

Cornwall School of Mystery & Magick

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Who Are We?

Sue Edwards is a Priestess, Medium, Healer, practicing witch and magickian. As she says she cannot really remember a time when she was not aware of alternate realities, a sense of knowing and seeing what others could not. Some might call her a natural witch and healer since her work comes from a deep understanding of herself in relation to the Cosmos. Deeply intuitive and proactive in her healing and magical work.

She is also a qualified Complimentary Therapist

Dr Alan Jones is a self-confessed Rational Mystic, a phrase which gives equal importance to the role of science and mysticism in attempting to understand our relationship with the Cosmos and each other. His interest in the mystery traditions can be traced back to his pre-teens,

He is a third degree Wiccan (Alexandrian tradition); a member of the British Order of Druids, B.O.T.A., and a Knight within the Ancient and Noble Order of Knights Templar.

He is also Arch Druid member within the Reformed Druids of Gaia, a member of the Shamanic Practitioners Association and Foundation of Shamanic Studies.

Sue and Alan are also Celebrants offering Handfastings, Namings, Blessings and Passings within a Pagan Framework.

The School

For close to thirty years the founders of the Cornwall School of Mystery and Magick have been sharing their understandings of the esoteric, mystical and magickal traditions.

Late in 2013 they decided to bring their respective knowledge, experience and energies together to form the School. In July 2016 we became a Limited Company with view to creating a CIC early in 2017

Driven by the desire to offer all those who were interested a way of exploring mystical and magical teachings within an ethical framework, and provide a learning structure for beginners, intermediate and advanced practitioners of the esoteric arts.

Our Courses

Our Long Courses include:

The Craft – a 13 Moon course on Contemporary Wicca and Witchcraft

The Celtic Shaman – a course on Druidry and the reconstructed Celtic Tradition

Shamanic Healing (in preparation and accredited by the IICT)

The Tarot a three-module course on The Tarot

- Tarot Fundamentals – The Tarot for Personal Development
- The Tarot and the Tree – The Tarot and its links to the Qabbala
- The Magickal Tarot – The Tarot and its use in magick and ritual

Spiritual and Transpersonal Counselling (in association with Inspire NLP)

Our Shorter Courses include:

Parapsychology and Paranormal Research

Divination - Palmistry, Geomancy, Astrology,

Dowsing, accredited by British Society of Dowzers

Workshops include:

Mid-Week Magick

Monthly Moots/Meetings

Monthly Shamanic Drumming Group

We are Dogmatic about NOT being Dogmatic so our courses are designed to inform and provoke; to extend skills and inspire personal exploration.

Our key focus is one of personal and spiritual development.

We offer ongoing support and mentorship to our students and this comes at no additional cost to those who have undertaken one of our longer courses. As a school we invest in the idea of service and we encourage all of our graduates to undertake some form of service within their respective communities using their specific skills and abilities.

Service – from Heart to Hearth

Some Definitions

Magick

This can be defined in various ways and we aim to explore the significance of each of the following ideas...

Magick is the art and science of bringing about change in accordance with will
– Aleister Crowley

The question here is on the nature of WILL and the behaviour which brings about change.

Magick is a comprehensive knowledge of all nature – Frances Barret

The implication here is that there is a need to understand the interconnectedness of all things

From these two definitions we see that Magick is not simply about the waving of wands and the casting of spells, it is a philosophical, psychological and practical approach to being and becoming. In many ways every action that is based upon an intention is a magical act.

