlborough, on the A345 Pewsey to Marlborough road. The nearest train Station is at Pewsey. The Martinsell centre can be found on Google Maps for Sat Nav directions. On entering the village of Oare notice the cross roads sign and turn here into Pound Lane. Continue along Pound Lane for approximately 100 metres, then turn right into the driveway flanked by large sarsen stones signed the Stables. More detailed information about getting to the Martinsell Centre will be sent to you upon booking.

Who is this Retreat for?



First and foremost we are looking to draw together a group of people that feel *called to be here*. Those who are already contemplating 'what comes next' and have a compelling interest in consciousness, and its role in the crop circle phenomenon and other so-called 'paranormal' events and experiences. Open-minded, curious-yet-grounded, self-reflective people, people who enjoy collaborating with others and are comfortable sharing their thoughts ideas, impressions and intuitions, and who are interested in the opportunity for deep, thoughtful, intelligent discussion about this beautiful and fascinating subject.

We will be marrying information and theory, with participatory creative work - drawing sacred geometry, the crop circles, and mandala work - contemplation, mediation, dream work and open experiential group discussion to deepen our intimacy with the formations. We will be looking specifically at the impact the crop circles have on the conscious and unconscious mind and creating a space in which new insight and the transformative potential of phenomenon is allowed to naturally unfold.

As this kind of work can be quite absorbing this will be a small group of people to allow everyone the space and time they need to fully participate - and so places are limited. No previous experience is necessary, but a basic background knowledge of the crop circle subject will be helpful. Don't worry if you've never drawn geometry before we'll take you through all the stages and will be on hand to render any assistance where needed. Although certainly not a prerequisite, anyone who has previously participated in our Circles of Transformation online workshop, will have a good base from which to proceed and will have a flavour of what this retreat will be all about - we run the online workshop several times a year and you can find out more and the next running dates on the Events Page of our website.

Jonathan-Paul and I are happy to talk further to anyone who is interested in participating, but is not quite sure if this is for them. Please email us with any questions you have, or if you'd like to talk we'll make arrangements for an online or phone chat.

Important

Please note this is not a crop circle tour and there is no facility in the programme for visiting formations. If you are interested in visiting circles while you are in Wiltshire we suggest you stay on for a couple of days to visit any formations that might be around. We can help you with maps, locations and which circles are open to visitors, but regret that we are unable to act as guides as this is a very busy time of year for us. Some of you might like to consider attending our crop circle conference the weekend before and then staying on a few days to explore any available crop circles and Wiltshire's many beautiful ancient sites before making your way to this retreat. Whatever you decide we will do what ever we can to facilitate your stay. For those who choose to stay on we can put you in touch with people who facilitate personalised visits - please contact us for further details.

Booking

This retreat is offered as an all inclusive package - accommodation, food and tuition. The event is designed around developing a group consciousness during the weekend and everyone staying together at the Martinsell Centre is a central part of that ethos. Your accommodation, all meals, and refreshments are included in the price and we are happy to accommodate for any food intolerances or allergies you may have. Although we hope to cater for more than you'll need, you will have access to a kitchenette area with your accommodation, so you will be able to bring any extras you like with you.

Just to reiterate, we are happy to talk further to anyone who is interested in participating, but have queries or questions about the weekend. Please email us, or if you'd like to talk we can make arrangements for an online or phone chat.

The cost of the retreat is £595.00 if sharing as two or three and £545.00 if staying in the crow's nest. These are the final inclusive costs, there are no extras. We can arrange a payment plan for those wanting to split their payment into 2-3 instalments, please contact us for more information.

If you are happy with all the details here, you can go ahead and book via the website at:
www.temporaytemples.co.uk/events

For a limited time we are accepting temporary place reservations. This will enable you to reserve your place now and complete your booking at a later date. Temporarily reserving your place costs £50.00 and is non-refundable should you not attend. Please contact us to arrange a reservation and we'll be able to let you know more details.

Upon completing your booking you will be sent a booking confirmation, information about getting to the Martinsell Centre, a more detailed programme and a resources list for those wanting to do a little background reading before arriving.

We very much hope you'll join us...



About your Facilitators

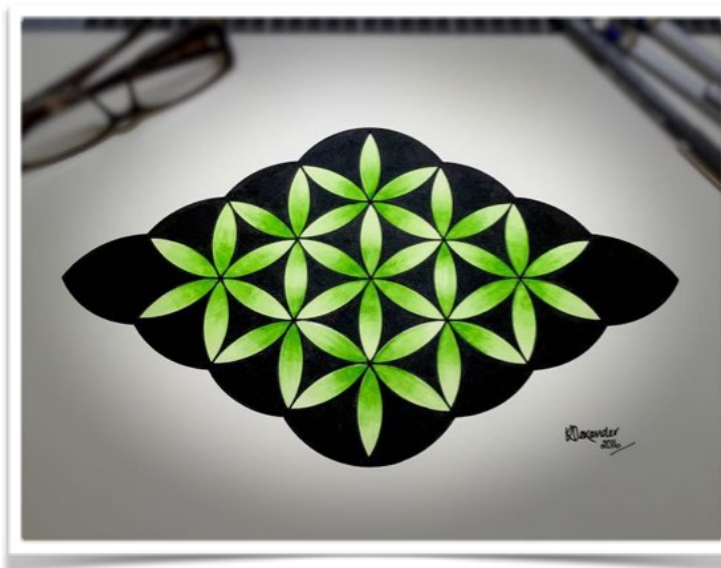


Karen Alexander is a long time circles researcher (1990-present day) who has for many years brought a thoughtful and introspective touch to researching the crop circles. A highly respected and influential speaker and writer, her work seamlessly fuses sacred art, spirituality, psychology and philosophy - the scholarly and the intuitive. Karen is perhaps best known as the writer behind the annually published Crop Circle Year Books (1999 - 2016) and *Crop Circles: Signs, Wonders & Mysteries* (Arcturus, 2006 & updated in 2009 & 2012). She is also known for her hand drawn images and paintings of the crop circles which are widely admired and collected. Karen has a background in counselling and psychotherapy and has facilitated and taken part in a number of groups and projects over the last 20 years looking specifically into crop circles and their connection with consciousness.



Dr. Jonathan-Paul DeVerville is Professor Emeritus of The Humanities, History and Interdisciplinary Studies (from the Department of Social Sciences at St. Philips College, Texas). He is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Licensed Professional Counsellor. He owns and directs The Alamo Plaza Spa in San Antonio, Texas and is a regular teacher and speaker on Spa Culture all over the globe. Jonathan-Paul has taught analytical, depth and archetypal psychology and clinical psychotherapy at the post-graduate level and has a particular interest in dream work. In addition to all this he is a committed crop circle experimenter and researcher, with over 10 years of first-hand experience in the field.

For the last three years both Karen and Jonathan-Paul have collaborated in directing and facilitating a regular group focussed on exploring the connection between crop circles and consciousness. Working with a small team of dedicated explorers they have been looking at ways in which we respond to the formations on a conscious and unconscious level and how we might access and better understand those responses and what they might have to tell us about the crop circle phenomenon. They each bring a wealth of experience and expertise to this event.



*Crop Circle Artwork by
Karen Alexander*

