January 2024

A very Happy New Year to you – may it be full of blessings.

Well, it has been a very eventful time worldwide.... and also here at Open Pathway! However, thankfully we have not been flooded again, unlike so many throughout the UK. We send our prayers out to those who are still dealing with after effect of the floods.

Courses

Our Course Programme 2024 is up and running with many new and exciting workshops, retreats, and courses – do check it out via our website and share the information with anyone you know who may be interested : <u>Home - Open</u> <u>Pathway Retreat Centre (openpathwaycentre.org)</u>. We would also like to welcome groups of friends and family to come and stay here for gatherings and celebrations, so do get in touch if you would like to find out more about what we can offer.

Upcoming is our popular 'A Healing Way of Life' part 1a on Feb 3rd and 4th with part 1b on April 13th-14th. Come and learn how to deal with everyday mishaps and occurrences in a healing way, both for yourself and for your families. This can lead to Modules 2,3, 4 and 5 for anyone who wishes to become a qualified and accredited Natural Energy Healing therapist.

Our next Meditation Course, including Kriya Breaths and Centering Prayer runs from 18th-22nd February. If you have already taken a Course, consider taking a Refresher online on 24th and 25th February.

Do put the following dates in your diary for booking ahead: May 10th-12th Bede Griffiths Retreat with David Cole; Labyrinth Retreat July 6-7; Conscious Body, Open Heart with Marye Wyvil and Rajesh David 26-28 July; Self Compassion with David Cole 6-8 September; Celtic Advent with David Cole 29th Nov.-1st December. These are very special retreats, so treat yourself to at least one of these opportunities. Perhaps you could also give one as a gift to someone special to you – we have gift vouchers available which we can send with a message from you.

Fundraising and Volunteer Opportunities

We are very grateful to have had a steady stream of volunteers here who have helped us to renovate and restore much of the Centre, but there is still much to do. The Centre could not run without volunteers and we would so appreciate it if you could put aside a weekend every now and then to come and lovingly bring the Centre to its full potential. If you are local, could you volunteer regularly for a day? Our volunteers tell us how rewarding it is. You could get involved in gardening, cooking, painting, events, administration, or reorganisation, or all of them!

We recovered well from the flooding last May but we still have flooring to install in the sitting room, and heating and flooring in the two meditation rooms and Reception. We also need hoovers, standard lamps and new kickboards for the kitchen, along with arranging carpentry jobs for our doors etc. We urgently need the funds to pay for this, and as a charity we are not allowed to take in second hand electrical goods, which makes things more challenging. Would you be able to donate a sum, however small, towards this, or hold a fundraising coffee morning or quiz for us? These improvements would make the Centre so much more user friendly for those who come here, plus we are hoping to host more funeral, wedding, and christening receptions.

And just to remind you that we are registered with The Giving Machine: <u>Support 'Open Pathway Retreat Centre' -</u> <u>TheGivingMachine</u>, where you can raise money easily for us whilst shopping online.

Thinking ahead to Spring, we are considering having a fund raising 'Daffodil Day' in the middle of March when the paddock is full of beautiful golden daffodils– are you inspired to help? Please let us know.



Reviews

We would love it if you could write a recommendation/review on Google for us if you have stayed here or enjoyed our offerings in any other way. This will help us to reach more people who would benefit from everything the Centre can offer. The link is below, just click on 'Write a Review', thank you:

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Online meetings

As always, we warmly welcome you to our monthly Get Togethers, where discussions on spirituality and everyday life take place. Please click on the link below to join us:

Open Pathway Retreat Centre Casley is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: My Meeting Time: Jan 29, 2024 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88351671128?pwd=dTFxSTIIKzBwOHo1MU83RUJtaktuUT09

Meeting ID: 883 5167 1128 Passcode: 007525

And a welcome also to our weekly Healing Prayer Group Time: 08:30 PM London Every week on Mon, until Sep 30, 2024, 46 occurrence(s) Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85610355368?pwd=UHZ5UkpGc3pEdko0SENnMnJ0ZS9UZz09</u>

Meeting ID: 856 1035 5368 Passcode: 219969

Looking forward to the opportunity of seeing you.

With all good wishes to you and your loved ones

Christy and Daniel Francis

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