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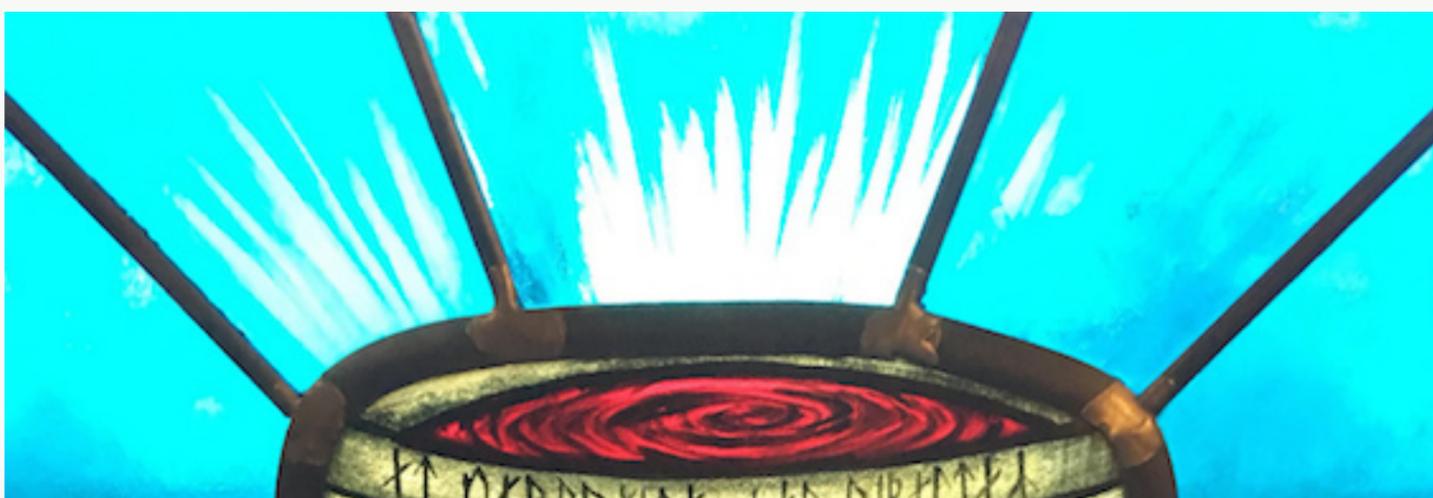
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This trip focuses on the Grail Romances and Mythologies of Southwestern England, from the Neolithic sites of Stonehenge, Avebury stone circle, Uffington 'Castle' hill fort (and Wayland's Smithy and the White Horse); to the Arthurian sites of Glastonbury (Arthur's Grave, the Chalice Well, the ruined Abbey, and the Tor). There will be presentations by Dr Evans Lansing Smith, Dr Janis Maxwell and Dr Michael H. Best, musical soirées with Dr Kayleen Asbo, dream circles with Cheryle Van Scoy, and ceremonies at Stonehenge and on Glastonbury Tor with Rev'd Dr Sylvia Best. In addition, there will be guided tours of Wells Cathedral and the Bishop's Palace and gardens, Glastonbury Abbey ruins, a talk by Kathy Jones, founder of the Goddess Temple and priestess training in Glastonbury, and an excursion to Oxford to see the J.R.R. Tolkien Exhibition at the Bodleian Library and visit Merton College. There will be a medieval banquet in the 14th century Vicars' Hall of Wells Cathedral, and a dinner celebrating the 'Best of British' cuisine in Glastonbury prepared by a top London-trained Chef. Headquarters for the trip will be at the University in Bath, a town famous for its Roman bath ruins, its hot spring Spa and the Jane Austen museum.

The cost of the study tour is £1700 sterling, excluding travel to and from the UK. To book a place on the study tour please click on the link below. The number of places is limited, so please book early (first-come, first-served). Most dietary requirements can be catered for.

Evans Lansing Smith & Michael H. Best

Course Organisers, **Wessex Historical Study Tour**

Link for registration: [a-glastonbury-romance2018/registration/incorporatevenues](https://www.a-glastonbury-romance2018/registration/incorporatevenues)

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# Programme for the Mythological Studies Tour in the West of England

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Bath University will be the hub from which the various visits are to be made to the archaeological and other heritage sites in the ancient kingdom of Wessex. A room in the mornings and evenings for meditations or dream circles is available and we have a private dining room with audiovisual equipment for the evening lectures.

- **Sunday 8th.** Coach from Heathrow airport, London, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon to arrive in time for dinner in Bath, followed by welcome, orientation and talk on 'The Myths and Legends of Glastonbury', Dr Michael H. Best.
- **Monday 9th.** Day free to be spent in Bath famous for its Roman Baths Museum, modern spa and Jane Austen Museum. Affords a reasonable day of rest after international travel for those who might be suffering from jet lag. Guidance on what to do and see in Bath will be given. Lunch at own expense as not included and giving the opportunity to sample English fish and chips!

Dinner in Bath and after dinner talk: 'History of English Composers with musical illustrations', as part I to link with Wednesday, Dr Kayleen Asbo.

