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SOLCe Events

Karen Nolan reports on upcoming events:

Spiritual Health and Wellbeing - Linking the Universal and Individual

Do you experience times of connection to something larger than yourself and yet at other times feel isolated and fragmented? Both of these extremes appear to be part of the human condition. If we look at how the world of nature operates we can see that each creature or organism is part of an ecosystem, each playing its part in the whole and how it functions. Together, we will explore these themes in a weekend of talks, discussion and meditation at Purley Chase Centre, Warwickshire 8-10 February 2019.

Seaburn Christmas

On Christmas Day, Seaburn Dene's pass the parcel game showed what a gift the baby Jesus really was and how He is the gift that keeps on giving with just a few of his characteristics revealed during the layers of the game.



Youth and Families 2019 Dates

The Youth and Families team have created a list of events for 2019. You can download the list at:

gcnc.org.uk/downloads/2019Dates.pdf

Dalton and Bradford on Facebook

Dalton and Bradford both now have a Facebook page, which you can access via the links below:

[facebook.com/Dalton-New-Church-230290087885115/](https://www.facebook.com/Dalton-New-Church-230290087885115/)

[facebook.com/bradfordnewchurch/](https://www.facebook.com/bradfordnewchurch/)

Starting with an evening meal at 7.00 PM on Friday 8 February and ending at 2.00 PM on Sunday 10 February there will be space throughout the weekend for quiet reflection and opportunities to experience the stillness and peace of Purley Chase.

This event is hosted and offered by SOLCe and a team of speakers that includes Helen Brown, Michael Stanley, Helen Newton and Carole Lacy.

Cost: £125 ensuite and £105 standard. Please visit purleychasecentre.org.uk to book.

Medicine Mysticism and Mythology

On Saturday 10 November SOLCe welcomed Malcolm Peet and members of the Swedenborg Society to Wellspring House for the launch of Malcolm's book on Garth Wilkinson, Swedenborg and Nineteenth Century Esoteric Culture. In the book Malcolm explores the Victorian preoccupation with illness and Wilkinson's interest in alternative medicine and in particular homeopathy, mesmerism, hydropathy and herbalism, which were fashionable at that time. I was intrigued by what Malcolm writes about Swedenborg's ideas about illness and healing. For me Swedenborg's emphasis on the mind, body and spirit connection and the importance of harmony between these different aspects is very current and resonates with my own research in psychotherapy and informs my approach to working with clients.

Malcolm used the library at Wellspring House for some of the research for the book, so it was wonderful to have the launch event here, and we are grateful to colleagues from Swedenborg House for making that happen. The event created quite a buzz and was well attended by Church members, members of the Wellspring House community and visitors from farther afield. Malcolm is an engaging speaker and feedback from those who attended the event has been excellent. Helen Brown is putting together a follow up seminar:

Kearsley News

Pauline Grimshaw reports:

The Service of Lessons and Carols was held on the Sunday before Christmas. We didn't expect that we would have a good attendance as we knew that quite a few people had gone away and a Sunday Club meeting hadn't been planned- however things sometimes turn out differently from what we imagine! I looked through the window and saw a lady with three children coming past - minutes later Carolyn dashed into the vestry to photocopy pictures – six children had appeared altogether! Eventually we had double the usual congregation!

Last Christmas Day we had an informal service which was attended by six people but again this year our number doubled to twelve! It was an experience that we all enjoyed.

Healing within Harmony - Mind, Body and Spirit
Saturday 23 March 2019 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM
at Wellspring House, 25 Radcliffe New Road, Radcliffe
M26 1LE.

Speakers include Malcolm Peet, David Lomax and Peter Fraser.

Tickets are available from Wellspring House, price £20 and £15. Please contact Melanie and Karen on enquiries@solce.org.uk to book.

Malcolm Peet's book *Medicine, Mysticism and Mythology* - Garth Wilkinson, Swedenborg and Nineteenth Century Esoteric Culture is published by the Swedenborg Society.

Mindful Writing at Wellspring House

On Sunday 27 January Wellspring House welcomes writer and wellbeing specialist Tom George to lead a workshop in creative writing inspired by the practice of mindfulness. Tom describes mindful writing as being creative in the moment. Participants are invited to work with an open-minded, collaborative approach incorporating meditation, creative play and natural objects to help connect to their inner creativity and see what emerges. The afternoon workshop starts at 1.00 PM and finishes at 4.00 PM. Standard tickets are £15 and there are some concessionary tickets available at £10. For bookings and enquiries please email tomgerigearts@hotmail.co.uk