

12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Full Moon Day

Dear Kin's Domain/Space of Love friends,

A big Happy New Year to you!

I hope this newsletter finds you well at the start of 2017, rested after your end of year celebrations and looking forward to this year ahead. It's been about 18 months since I last wrote a newsletter to our group but one has been brewing for a while. Life events keep unfolding, as they do for all of us, and probably just like you, the Kin's Domain dream is ever present each day in the background but this year I hope to bring it more to the fore ☺

Every so often, more inspired readers make contact through the website as well as our Facebook page (Kin's Domain UK) and I always find this inspiring. It will be really nice, when more people engage with our Facebook discussion page even to just start with a little personal introduction, a sharing of hopes and dreams as well as how the Kin's Domain idea is developing for you in your own life. This way we can start to get to know each other more, see where hurdles exist as well as ways we may be able to help each other to move forward... so come along, don't be shy. It will be nice to get to know each other more ☺

Last August I had the good fortune to go to The Green Gathering in Chepstow, Wales ([www.greengathering.org.uk](http://www.greengathering.org.uk)). The fabulous and not too big annual festival of all things eco and organisations supporting equality and land based living. There's always fantastic live entertainment, great food, friendly and relaxed people, wonderful for families too. The whole event is an example of sustainable living and completely powered by solar and other environmentally friendly ways and compost loos abound! Yes, they actually recycle and create humanure from the several thousand visitors who attend. Amazing!

It was my second year there and this time I attended more brilliant talks by some truly inspiring people who are at the forefront of campaigning in this country to create change and make land based living a reality for everyone. I heard about co-housing groups, The Ecological Land Co-Op, The Land Is Ours, The Land Worker's Alliance, La Via Campesina... so many wonderful groups and organisations really doing their utmost to show the way and all of them living the change they wish to see in the world.

I watched a very inspiring film called "We the Uncivilised" which is touring the country and well worth a watch. I think it's now available on their website too. Have a look at the trailer and see what you think: [www.wetheuncivilised.org](http://www.wetheuncivilised.org)

I discovered that every year, in Wigan, there's a fabulous free festival ([wiganiggersfestival.org](http://wiganiggersfestival.org)) to celebrate the life of Gerrard Winstanley. He was a campaigner back in the 1600s trying to get land use and rights back to the ordinary people after huge areas of common land was enclosed by the rich and powerful of the time which all added to the current state of affairs we now have today in the UK with regards to land availability for the ordinary family. Unfortunately I didn't get chance to go there last September but it sounds like another good one for this year hopefully.

To my surprise I got to finally meet Mandy Parsons from our group. This was a real pleasure as we'd only had the chance to exchange emails in the past so it was lovely to finally meet. Mandy is an inspiration, she's so good at networking and spreading the word about the Anastasia books and the Kin's Domain idea, such a clear thinker and great communicator. Always full of energy, inspiring everyone she meets.

I also caught up with a wonderful friend, poet and bard from Glastonbury – Gary Murphy and found out he's already read all the books by Vladimir and made the excellent suggestion of us trying to have a space in the festival next year. Hopefully something can happen there.

Then there was Peter Linnell, from [oneplanetcouncil.org.uk](http://oneplanetcouncil.org.uk), a great guy working on the front line of planning in Wales. He helps bridge the gap between what the Welsh government sets out as its goal for a greener, more low carbon Wales and the task of satisfying the planners that people face when wishing to set up low impact developments. Peter essentially helps the two sides speak the same language. Currently 23 one planet low impact smallholdings have been achieved in Wales and it looks like Wales is actually leading the way in the UK for helping people get back to the land!

On another note... a few from our group have expressed that at times they feel they may like to set up their Kin's Domain in a warmer and sunnier part of Europe. I'd be lying if I said this idea hasn't called me at times and I've frequently caught myself exploring land possibilities and prices in Portugal, Spain, Italy and France as well as exploring other activities and projects that are going on in those countries such as eco communities and permaculture projects and I must say I do find the possibilities interesting. Without doubt the UK, and every country, should have Kin's Domains communities established and I'm happy to continue being part of that development in whatever way I can here in the UK, however, I also feel it may be time for me to explore the same possibility elsewhere. Some are looking at Spain right now. If anyone else finds this idea of interest and would like to be a part of a possible project starting there please let me know. Of course the main requirement at this stage is still funding and agreeing on the location but planning should be a lot easier. Something to add to the mix ☺

I hope you've enjoyed this newsletter, comments are welcome and if anyone would like to contribute anything for future newsletters please do get in touch.

So my dear friends, what will 2017 hold for us all? Hopefully positive movement forward in every area of our lives as well as steps towards us all being able to realise our Kin's Domain intention in the UK as soon as possible and possibly elsewhere as well.

For now I wish you a wonderful day and a very positive and inspiring year ahead full of energy and vigour, good health and well being, peace and joy, progress and wisdom and lots of fun!

With best wishes,

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