- **Tuesday 10th.** Excursion to both Uffington 'Castle' hill fort ( and Whitehorse Hill, Dragon Hill and the long barrow known as Wayland's smithy, Wayland being the God of metalworking ) and to Avebury stone circle. We start at Uffington Castle in the morning, where a National Trust Ranger is able to offer a talk about the prehistoric site, and then go on to explore the Avebury site in the afternoon, and where we have lunch in a private room on arrival.

Return to Bath for dinner and after dinner talk on 'The White Mare', Dr Lans Smith

A dream workshop lead by Cheryle Van Scoy takes place this evening to allow for dreaming overnight with a follow-up the next morning.

- **Wednesday 11th.** Excursion to Wells Cathedral and Bishop's Palace. Guided tour of the Cathedral in the morning, after lunch in the Cathedral's cafe a guided tour of the Bishop's Palace and gardens, afternoon tea in the mediaeval undercroft of the Bishop's Palace, Evensong in the Cathedral followed by drinks reception and Medieval Banquet in the 14th century Vicars' Hall ending with part II of Dr Kayleen Asbo's presentation on the 'History of English Composers with musical illustrations'.
- **Thursday 12th.** Excursion to Stonehenge where we are fortunate to be able to hold a "sunrise ceremony" (but not too early!) within the stone circle itself conducted by Rev'd Dr Sylvia Best. Then on to Salisbury Cathedral with lunch in Salisbury Museum. Return to Bath for dinner and talk on 'John Constable, Stonehenge and Salisbury', Dr Lans Smith.
- **Friday 13th.** Excursion to Glastonbury. Guided tour of the ruined abbey. We will hold a ceremony to honour 'The Quest for the Holy Grail' conducted by Rev'd Dr Sylvia Best at the Glastonbury Tor and visit Chalice Well and gardens, 'where the earth laughs in flowers', for a picnic lunch. Afternoon tea in Glastonbury Town Hall followed by a talk at the end of the afternoon by Kathy Jones, founder of the Goddess Temple and priestess training in Glastonbury, which is the only priestess training in Europe. Followed by dinner in Glastonbury celebrating the 'Best of British' cuisine prepared with local ingredients by a top London-trained Chef. Talk on 'King Arthur in Mediaeval Literature' by Dr Lans Smith.

- **Saturday 14th.** Excursion to Oxford - out and back from Bath - on Saturday 14th . In Oxford we will visit the J.R.R. Tolkien exhibition at the Weston library, part of Oxford University's Bodleian library, and Merton College where Tolkien was a Fellow and professor of English literature and which houses the oldest university library in the world. Lunchtime talk by Dr Kayleen Asbo on 'The Inklings', the literary circle of which Tolkien was a member along with C. S. Lewis and other notable writers. There may be time for a swift half in the Eagle and Child pub

along with C. S. Lewis and other notable writers. There may be time for a swift halt in the Eagle and Child pub where the Inklings met.

Evening talk after dinner back in Bath by Dr Janis Maxwell on 'Jung, Tolkien and the Archetypes of Middle Earth'.

It will be possible to deliver to Heathrow by lunchtime on Saturday any participants who need to travel long distances to get back to work on Monday morning, with the coach returning to Oxford to take those enjoying that excursion back to Bath at the end of the day.

- **Sunday 15th.** Return to Heathrow airport by coach on Sunday morning, arriving about 11.30 am.

Evans Lansing Smith & Michael H. Best, Course organisers, Wessex Historical Study Tour

Please note that this is a privately organised educational tour and that all participating do so at their own risk. It is not anticipated that the program will change but, it will be appreciated, unforeseen events may intervene.

## Directions to University of Bath

For those not able to join the coach at Heathrow at 4 o'clock on Sunday 8th July the following information may be helpful. Bath University is easily reached from Heathrow by train in 2&1/2 hours and from central London, Paddington station, in 2 hours. From Bristol airport, take the airport coach to Bristol Temple Meads station and catch the train to Bath and then a taxi to the University – this takes about 1&1/2 hours.

Google Maps are very helpful and simply by putting in the origin of your journey, any where in the world, you can obtain directions and journey times by car, train or aeroplane. The prices of flights can be obtained by clicking on to 'Google Flights'.

## Speakers' Backgrounds

### Dr. Evans Lansing Smith

Dr. Evans Lansing Smith is Chair and Core Faculty of the Mythological Studies Program at the Pacifica Graduate Institute, in Santa Barbara, CA. In the 1970s, he traveled with Joseph Campbell on tours of Northern France, Egypt, and Kenya. He has taught at colleges and institutes in Switzerland, Italy, France, Maryland, Texas, and California, and is the recipient of awards for distinguished teaching from Midwestern State University in Texas, and the Pacifica Graduate Institute in California. His Ph.D. is from The Claremont Graduate School, and he has an M.A. in Creative Writing from Antioch International (London and Dublin), and a B.A. from Williams College. He is the author of ten books (including a recent volume of poems) and numerous articles on comparative literature and mythology. He has given presentations for the C.G. Jung Institutes in Küsnacht and New York City, the Seattle Friends of Jung, the Modern Language Association, the American Association for the Study of Popular Culture, the Study of Myth Conference at Pacifica Graduate Institute, the Ojai Writer's Conference, and the Casa dei Pesci at Circeo San Felice, in Italy. His edited volume of Joseph Campbell's writings and lectures on the Grail Romances was published in 2015, and his edition of the Selected Correspondence of Joseph Campbell is forthcoming.