Pagan

A term used by Christians to define religions other than their own

A country dweller from the Latin *paganus*

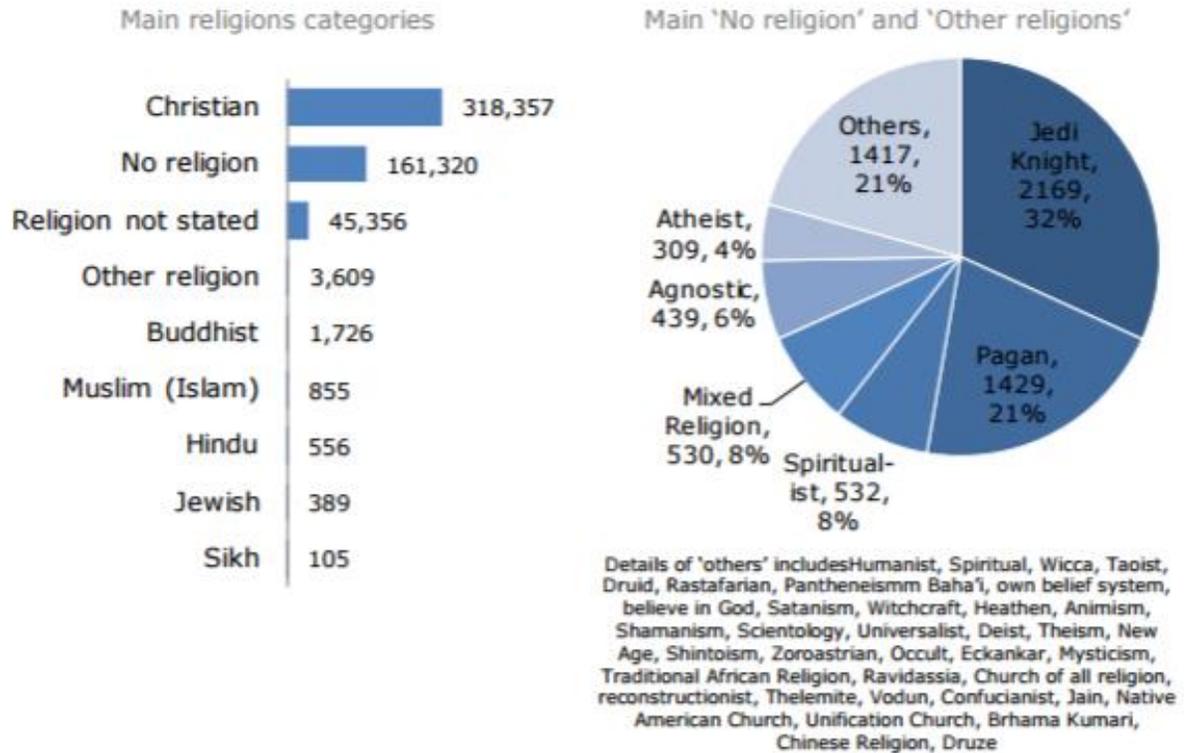
In modern usage, one who subscribes to an Earth Based spiritual practice.

Cornwall, the 2011 census (published 2013)

Faith

Religion (table QS210EW)

The main religion in Cornwall is Christian (60%), a fall from the 2001 figure, followed by No Religion (30%).



Cornwall has the 4th highest percentage of people who say they are Pagan of the 384 local authorities in England and Wales.

The main religion in Cornwall is 'Christian' accounting for 60% of the population's stated religion, however this is also the religion which has shown the biggest decrease since 2001 (-14%).

Between 2001 and 2011 there have been increases in the number of people of all religions with the exception of Jewish and Christian, which have seen a reduction in numbers. The highest increase has been in those stating 'no religion' (Census 2011 Summary)

Many Pagans would accept a definition of a spirituality which is 'nature based' and 'poly-theistic' or 'animistic'. However there are those who maintain that Humanistic and Atheistic values in which a 'reverence of nature' is espoused can also be considered as Pagan.

Few people showed greater reverence for nature than the late Carl Sagan, an agnostic who made a career of exploring – and marveling at – the wonders of the universe. In fact, he was so astounded by the beauty and complexity of the universe itself, that he saw no need to go seeking gods or goddesses to explain it. His philosophy was that no concept of a creator or overseer could possibly match the awe-inspiring grandeur of nature itself (humanisticpaganism.com)

Rational Mysticism

The recognition that there is a difference between objective (scientific-measurable) realities and subjective (personal-experiential) realities.

One way to think about this is that

Personal Understanding stems from how the individual creates meaning from their interaction with the world/Cosmos and that is based upon their beliefs, attitudes and values.

Scientific Understanding stems from the systematic study of cause and effect based upon shared definitions, hypotheses and theories.

Both approaches have value and create different 'frameworks' for questioning reality.

Wiccan

One who follows the traditions and approaches collected by Gerald Gardner and promoted by him and subsequent adherents to his philosophy. Hence Wicca, although having traditional roots, as a formal system dates from the 1950's. Wicca has many faces and many traditions which have evolved within the neo-pagan movement. The two key British traditions are Gardnerian and Alexandrian.

Witchcraft

Like Pagan, a catch-all term describing traditional magical approaches. In Cornwall there is a tradition of *Cunning Men* and *Wise Women*, who through their practice of healing, charming and use of herbs could be considered as 'witches' in this sense BUT may not identify as Wiccan.

Our Logo - The Penkhaduce



The “Penkhaduce” symbol, designed by Oberon Zell-Ravenheart using three common symbols : The Pentagram, the Ankh and the Caduceus and is the symbol of Wizardry employed by the Grey School of Wizardry. It has become widely known as a symbol of wizardry.

We are honoured to have Oberon's blessing to incorporate this symbol in our school logo.

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