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### Cheryle Van Scoy

Cheryle Van Scoy, RN, MN, MA is a Jungian psychoanalyst, a diplomate and IAAP member of the C G Jung Institute Zurich, and is in private practice in Santa Barbara, CA. She has Masters Degrees in Nursing as well as Mythological Studies, and academic and professional background in fine art, design, and photography. She has been a Board Member of the C G Jung Institute Alumni Association since 2015. Cheryle's professional focus is the psychoid, awakening the critical role of body in Sandplay, dream, and creative expressions associated with Active Imagination.

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### **Dr. Kayleen Asbo**

Educated at Smith College, Mills College, the San Francisco Conservatory, Pacifica Graduate Institute and the University of California, Dr. Asbo is a cultural historian, composer and pianist who wrote her Ph.D dissertation on *Passion and Paradox: The Myths of Mary Magdalene in Music, Art and Culture* . Dr. Asbo also holds three master's degrees: one each in music (piano performance), mythology and psychology and has been a guest presenter and lecturer on the intersection of history, mythology, psychology and the arts at Oxford University in England, the Assisi Institute of Depth Psychology Conference in Italy, the Houston Jung Institute, San Francisco Jung Institute, Chartres Cathedral in France, Grace Cathedral and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. She is a pre-concert lecturer with the San Francisco Opera and the Music Historian in Residence for the Santa Rosa Symphony. As the Creative Director and Resident Mythologist for the Mythica Foundation for Education, Contemplation and the Arts, Kayleen leads workshops and retreats throughout the country and offers a pilgrimage to sacred sites in Europe every year. Dr. Asbo is also on the faculties of the Pacifica Graduate Institute and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes at the University of California at Berkeley and Dominican University where she teaches courses ranging from Dante to Jung and the Red Book to Alchemy and the History of Classical Music. Her website is [www.kayleenasbo.com](http://www.kayleenasbo.com)

### **Dr. Janis Maxwell**

Dr. Janis Maxwell is a Jungian analyst with a private practice in Easton, Maryland, USA. A graduate of the C. G Jung Institute, Küsnacht, Switzerland, she currently serves as a training analyst at the Institute and is president of the C. G. Jung Institute Alumni Association. She was formerly president of the Philadelphia Jung Institute and Director of Training of the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts. She lectures and leads seminars internationally on the topics of music and analytical psychology, the archetypal significance of Tolkien's work and is currently interested in the relationship between physics and psyche. Her email address is [janismaxwell9@gmail.com](mailto:janismaxwell9@gmail.com)

### **Rev'd Dr Sylvia Best**

Sylvia Best is an Interfaith Minister (spiritual companion and celebrant ) with the One Spirit Interfaith Foundation and a spiritual companion mentor with the Spiritual Companions' Trust in Glastonbury founded by Dr William Bloom. Sylvia was educated at Mount Holyoke College, The Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies and the London School of Economics. Sylvia has long been active within the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in pastoral care and was Quaker chaplain to the University of the West of England in Bristol for seven years and earlier the warden of Hampstead Quaker meeting house in London. For many years Sylvia and her husband Michael have had a home just outside Glastonbury. They now live mostly in Freiburg near the Black Forest in South Germany.

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### **Dr Michael H. Best**

Dr Best is a registered specialist in psychiatry for both adults and children and adolescents. He trained initially in medicine and psychiatry at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and later at the Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals, Kings College, University of London. He then became consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist at Bristol Children's Hospital and child guidance service and clinical lecturer in mental health at Bristol University. Subsequently he was head of the department of general adult psychiatry at the Florence Nightingale Hospital, a private psychiatric hospital near Harley Street in London. Later on he went into independent private practice. His clinical interests have focussed primarily on psychiatry and long-term psychotherapy with adolescents and college students, including the treatment of drug addiction and eating disorders. He has also acted for 35 years as expert witness in cases of child neglect and abuse. Dr Best underwent a Jungian analysis in the mid-1980's and has had long-abiding interests in the relationships between individual psychotherapy, family therapy and social network therapy, drawing upon the ideas of Professor Ivan Boszormenyi-Nagy with whom he had the privilege of studying in Philadelphia, and in mental health consultation-liaison. His current research interest is teenagers' self concepts of adult identity formation and modern 'rites de passage' in contemporary British culture. Dr Best currently serves as chairman of the European division of the British Royal College of Psychiatrists. E-mail: [drmh18best@a-glastonbury-romance.com](mailto:drmh18best@a-glastonbury-romance.com)

## Practical Information for Participants

This will follow later.

## Updates